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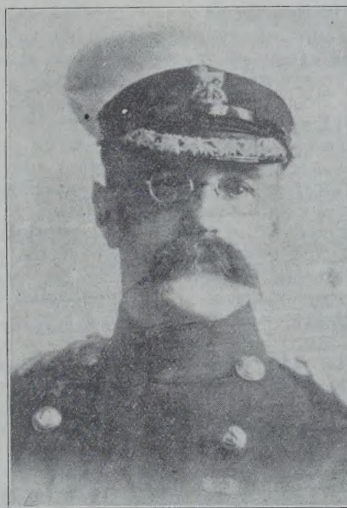
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5c, 6d brownish black	25.00	35.00	16, several shades 10c	1.50	2.50
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F. O. Salianoff, of San Francisco, has sent another generous installment of his check list of postmarkings on U. S. stamps before 1890.

This list contains a description of some extremely rare and most interesting cancellations and will be received by the readers of this department with a distinct feeling of appreciation for the generous motives and self sacrificing patience which have inspired Mr. Salianoff to do this work for the benefit of readers of MEKEEL'S.

With the aid of this check list many collectors will be able to identify cancellations in their own collections which have lacked identification. With many of us it will serve to make us realize how really incomplete our cancellation collections are and inspire us to renewed efforts along this line.

Of course the collector who, like myself, collects only a single issue of U. S. stamps or only a few values of a single issue, many of these cancellations will be unobtainable. But no matter what old U. S. stamps the collector may specialize in, he will find a distinct pleasure in studying Mr. Salianoff's exhaustive work on this subject:—

General and Minor Cancellations Used by the Regular Post Office Department.

Due—and numerals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10c in circles, ovals and straight lines. This cancellation in many different types was used in all the post-offices throughout the states.

Collect—and numerals 1, 3, 6, 10c.

Drop—and numerals 1, 2, 3, 6, 9c, used at Louisville and other places.

Correct—Locke, N. Y., 1884, J. L. White, P. M., all in oval circle.

Carrier—Poughkeepsie, N. Y., black. Chicago, Ill., violet, blue and black. Philadelphia, Penn., blue, black. San Francisco, Calif., black. New York, red

and black. Baltimore, Md., blue and black.

Dispatch—
Delivery—General, San Francisco, Cal., in circle and straight line dated.

Delivery—City, San Francisco, Cal., in circle no date.

Delivery—New York.

Transit—Londonbridge, Va., to Jamestown, N. Y., Norfolk to New York.

Registered—Philadelphia to N. Y., 3c

1861, straight line, Washington, D. C.,

official, B. S. P. O. D., U. S. of America.

In oval shields, squares, 2 circles, violet,

Chicago. Octagons, ovals, squares, no

lines, double lined squares and P. M.

name. Ornamented squares, oblongs,

ornamented ovals and circles, squares

with rounded corners, and sun with rays

in middle. Toledo, Ohio.

M. O. B.—in circles, squares, ovals,

straight line, etc. Double lined circles.

Binghamton, N. Y., year and date. M.

O. B. below all in a blue circle. M. O.

B. on top Jamesport, Mo., below in blue

circle. M. O. B. in heavy lined oblong

square. Money order business, in

straight line, official.

Received—This cancellation is rare,

when used as a departing of mail cancellation.

Collins, Tex., 1882, in double

lined octagon. New Orleans, La., 1896,

Rec. in circles from Evergreen, La.

to N. O. This is a general receiving

cancellation and not rare. West Hoboken,

N. J., 1893, to San Diego, Calif.,

not rare.

Received—Oakland, Cal., Jan. 3, in

violet. San Diego Re'd No. — Oct. 20,

1883 (Rare). San Diego Re'd No. —

Oct. 14, 1883 (Rare).

Rec Date—Buffalo, May 2, 1863,

to Boston, May 24. New York, May 27,

to Worcester, Mass., 28. Mt. Vernon, N.

Y., to Boston, Mass., Jan. 14.

Advertised—Lebanon, N. H., Nov. 30,

1864, to Nashua, N. H. Env., 1856, Nor-

walk to Worcester. Healdsburg to San

Jose, Calif., 1888, 88 inverted. Port

Royal, S. C., Jan. 13, 1864, to Nashua,

N. H.

Advertised 1c—San Francisco, Calif.,

1893, violet.

Misdirected—The correct P. O. address

is unknown. N. Y., 1881, to No-

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800t on 400M brown, 800t on 1000M*

2 million on 200M, 2 million on 300M,

2 million on 5000M*

250t on 400M, 250t on 500M vermillion,

400t on 25pf, 400t on 30pf, 800t on

10pf, 800t on 200M*

250t on 300M green, 800t on 500M green*

2 million on 5000M red, rouletted*

2 million on 500M rose, rouletted*

2 million on 200M red, rouletted*

1 billion on 100M violet*

500t, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 million Marks*

10 million Marks*, rouletted

20, 30, 50, 100, 200, 500 million, 1 billion,

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1, 2, 3, 5 million Marks on 10t red, type

A17*

1 million on 10t orange, Rare*

10 million on 1 million orange*

10, 20, 25, 50 million on 10t ultramarine*

400t on 100M green*

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Civil War—Patriotic cover, Petersburg, N. H., 1861, 3c 1857.

General Banks Division—Civil War 3c 1861.

U. S. used in Mexico 3c Env., 1858.

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"All Around the World."—New Haven, Mo., July 5, 1880. Going East, Rec., Sept. 17. Going West, Rec., Oct. 8.

Way—2c 1873, Marshall, Calif., to S. F., 1887.

Way-Letter—From Bevier to Toronto.

Express Local—Radium Neck, Conn., Pair 3c 1851, Stowers, forwarders.

Wells-Fargo & Co. Express—Rattlesnake, Calif., 3c green. Ramisburg, Calif., 1874, to Stockton, Calif. Lakeport, Calif., 1875.

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U. S. Express Mail, N. Y., May 3, 1850, red 5. N. Y., Oct. 22, 1850, red 5.

The Fast Mail—N. Y. & C., East, 3c P. O.

Mail Direct.

Mail Late—Train delayed, Los Angeles, Calif., 1878, in triangular frame.

The next installment will be about mail cancellations in connection with steamship service.

OUR REVIEW.

"Old Irish Postage Stamps and Franks" by F. W. Meredith with Catalogue priced by Walter Morley, is a work of about 100 pages that makes one rejoice that there are historians among the philatelic body who really are savants. In the preface, Mr. Meredith calls attention to the comparative neglect of old Irish "stamps" and postmarks, a circumstance due in great measure to the difficulty in securing material for systematic study. It is interesting to learn that forty years ago, collectors of Irish postal markings organized a club for the

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"The Boys' Own Guide to Stamp Collecting" is the title of a new book by Fred J. Melville and published by the Philatelic Institute, 26 Plumstead High St., S. E. 18, London, England. The book is attractively gotten out at the very low price of 25c. The title of the book carries with it a good idea of the contents, and written in Mr. Melville's entertaining way the book will no doubt command a large sale.

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—We have received from A. S. Davenport and Richard C. Berresford clippings from the magazine section of the New York Tribune dated Dec. 23. A. J. Pegler has a full page story on "What the World War did to Stamp Albums." It is illustrated.

—K. Baumann sends us a clipping which credits Germany with three hundred varieties of stamps since the war closed. We should consider this a very moderate estimate. Mr. Baumann also notes the receipt of three values of the new gold mark issue, 5, 10 and 20pf.

—We have received from Adolph Sonntag a letter giving a list of interesting covers received by him from Germany. One of these covers had a total postage of 480 billion marks, viz.:—twenty-four stamps of 20 billions each.

—Frank A. Goldsmith has shown us an advertising cancellation from Merced, Cal., differing a little from that heretofore noted:—"Visit Yosemite National Park This Year."

—A Chicago subscriber, Paul G. Andres, wishes to know what has become of Mr. Ritchie and his studies on cancellations. We have previously announced in the WEEKLY that Mr. Ritchie's health did not permit of his continuing the work along the line indicated. It is a matter of regret to us, fully as much as to our many subscribers who were interested in cancellations.

—Replying to your letter regarding the rotary coil stamps would inform you that these are printed from cylindrical plates, two plates being fitted together to form a cylinder which revolves and produces what we call a rotary stamp. Where the two plates are joined, there is a crevice which takes up ink, and this gives us the line between certain pairs on the sheet. Stamps from the rotary press are about 1mm. wider than those from the flat plate and are of a much softer appearance. When the eye is accustomed to picking them out, the stamp may be separated without close inspection. The lines upon examination are also not as heavy and the whole appearance of the stamp differs. —PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

—We have received a great many Christmas cards from friends of the WEEKLY and we wish to acknowledge the same with our sincere thanks. One card came from Gustave G. LaChasse formerly of San Francisco and at the present time in France. He writes that he plans to be in Detroit at the A. P. S. convention in August.

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Like Gaul, the postage stamps are divided into three parts: the Cantons, the Transition Period and the Federal stamps.

Cantons have ever been among the classics of stampdom. They were (in 1843) the first issue of continental Europe and their rarity as well as their distinctive designs has no doubt helped their popularity. Lives there a collector—a true lover of stamps—who has not yearned for a copy of the Basel dove—a beauty of beauties among aristocrats! This handbook contains countless illustrations consisting of halftones (enlarged as well as normal size) and drawings (pointing out varieties in detail). Covers, pairs, strips and even large blocks are clearly shown. The illustrations of greatest interest and beauty are 14 color pages of stamps issued prior to the seated Helvetia type.

Zurich 4 and 6 are shown in strips of five, illustrating the five types of background. The other Cantons are shown in singles. The colors and presswork are beyond reproach. Fine cardboard stock is used for all the color pages.

Full sheets in color are shown of the Orts Post, Poste Locale and all the Rayon issues. For plating purposes, as well as the detection of counterfeits, these color pages are of inestimable value.

Practically all items in the book are priced not only unused and used but also on cover; some are also priced on piece of cover. In the later issues unused blocks of four are priced. In the earlier issues used pairs and blocks are priced. Cancellations are priced in a separate section, of which more is given later.

As price plays such an important role in our philatelic lives, we submit the following comparisons, limiting this list to the commoner variety of each stamp mentioned. Swiss francs have been figured at 20 cents, English shillings at 22½ cents.

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12	Geneva Cross 4	1,100.00	600.00	1,200.00	600.00	900.00	540.00
13	Geneva Cross 5	100.00	45.00	125.00	50.00	112.50	54.00
14	5 centimes	140.00	75.00	150.00	75.00	157.50	67.50
15	Zurich 2½	120.00	80.00	150.00	75.00	157.50	67.50
16	Orts Post, frame	25.00	22.00	30.00	20.00	27.00	13.50
18	Orts Post, no frame	40.00	32.00	50.00	35.00	45.00	22.50
17	Poste Locale, frame	25.00	16.00	25.00	17.50	27.00	10.13
19	Poste Locale, no frame	500.00	200.00	400.00	150.00	337.50	135.00
20	5 Rappen, frame	30.00	15.00	40.00	15.00	36.00	13.50
	5 Rappen, traces frame	45.00	20.00	not catalogued	not catalogued		
22	5 Rappen, no frames	16.00	6.00	15.00	6.00	13.50	5.62
21	10 Rappen, frame		300.00	400.00	175.00	not catalogued	
21a	10 Rappen, traces frame	4.00-16.00		10.00	225.00	90.00	
23	10 Rappen, no frame	5.00	1.20	6.00	1.25	5.62	1.12
23d	5 Rappen, frame		100.00	125.00	75.00	90.00	36.00
23e	5 Rappen, traces frame	3.00-30.00		20.00	7.50	45.00	4.50
24	5 Rappen, no frame	7.00	1.80	6.00	1.50	6.75	1.46
25	15 Rappen, small	100.00	9.00	100.00	8.50	67.50	7.87
26	15 Rappen, large	18.00	1.80	20.00	2.00	18.00	1.68
27	15 cts.	180.00	10.00	175.00	12.00	112.50	9.00
	21a and 23e priced by Zumstein according to relative completeness of frame.						

The writer has his own opinion as to the value of some of the above. The same can be said for probably every student of philately. Nevertheless prices of stamps depend on the inevitable law of supply and demand.

In this hand-book there are voluminous statistics as to the quantities issued, remainders if any, and quantities officially destroyed. Zumstein calls attention to the fact that statistics do not make price. There were more stamps issued of a certain kind than another stamp, which latter sells at a considerably lower price. Why this is so is not definitely known, except perhaps that the stamp that brings the higher price might be more popular with collectors, or it might be absorbed in larger quantities for plating purposes or smaller quantities have withstood the ravages of time—and the waste basket.

No matter what we think about the pricing of a stamp here or there, the reasonable man must admit that Zumstein, Scott and Gibbons know individually more about pricing than the vitriolically inclined critic; certainly their combined knowledge is a safeguard for philatelists.

The second part of this fine handbook consists of thirty pages of essays and reprints. Much valuable and interesting information is given.

The third section is devoted to entires. The fourth section deals with privately issued stamps, which correspond roughly with our Locals.

The fifth part treats entirely of cancellations and this is second only in importance and interest to the preceding pages concerning the stamps themselves.

Some idea of the wealth of illustration may be gathered by noting that the description of normal postage stamps occupies the first 204 pages in which there are 276 illustrations in black and 14 pages in color; after page 204 the illustrations are numbered by sections instead of consecutively. As the writer of this review has to occasionally rest his addled brain in sleep, he could not count all the illustrations. To guess would be like estimating the number of beans in a bushel.

In the fifth section there are depicted 705 different cancellations with tables showing the respective towns of use; practically all are priced. This portion of the book consists of only 70 pages of detail in getting together all these facts must have been tremendous. Assuredly patience is a virtue and genius consists of the capacity for work.

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CHAPTER IX.

The 1891 Provisional.

In November, 1891, *Le Timbre Poste* recorded the 3c of the 1891 series surcharged 2c, so it would appear that the date 1892 usually accorded this provisional by the catalogues is incorrect. The same handstamp was employed as was used in the production of the provisional stamp of 1890, so that varieties of defective lettering similar to those described in Chapter VII are frequently met with. Both the gray and lilac stamps are found with this overprint and both may be found with double and inverted surcharges as well as in pairs one stamp of which has no surcharge. Scott's catalogue insists that the gray shade, listed as "slate," is the rarer while Gibbons catalogue says it is the commoner. Our experience has always been that the gray shade is at least three times as plentiful as the stamp printed in lilac. How many of these stamps were overprinted and how long the provisionals remained in use are matters upon which no information is available.

CHAPTER X.

The 1893 Issue.

Early in 1893 the same five values as were included in the previous set were issued in a modified design and while it was, apparently, intended to use similar colors these are very different except in the case of the 7c. The 1c, 2c and 7c denominations were chronicled in the *Monthly Journal* for February, 1893, and the 3c and 5c values were mentioned in the following April. Two years later, April, 1895, a 20c denomination was added to the series, the old "Liberty Head" 20c having at last become sold out.

The chief distinguishing feature of the new design is the palm tree, which now has the branches drooping instead of straight. But the whole design was redrawn, for the lettering of the word "CENT" is smaller, the flags are smaller and are placed at a more acute angle, the curve of the foliated border is more pronounced, the shading of the background is deeper, there is a dash instead of an apostrophe in "D'HAITI," and the tail of the "Q" of "REPUBLIQUE" is exactly under the letter, etc.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 arranged in ten rows of ten, and the sheets were numbered consecutively—usually in the upper left hand margin. Whether there was a separate series of numbers for each value or not we cannot say, but as the number on each sheet would differ from that of all the others in any particular consignment the philatelic interest of these marginal varieties is small.

It has usually been considered that these stamps were manufactured by the firm which produced the 1891 series, but Mr. Crouch states positively that they were manufactured in London by Messrs. Charles Skipper & East, the firm that produced the Salomon issue. The plates were all produced from a single die which had the value tablets blank and, curiously enough, the numerals of value were added to each stamp separately. There are small differences in the figures, especially in the case of the 5c and 20c denominations, but these variations are not nearly so pronounced as they are in the subsequent issue of similar type.

The paper is wove and fairly thick, like that employed in 1891, and the gum is quite white on all values except the 20c. On all the specimens of this stamp we have seen the gum is quite yellowish, and sometimes is almost brown.

The perforation differs from that of the preceding issue in that it gauges exactly 14. It is the work of single-line machines, two of which were apparently in use. One of these made small regular holes in perfect alignment and the other made larger holes often badly out of line.

The 2c, 3c and 7c values are known entirely imperforate, the 5c may be found imperforate horizontally, and the 3c and 20c are known imperforate vertically.

There are striking varieties of shade in the 1c and less prominent shades in the other values, and the 7c was recorded in brown in 1898. We think, however, this can only have been a badly oxidized copy.

For several days in October, 1894, the 2c revenue stamp is said to have been requisitioned for postal use in Port-au-Prince owing to a temporary shortage of the ordinary 2c labels.

CHAPTER XI.

The 1896 Issue.

In 1896, a new series was issued containing the same six values as the preceding set and with the palm tree design again modified. The colors were all changed except as regards the 3c which was printed in much the same tint as the corresponding value of 1893. The design is very similar to that of the preceding series, but that an entirely new die was engraved may be proved from the following list of the chief points of difference: the inscription "REPUBLIQUE D'HAITI" is in shorter letters and the apostrophe is less pronounced; the "C" of "CENT" is more open, the "E" slopes upwards, the "N" is wider, and the "T" has a larger top; the flags are a trifle shorter, and the lowest one on the left does not touch the foliated border; the point of the bayonet on the left touches the fourth branch of the palm tree, etc. The stamps are about 1/4mm shorter than those previously in use.

The 2c was issued in March, 1896, the 3c appeared in August, the 5c was placed on sale in November and in the following month the other three values were issued.

The change of design was due to another change of printers and apparently this issue was produced in Paris. Much the same method was employed as was used for the first "palm-tree" issue of 1891, only this issue was printed in sheets of 100 (ten rows of ten), instead of in sheets of fifty.

The original die had the value tablets blank, as in the case of the two previous designs. It would appear that in making the plates a vertical strip of five impressions was taken from this die, and this subsidiary "die" was then reproduced twenty times in two vertical rows of ten. The complete plate was then reduplicated five times, so that there were six plates, all exactly similar, and all minus the numerals of value. The middle stamp of each vertical strip of five has a tiny dot after the word "CENT," and another above the letter "E" of the same word between the two lines of the upper border. Thus every stamp in the third and eighth horizontal rows of the sheets of all six values supplies us with a minor variety

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consisting of small period after "CENT." This, we think, satisfactorily proves our contention that the plates are composed of vertical strips of five impressions. The fact that the plates for the respective denominations were taken from one common plate can be proved by the presence of a small dot above and about 1/4mm from the right-hand end of the upper frame line of the ninth stamp in the third row of each sheet. A careful examination of entire sheets may possibly reveal the presence of other minor varieties.

The numerals of value were probably added to the plates by hand, for they vary considerably in size, shape and position. They are also of quite a different character from those employed for the two preceding "palm-tree" issues. The differences are rather difficult to describe in print but it will be found, speaking generally, that the "1" has a broader serif at top and wider base, the "2" has the base line projecting on the left, the "3" is larger and has a much longer line at top, the "5" is usually smaller, the "7" has a thinner downstroke, and the "20" usually has a wider "0" and narrower "2."

As we have already stated the numerals also vary in shape, often on the same stamps. These variations are most striking on the 5c, in which one finds specimens with the "flag" either abnormally long or unduly short.

The paper is white wove similar to that employed for the first "palm-tree" stamps, and the gum is usually white and smooth. Fairly distinct shades may be found of all denominations.

The stamps were perforated by a single-line machine having a gauge of exactly 13 1/2. All values are known entirely imperforate and there are innumerable varieties of faulty perforation. Thus all values except the 2c are known imperforate vertically, the 1c and 7c are found imperforate horizontally and probably all values may be found with double perforation. The 7c is found perforated down the centre instead of at the sides and the 5c is known in vertical pairs imperforate between. The 1c, 2c and 7c values were recorded some years ago with pin-perforation and also with roulette, but we think there can be little doubt these varieties were entirely unofficial.

CHAPTER XII.

The 1898 Provisionals.

The old 2c handstamp was again brought into use in March, 1898, owing to a temporary shortage of the ordinary 2c stamps. At first the remainders of the 20c brown of 1895 were converted into the lower value and when these were exhausted the then current 20c orange stamps were similarly disfigured. The usual crop of minor varieties, letters broken or missing, etc., due to defective impressions of the handstamp may be found and both values also exist with double and inverted surcharges. The 2c on 20c brown is known with triple surcharge and also in pairs with and without overprint, while the 2c on 20c orange may be found with double surcharge, one inverted.

CHAPTER XIII.

The First 1898 Issue.

Le Timbre Poste for April, 1898, announced that a supply of 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 7c and 20c stamps in an entirely new design had been despatched to Hayti a little time previously. The design consists of the Arms of the republic, on a smaller scale than before, on a horizontally lined background with a branch of oak at the

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dependencies of Barbuda and Redonda, have the picture of a small hill. Antigua was named by Columbus after a hill in Spain. On approaching Antigua he saw a hill resembling "Sancta Maria della Antigua." That is the reason why Antigua is supposed to have a hill in her Crest. The Island of Redonda which in Spanish means "round Island" is only a rock of about 1,000 feet in height rising out of the ocean. Phosphate of Alumina is found there.

Barbuda is an island nearly as large as Antigua, but practically uncultivated and very thinly populated. Cotton grows well there, but alas! for the poor Barbudians the days of the cotton boom are over. But the Barbudians are wise old birds (or was it someone else who did the thinking for them.)

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"A splendid idea!" went the answer back from headquarters,—so forth came the "Barbuda Stamps" to the world—if only for a little while. Barbuda was formerly owned by the Codrington family who made it a game preserve.

The stamps of Dominica have nothing historic about them, just the view of a mountain and a little town with a steamer at anchor in the harbour.

The old stamps of Nevis, and some of the St. Kitts-Nevis stamps have the picture of two women standing near a spring of water with another sick woman sitting where the water can fall on her. In the Island of Nevis there are Thermal Springs of which the waters are said to be an excellent cure for Rheumatism. Even in the days before colonisation the Caribs used to carry their sick to be cured by bathing in the warm waters of that Island.

Some of the St. Kitts-Nevis Stamps also have the picture of Columbus spying with a telescope the Islands. If that famous old pioneer could look down on his picture, doubtless he would wonder what he was holding in his hand, as telescopes were invented some little time after he left this terrestrial sphere. However, mistakes are made by the best of us at times, and we can imagine Columbus standing on the deck of his little ship, and seeing far away an Island rising out of the sea, and looking in the shadows and glories of a tropical sunset like an immense statue of St. Christopher carrying the Christ Child on his back.

Montserrat undoubtedly has the prettiest stamp of the group, that of a woman clinging to a cross and holding a harp. Oftentimes called the "Emerald Isle" of the West, Montserrat was settled by Irish Rebels in 17th century. Good old Irish who refused to give up their Faith and traditions and were exiled to a far away new Colony. There is one peculiarity about Montserrat, and that is up to this day although several hundred years have elapsed, the natives still speak an Irish brogue. The Crest of old Ireland became that of Montserrat, and in the course of years has never changed.

The Virgin Islands were called after St. Ursula and her faithful Companions, and not after the seven wise and seven foolish Virgins as is oftentimes stated. Over a thousand small islands stretching out in a blue scintillating sea remind one on having the first glance at them of the legend of those faithful Virgins of historical fame. The picture on the stamp is supposed to be that of St. Ursula.

THE STAMPS OF THE LEEWARD ISLANDS.

By CARIBBEA.

The Leeward Islands are one of Great Britain's Colonies in the Caribbean Sea. Small in proportion to some of the larger Colonies, nevertheless they have been the centre of many a battle in the "good old days" when Great Britain and France were not on as friendly terms as they are now. The Islands of the Colony consist of the Presidency of Antigua, with the dependencies of Redonda and Barbuda; the Presidencies of Dominica, St. Kitts-Nevis, Montserrat and the Virgin Islands. Each Presidency is governed by an Administrator who is under the Governor of the Colony. The Governor resides at Antigua, which is the headquarters of the Government. Within the Colony the penny postage on letters still remains the same as before the war. Twopence is charged for a letter sent to a British Possession outside the Colony, and to the United States of America.

The "Leeward Islands" stamps all have Queen Victoria's or the reigning King's Head on them. They came in use in 1890 when each Island ceased from issuing new stamps, except the Virgin Islands. It was thought best to have one kind of stamp for the whole Colony. However, that did not last very long, for in 1903, new stamps were issued in each Presidency and sold along with the "Leeward Islands" stamps. This time instead of the Queen's Head, they bore, more or less, the pictures of their respective Crests. Only the Five Shilling Stamp of each Island bore the King's Head.

The picture of a little Crown on each stamp denotes that the Colony is under Crown Colony Rule, that is governed directly from the Home Government in England.

The stamp of Antigua, with the De-

were sent to Berne to be distributed among the countries composing the Universal Postal Union, 350 of each were presented by the Director of the Haytian Post Office to his friends, and the remainder were sold to an American speculator. But though the 1c, 3c, 7c and 20c were never actually issued, they seem to have passed without question as having legitimate franking power. Consequently used or postmarked copies of these unissued varieties may be met with occasionally.

The 2c exists in a number of very distinct shades ranging from a bright carmine-red to a deep lake red, the 5c may be found in pale and deep green, but the other values show practically no shade variations. The 5c is known doubly printed and the 2c is sometimes seen with an extra line of perforation running vertically through the stamp. All seven values are known entirely imperforate.

Proofs of all denominations may be found in all sorts of colors and on various kinds of paper. In fact, proofs of this issue are more plentiful and varied than probably those of all the other emissions combined, and no useful purpose would be served in listing them separately. Whether they are proofs in the generally accepted meaning of the term—i.e., trial impressions taken from the plates before the actual colors of the respective denominations had been decided on—or posthumous impressions taken at a later date to supply a philatelic demand, we are unable to say.

We have seen the 2c and 5c stamps of this type overprinted NORD ALEXIS—PRESIDENTE—21 DECEMBRE 1902 in four lines within an ornamental frame. It would appear that these are essays made for a mooted provisional issue after the civil war of 1902. The date is that on which Nord Alexis was declared President by his successful troops after the overthrow of Simon Sam's government.

(To be continued.)

1c ultramarine,	20,000
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3c violet,	20,000
5c green,	440,000
7c grey,	10,000
20c orange,	10,000

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 the Declaration of Independence in that
 city has brought a gratifying response
 from a gentleman whose co-operation will
 be valuable. He says that while the pro-
 posal is a somewhat ambitious one, it
 is not so unreasonable as might be
 thought at first glance. We realize that
 the likelihood of special stamps to cele-
 brate the festival at Philadelphia must be
 admitted but we cannot see why we can-
 not have a badge of distinction in the
 way of a special issue, as well. In ask-
 ing for recognition, we stand on the most
 favorable ground and no other class of
 people has any warrant to compare with
 that of us, as philatelists are the cham-
 pions of the postage stamp in every sense
 and exalt it to the skies. It must be
 acknowledged that stamp collectors have
 proved their faith in stamps as objects
 of collection by investing heavily in the
 unused stamps of the U. S. A., in par-
 ticular, and on the score there is a
 material claim for consideration of their
 wishes; and sentimentally there are so
 many reasons in support of a tribute to
 collectors that it is a task to enumerate
 them. The fact of the matter is that we
 are surprised that some of the more
 susceptible governments who have all
 reason to know of the activities of stamp
 collectors have not shown philatelists at-
 tention by a stamp or so dedicated to our
 clan. In the instance of the U. S., any
 kindness in the manner indicated would
 be based on good feeling and a willing-
 ness to visit approval on a body of men
 and women worthy of it.

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Philatelists understand the functions
 of government in a stamp sense and do
 not make a request for a special stamp
 with the lightness that sometimes char-
 acterizes the ingenuous demands of the
 booster who does not know that compli-
 ance with his wishes entails a movement
 that starts many wheels, large and small,
 a-whirring. Feeling that our position is
 one that is strong and that our sincerity
 as partisans of the stamp has been
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 counts of the stamp experiences of our
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 where. Mr. O. H. Sampson of Chicago,
 who recently returned from abroad spent
 several months hunting the elusive old
 U. S.; and his stories afford an insight
 into conditions, particularly in France,
 as affecting the hunter of U. S. issues.
 He combed Paris well in six weeks,
 where his stay was under advantageous
 conditions and while the big dealers were
 not neglected, attention was given par-
 ticularly to the out of the way places and
 the little shops in jewelry and other
 stores, where sometimes the seller was
 a collector and disposed only of his du-
 plicates. Mr. Sampson's conclusion is
 summed up, broadly, in the statement that
 there are no U. S. stamps in Europe
 from the speculator's view-point. He
 fortifies his opinion by citing instances
 to show the unfruitful results; and the
 conviction follows that Europe is no
 longer the happy hunting-ground of the
 American collector. Mr. Sampson said
 that the knowledge of the smaller and
 scarcer varieties of U. S. on the part of
 dealers was rather general and that the
 pickings in this respect were small. He
 visited the Stamp Bourse frequently and
 on the big day, Sunday, he estimated
 that as many as two thousand collectors
 foregathered on the traditional spot. The
 other day of the Bourse, Thursday, was
 not so active a one. The large number
 of women at the mart was mentioned
 and the number of old women there with
 their stands was noticeable. Rare stamps
 are the exception at the Bourse and one
 must be on the lookout for repaired and
 otherwise unacceptable specimens.

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The third assistant postmaster-general,
 under date of December 20th, has in-
 structed postmasters at direct and cen-
 tral accounting stations to place on sale
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As members of the American Stamp
 Dealers' Association know, the secretary
 of that organization, W. F. Slusser, Fort
 Hancock, New Jersey, issued a warning

in the *Bulletin* of the A. S. D. A., several
 months ago, concerning the alleged 1923
 issue of Paraguay, bi-colored, one to
 fifty pesos, inclusive, as a set that was
 not an authentic one, in an official sense,
 even though the stamps have been
 chronicled and catalogued here and
 there. The stamps were sent broadcast
 by one James Collins of the Argentine
 Republic and several weeks later Mr.
 Slusser had pieced together evidence
 that prompted him to say that beyond
 a reasonable doubt the signature of
 James Collins was made by a person
 who penned those of C. P. Mego, P. V.
 Hiorjan, Frank Warner and Marcos
 Rachitoff, all of the Argentine Republic,
 whose operations have been at the ex-
 pense of philatelists heretofore. In the
Bulletin of December 6, 1923, Mr. Slusser
 does not mince words but summarizes
 the case against Collins as attempting a
 world wide fraud, in the light of further
 developments that he discovered. Collins
 may be operating as a "one man gang"
 or he may have confederates. Secretary
 Slusser has now submitted at the request
 of the Chief Post Office Inspector at
 Washington, his charges against the in-
 dividual, one or more, who operating
 from Buenos Ayres has flooded the
 world with the fraudulent Paraguay
 stamps, which were offered to dealers in
 this country at 10% over face, in fifty
 set lots, or ninety dollars. Mr. Slusser
 calls upon the Argentine Republic postal
 authorities for action in his letter to our
 Chief Post Office Inspector, trusting that
 Washington will take action officially to
 that end. While Mr. Slusser in arriving
 at his decision which seems to be incon-
 trovertible, had assistance from mem-
 bers of the A. S. D. A. in so far as it
 was in their power to give it, yet it was
 he who worked up the case in a way that
 shows deductive ability of a high order.
 His analysis with the results as now
 made known is one that shows clever-
 ness and pertinacity, as he began his in-
 vestigations with little, if any, evidence
 of a tangible nature. His suspicions,
 which may be said to have become nicely
 trained through many years of experience
 with crook psychology were aroused and
 then he set to work to verify them.
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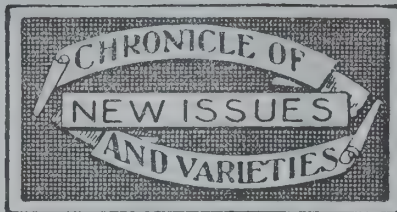
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UNITED STATES.—Because of the finding of the substantial number of the 10c 1847, mentioned in my column of last week, the work of Mr. Elliott Perry in plating this variety has been considerably helped. The plating of this stamp had been attempted before but the great lack of pairs and strips made the work almost impossible. We now know that the plate consists of 200 subjects instead of one hundred as heretofore thought and besides, evidence will be produced to show that these were distributed in sheets of two hundred instead of being cut into panes, of one hundred as might be supposed. Of course there is the possibility that they were at first so issued and that later they were issued in panes of one hundred, this method being carried down through the next several emissions. I understand that about 80% of the positions have been definitely located and we will await with the greatest of interest the publication of the results of Mr. Perry's study.

Another piece of news that will come as a surprise to many is the fact that the wonderful collection of the Franklin and Eagle Carriers gotten together by that real student of United States issues, Dr. Carroll Chase, has been purchased by a well known collector in the middle west. Dr. Chase had been working with these two stamps for some little time and had acquired an unusual lot.

Under date of December 20, 1923, the Third Assistant Postmaster-General ordered that postmasters at direct and central accounting offices should remove from books and coils the 3 cent stamps and place them on sale as ordinary sheet stamps to meet the postal requirements for stamps of this denomination. This rule should be applied to all surplus 3 cent coils, but where an excessive quantity of booklets are held, making it impracticable to dispose of the books in this way, a report stating the number in stock should be submitted to the department. It will not be necessary for the postmaster to send the book covers and coil wrappers to the department for credit, but an attested report should accompany the next quarterly postage stamp account showing the number of 3 cent books and coils sold as sheet stamps.

In my Chronicle for December 17th mention was made of a new supplementary mail cancellation recently located by Mr. Miller. Dr. Warren L. Babcock writes a very interesting letter upon the subject informing me that this is a Chicago supplementary mail cancellation which he designates as type CA to distinguish from the New York type A. An article by Dr. Babcock dealing with the New York supplementary mail cancellations recently appeared in the *American Philatelist* and he now writes that an article on the Chicago types will soon appear.

Dr. Babcock kindly submits for inspection a cover with the 3c 1857, addressed to Rochester, N. Y., and cancelled in blue within a circle 1 1/4 inches in diameter "CHICAGO—SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL" and in the center "Mar

14". A second cover bearing a 3c of the issue of 1861, addressed to Pittsburgh, Pa., bears a black cancellation consisting of two concentric circles 1 1/16 inches and 5/8 inches in diameter respectively and between the two circles the same wording with date in the center. This time the year date also seems to be present but the cancellation is so light that this may not be the case. Dr. Babcock calls attention to the fact that the stamps upon the covers paid a domestic rate and were not intended for foreign mail.

While on the subject of supplementary mails a letter from the Postmaster at New York under date of December 19, 1923, will be of interest.

"In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, you are informed that regular closings of supplementary mails are made at the General Post Office, City Hall Station and Varick Street Station, but no special cancelling impressions are used on such mail.

In addition to the closing of supplementary mails at the above mentioned points, such mail is also accepted at the supplementary mail offices opened on the piers on the days of sailing of certain steamers. The impressions used for cancelling the stamps on supplementary mail articles received at the piers contain a number, which number is used principally to indicate at what pier the mail was received."

In a middle west auction sale of some months back one lot consisted of the 3c red, error, circular die envelope on amber. Mention was made of the variety at the time which was already known on both blue and white, but as the variety had not been inspected by those posted on the subject it was thought that this might be a changling or that the white paper may have been discolored. Mr. J. M. Bartels now informs me that a little lot of this variety on an amber window envelope has been found. It would not be surprising to see the buff variety come to light at some future date.

Mr. R. H. Mason sends me a list of new varieties of the surcharged provisional envelopes that have not been listed heretofore. These are all overprinted 2c on 3c in black.

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Die H on white, Size 13, Wmk. 19, H. B. Ex.Q.
Butte Overprint.
Die A on buff, Size 5, Wmk. 19, L. B.
Die F on amber, Size 13, Wmk. 20, L. B.
Die H on white, Size 8, Wmk. 20, H. B.
Columbus Overprint.
Die A on amber, Size 9, Wmk. 20, H. B.
First New York Overprint.
Die H on white, Size 5, Wmk. 19, H. B. Ex.Q.
Second New York Overprint.
Die A on amber, Size 13, Wmk. 20, L. B.
Omaha Overprint.
Die E on buff, Size 5, Wmk. 19, L. B.
Die H on white, Size 5, Wmk. 19, H. B. Ex.Q.
Portland Overprint.
Die A on amber, Size 13, Wmk. 20, L. B.
St. Paul Overprint.
Die E on blue, Size 5, Wmk. 19, L. B.
Die E on blue, Size 5, Wmk. 20, L. B.
San Antonio Overprint.
Die A on amber, Size 8, Wmk. 20, L. B. Window.
San Francisco Overprint.
Die F on white, Size 8, Wmk. 19, L. B. Window.

COSTA RICA.—A new issue of stamps has just appeared, of which we have received full supplies. Two values, 10c and 12c appear to be a belated issue to commemorate the first Pan American Postal Congress, as they are dated 1921; the 10c shows Christopher Columbus before Queen Isabella of Spain and the 12c bears a portrait of Columbus in centre, flanked on the left by his fleet, and on the right by a map of the American Continent. The remaining values are all dated 1923, and are as follows:—1c, National Monument; 2c, girl gathering cocoa pods; 4c natives gathering bananas; 5c, General Post Office; 20c, Columbus at Cariari; 40c map of Costa Rica; 1 colon, portrait of Manuel Maria Gutierrez. All are beautifully engraved by the American Bank Note Co., and form a very handsome set.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

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By ROY C. FRANK.

Coil stamps have presented weird problems to the precancel collector during the past two years. A page of coil stamps, precancelled, as nearly approximates a crazy quilt as anything we might select from the "precan" family. The multiplicity of types (the variety of sizes, the frequency of change of types and positions of the precancelling), all have combined to give us one of the most fascinating of studies.

Rochester, N. Y., coils are a unique example of a crazy quilt. The reason for the number of varieties is a scientific one, however, and therefore is excusable. "Jimmy Multipost," a firm interested in mailing and stamping devices, has its headquarters in Rochester. Coil vending machines, and the advancement of the use of coil stamps has been one of the firm's major interests; for this reason experimentation with coil precancel types have been numerous. From these tests a coil type has resulted that pleases the government.

The first coil type which seemed to satisfy the Multipost concern was a regulation style precancel with a bar above and below the inscription of the city in two lines. This cancel was in reduced size, and spaced so that the inscription fitted neatly on each respective coil. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing, for whom the firm manufactures numerous sample machines which were used by the way in Chicago, St. Louis, New York City, Los Angeles and Washington—was not content that this small type would always register exactly for all coil stamps. For this reason the box type of cancellation, on which the name of the city always reads down, was accepted. This box type, called the "bastard" type by the trade, is the type now in current use as the standard coil type. It may be described as follows: There are two horizontal bars between which the name of the city is set, with the state abbreviation, in two lines, running down; a line divides each of these vertical inscriptions of town and state, meeting the two bars, and thus forming a box. These boxes come at regular ten millimeter distances, so that the complete name of the town and state appears clearly at least once on each stamp. The usual result is a "once and a half" impression. It was this assurance of impression that pleased the bureau.

The salesmanship of the firm had to be directed towards the government officials. It was impractical, at least at first, to attempt to sell these machines to the individual concerns since most coils are used on third class matter and not on parcel post. It does not seem

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that the average firm is as interested in a quicker dispatch of their third class mail. With parcel post the issue is different, for parcel post is of greater importance from the delivery viewpoint. Third class mail is the last to receive attention by postal clerks. This seems to be a universal postal rule.

Why, then, if firms were not interested in these coils precancelling machines, should the government be?

The reason is that it is good efficiency. The government has a problem on its hands in the way of office management and economics in the matter of the swatting of stamps with town names. Any method whereby units of machine may be substituted for hand labor, with quicker action, is carefully considered. The precancel coil machine permits less swatting of pieces of mail by dabbers. The precancel of the coil stamps is therefore a vital efficiency device. Any practical plan to provide this saving of time was bound to be accepted sooner or later.

But there was a further reason for this machine being accepted. Steel dies, and not the ordinary electros, are used in this machine. The electros, which are made of an alloy far less substantial than steel, were not practical for coil work, since there is more wear and tear in this type of work. The firm which cuts the original dies is that of Chambers Brother, of Lodge, Virginia. They also furnish the steel dies for the machines.

Some little trouble by the offices using the machines has been prevalent, due to the tendency of the local help thinking that every screw in sight must be tightened. This difficulty has been adjusted by timely instructions, and understanding of working details seems to result in a very presentable degree of work.

The following offices have had these cancelling machines installed:

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—Precancel Gazette.

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E. C. Evans, Chicago, Ill.

A. T. Benjamin, Grand Rapids, Mich.

C. J. Lyczynski, Toledo, O.

Wm. T. Kimball, North Andover, Mass.

Our first applicant for membership this week in the Five Year Renewal Club is P. R. Carrington of Newark, N. J. He makes his remittance of \$5 with best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. He is certainly bringing to the office of the WEEKLY his portion of good cheer.

An old friend of the WEEKLY, Judge James K. Doughty of Lamar, Colo., takes his place in the Honor Club with a remittance of \$5. Judge Doughty has been a subscriber since the WEEKLY first began publication in 1891, and he believes that paying in advance for the next five years will act as a life preserver, "for one cannot afford to die as long as his subscription is paid in advance." May we quote from his letter the following:—

"I started my collection at the mature age of nine years, in 1862, and have been at it ever since. If I had kept all the good stamps I have had in the past there would be quite a nest-egg stored away. I can remember that I had the 1861 and 1869 issues except the 90c value by the dozens, and I had quite a few of the 90c. I also had the various grills, but then I did not know much about them. However, I have quite a good collection of United States as it is." It pleases us to receive a chatty letter like this from one of our subscribers.

W. F. Lawrence in renewing his subscription for the coming year makes an additional remittance of \$5 for Mrs. Schwerin, a Brooklyn, N. Y., subscriber. We are very glad to add her name to the list of members in our Honor Club.

Our Christmas mail brought us a letter from Mr. Severn at our Chicago office and it contained a check for \$8 covering a five years' subscription from E. C. Evans of Chicago, one two years' subscription and a single. We add Mr. Evans' name to our list with pleasure.

A. T. Benjamin of Grand Rapids, Mich., of the firm of Benjamin, Robinson & Benjamin, architects and construction superintendents, takes out a five-year renewal and in connection with his remittance he writes:—"I started collecting as a youngster in 1893, and now I have three lively youngsters of my own and all collectors. It must be hereditary." This is a good example for other dads.

In a very informal manner C. J. Lyczynski takes out a membership in our Honor Club. He takes the current wrapper indicated that his subscription had expired, writes on it "Continue for five years," and his check does the rest.

It is with great pleasure that we chronicle the admission of Wm. T. Kimball to the charmed circle. Mr. Kimball writes that he is in his seventieth year and the renewal of his subscription for five years proves that he is an optimist. He adds: "However, my physician says I ought to live several times five and I surely want your paper while I do live. The only fault that I have to find with your paper is that the Managing Editor has given up his Boston office, as I certainly used to enjoy seeing him now and then." Surely we can reciprocate the kindly expression of esteem that our friend has written.

Seven in a single week!

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

Air Post Stamps

LATVIA, triangle 10, 30r imperf. RR	48
mint	14
Triangle 10, 20r perf. mint	05
Esthonia 5Mk triangle, mint	1.30
1923, new, 5 val. compl. surchs. on 5Mk triangle: 5, 10, 15, 20, 45Mk (45Mk very rare), 9900 copies!	1.30
Lithuania 1921, 7 val. compl. Rare	06
type ange, 7 val. compl. Rare	36
1922, 3 val. triangle	20
2, 4, 10 auktinas	3.15
Airpost stamps surcharged on	04
Litas & Cents RRR, 10 val.	08
Poland, 25 & 100M Posen, mint	34
25 & 100M Posen, stamped	40
Austria I 1918, 3 val. compl. mint	18
I 1918, 3 val. gen. flown cover	24
II 1922, 3000-2400Kr mint	30
II 1923, 3000 & 4800Kr mint	08
Hungary I 1918, 150 & 450 mint	40
II 1920, 3, 8, 12Kr mint	45
Memel II 1922, 40p to 9mk, set of 11	02
III 1923, 40p to 9mk, set of 10	01
Germany 1912, Rhein-Main, 10, 20, 30pf	08
1919, 10 & 40 Pfennig Aeroplane	04
1922-23, 25Pf-5Mk compl.	02
40Pf-5Mk	02
1Mk-5 Mark	02
10 & 25 Mark	02
100 Mark	04
1923, 5-200 Mark (one color)	20
Danzig I 1920, 3 val. surch. Germania	06
II 1921, 5 val., 40Pf-10M	05
III (new water-mark) compl.	03
Suppl. values 20 & 100Mk	08
IV 25, 50, 250, 500Mk	08
V 1923, new: 250,000, 500,000-2 Mill. & 5 Millions	15
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Czecho-Slovakia 1920, 14, 24 & 28 Kronen, perf.	2.80
1920, do. imperf. (RR)	16
1922, 50, 100 & 250 Heller	48
Switzerland 1923, 6 val. diff. compl.	75
1923, gen. flown cover	60
Sweden 1920, 10, 20 & 50 ore mint	48
1920, do. stamped	90
Russia: 45r red aeroplane (RR!)	14
Italy 1917, Naples-Rome, 25c violet	84
Belgian Congo 1920, Beautiful Serie! 4 val., 50c, 1, 2 & 5 Fres. mint	55
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DERIVATION OF STATE NAMES.

(Clipping from *Postage Stamp*.)

Curiosity of nomenclature is probably an integral part of the workings of every collector's brain. Those particularly inclined toward Philology have found in Philately a fascinating vent to their spleen, and this is especially true of postmark collectors, most of whom are constantly pleasantly bewildered by strange place names and linguistic "jaw-breakers."

The names of American States are as curiously compounded as any names in the world and I take this opportunity to present a few explanations, gathered by Mr. F. W. Lawrence, which would not be amiss to know:

ALA.—Named from a brave Indian tribe, the Alibamons. These people migrated to the territory bearing their name in 1541, after a defeat at the hands of Hernando de Soto. The translation "Here we rest" is questionable, owing to the migratory habits of the tribe.

ARIZ.—Named by a peaceful Southwestern Indian tribe, the Papagos, from a former locality of theirs,—"Arizonaca," meaning a "Place of Small Springs," near what is now Nogales. The name does not mean "Arid Zone."

ARK.—"Bend or Bow in the Kansas (River)" is a mistaken translation. It is named from a tribe, the Alkansas. The meaning is lost.

CAL.—Name given to what is now part of Lower Cal. by some of Cortez's followers whose minds were fired by reading "Las Sergas de Esplandian," in which romance of chivalry occurs a golden island called California.

COLO.—Meaning ruddy earth (Spanish).

CONN.—Originally Quonoktacut.



SOME RECENT ISSUES.

Means "River whose water is driven in waves by tides or winds" (Indian). Other meanings are "On long river," "Long river without end."

DEL.—From Lord de la Warr, first governor and captain-general of Virginia, who visited that region in 1630.

FLA.—Spanish name for flowery; or, as a compound of "Pascua Florida," meaning Easter Sunday, on which day the country was discovered by Ponce de Leon in 1512.

GA.—From King George II, who, in 1732, granted a charter to General Oglethorpe.

IDAHO.—Indian language, meaning "Gem of the mountains."

ILL.—From the Illini Indian tribe. Meaning "Men," and French termination "ois."

IND.—Strictly an American name, the lands being purchased from numerous Indian tribes.

IA.—Indian "Ah-hee-oo-ba." "The Sleepy Ones." The name explains why this tribe was nearly exterminated by the Sioux.

KANS.—Named from the Kanza Indians, who were of the Sioux family. The name means "Wind People," or "People of the South Wind."

KY.—The meaning of this is somewhat obscure. "Kentake" means "Meadow Land." According to General George Rogers Clark the meaning is "River of Blood." The name may be of Swannee Indian origin, "At the head of the river." The popular translation, of dark and bloody ground, was given to Daniel Boone by an intelligent chief, this region being battle ground.

LA.—This state was named after Louis XIV, in 1683 by La Salle.

ME.—It is generally accepted that it was named for an early French province, wherein was situated the private estate of Henrietta Maria, wife of Charles I, King of England. Its name may be from an old term formerly applied "The Mayn Land."

MARYLAND.—Named after the Queen of Charles I, who was Henrietta Maria, daughter of King Henry of Navarre. Henry was Catholic in faith. The first Roman Catholic settlement was in Maryland (1634). (By the way, this State was the first to extend religious tolerance to all).

MASS.—Named from the Bay, meaning, in Indian; "At or near the Great Hills." The reference is to the height of land around Boston, seen from the Bay.

MICH.—From Indian "Mishigamaw," meaning "Big Lake" or "Great Water."

MINN.—In the Sioux language, meaning "Cloudy Water," or perhaps "Sky-tinted Water."

MISS.—"The Gathering of all waters." From a word meaning river or rivers. "Great Long River" has been given; it may also be interpreted "Father of Waters"—though not a technically correct translation.

MO.—"Muddy River" (root same as above).

MONT.—Some claim it to be from the Latin meaning "mountainous."

NEB.—From the Sioux Otoe, meaning "Shallow Water" or "Broad Water." We are indebted for the perpetuation of

the name to the then Secretary of War—Wilkins, who was in Tyler's Cabinet, 1844.

NEV.—Means "Snowy."

N. H.—By a patent from the Plymouth Colony to John Mason, 1629. The State was named from the English County.

N. J.—Caterat named it after one of the Channel Islands which he had bravely defended against the Parliamentary forces in the civil war.

N. M.—From Mexitli of the Aztecs; a tutelary divinity. Another meaning is "Habitation of the God of War."

N. Y.—Originally "New Netherlands," the city being "New Amsterdam." The name was changed when taken by the English in 1664. It was not named after the English city, but in honour of Charles II's brother, the Duke of York, afterwards James II.

N. C. (AND S. C.)—The name Carolinas was first applied to this region after Charles II, in 1663.

N. D. (AND S. D.)—Name from the home of the Sioux or Dakota tribes. In the dialect it is Lakota, or Nakota, meaning "Allies."

OHIO.—Named from the river, meaning a "Beautiful River."

OKLA.—From the tribe of Choctaws—"Red People."

ORE.—There are three theories as to the origin of this name—

1.—Origanum—a species of wild sage.
2.—Oregones—(Spanish) "Big-Eared Men," supposed to have been given to the natives by a Jesuit Priest.

3.—According to Joaquin Miller, named from Aura Aqua or Gently Fall-Waters.

PA.—Sir William Penn, a Lord of the Admiralty, bequeathed a debt claim from Charles II, to his son, the Quaker, who wanted it called Sylvania.

R. I.—Named by Adrian Block. The fiery aspect of the shore suggests Roode Eylandt. It was later anglicised by Roger Williams, who received the English charter in 1633. Another and lesser theory was that it was named from the Island of Rhodes, but there is no resemblance.

TENN.—Origin obscure. Probably from the river, name being of Cherokee origin. A village named Tanasse was inhabited by the Cherokees, a great southern tribe. Name means "The Bend in the River."

TEX.—(Indian) "Friends" or "Allies," a term used as a form of greeting.

UTAH.—Named after the Ute Tribe.

VT.—Named by Samuel de Champlain the "Green Mountain" State.

VA.—Named from Elizabeth, the Virgin Queen, by Sir Walter Raleigh.

WASH.—One of the two States, with strictly American names.

Wis.—Origin is uncertain. Maybe from the Sac Indians, a word meaning "Wild Rushing Channel." It also has a reference to the holes in the banks of streams where birds nest.

Wyo.—The name originated in Pennsylvania. Two theories exist:—

1.—Maugh-wau-wama, meaning "Extensive Plains," in the Delaware tongue.
2.—"Mountains with valleys alternating."

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uals; eight from rivers and lakes; five

from mountains; six from other natural

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from Indian words; five from other

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Post Office Bulletin.

MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS.

By "PHILATELIA."

Iraq.—The question has been raised in
some circles as to whether Iraq is any
longer a British colony or dependency,
or will it be transferred to the next Part
II, Gibbons. The answer to both is
probably in the negative; one useful test
is whether it comes into the Empire
scheme of postage rates of 1½d. As a
matter of fact, the postage to Iraq has
recently been raised from 1½d to 2½d
for the first ounce, so in official Post Of-
fice circles at least, it is no longer re-
garded as a British colony. At the same
time collectors of Colonials will still
probably continue to take its stamps, as
its case is somewhat analogous to Egypt.
There is still much room for information
as to the overprinted series, which were
in use until recently. Our catalogue only
gives one, but there is no doubt they
will be more fully listed later. The dif-
ference in size of the later overprint on
some values at least, is very marked,
both as to the type itself and the dis-
tances apart of the lines being different.

These are well shown on the One
Rupee values, where the difference is so
distinct that the two printings could
hardly be omitted from the simplified col-
lection, whilst the size of the original
stamp varies also, showing that a dif-
ferent plate was probably used. The
relative value of the two printings is still
somewhat problematical, and doubtless
bargains can be now picked up. A ques-
tion sometimes asked is—Were there two
printings of the ¼ anna? Perhaps
some specialist can notify us on this
point, as it has decreased in value of
late.

An American correspondent recently
raised the question as to the relative
value of the £1 values of Transvaal and
Union of South Africa. Why is the
latter dearer, he asks. The question may
be partly one of temporary supply and
demand. When Transvaal stamps be-
came obsolete about 1913, the high values
were much dearer than they are now.
Afterwards, however, considerable stocks
of telegraphically used high values came
on the market and the prices slumped.

The £1 Union is still current, but is
only stocked by some of the larger offices,
and there is a comparatively small postal
demand, and no large stocks of the tele-
graph cancelled stamps have as yet ap-
peared. The lowest advertised quotation
for the Union stamp noticed is about
4sh, whereas the Transvaal £1 is more
easily obtainable at 2s6d. Presumably the
catalogue quotations refer to postally
used copies of each.

The British £1 George is now quite a
scarce stamp, both mint and used. In
the latter condition, however, distinction
should be made between the cancella-
tions. The common Channel Island ob-
literation is really a revenue mark, and
stamps with this are not worth nearly
as much as genuinely postally used copies,
which are really becoming rare, and
worth well over half catalogue. The
same remarks apply to the £1 K. Edward
stamp.

British Solomon Island 3d on yellow
paper and from the postage and revenue
key-plate should be picked up whilst it
is still current, as it is rumoured that
the next printing will be in blue, and
although there may be a fair number of
the yellow stamp about at present, the
man who lays down a little stock of a
few dozen will not regret it, as it is al-
most certain to show a substantial rise
on becoming obsolete.

Comment is sometimes made on the
difference in prices quoted for "mint"
stamps in the lists or auction prices. It
is remarked that a stamp at auction may
fetch 50 per cent. more one time than
another. It is generally found that the
cheaper one generally has some slight de-
fect such as "off centre," creased, sur-
face rubbed or only "part gum." Strictly
speaking, such should only be described
as unused, and if the term "mint" was
reserved only for absolutely perfect speci-
mens there would be no need for the
superlative adjectives one sometimes sees
associated with it.

"Edwards" still are very popular, and
the demand for the scarcer items and

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fine used copies continues brisk. The
question was recently raised as to
whether a group collection of these
stamps should only contain those with
the King's head on. The term Edward-
ian Colonial is almost always given to
that group of stamps issued during his
late Majesty's reign, irrespective of de-
sign, and it would be foolish to only pick
out those bearing the actual head. In
countries like Antigua and Dominica one
could only take the 5sh duties, and these
are generally hard to get stamps, whilst
the collection would be quite incomplete,
and all the fascinating lower values
would be omitted; whilst in Jamaica
one's collection would be represented by
the solitary 2d grey, issued posthumously.

From a financial standpoint all col-
lectors are urged to steadily buy all such
stamps as these, as, although there may
appear to be a good number about, they
are steadily becoming absorbed; the
stamps of this era are likely to prove
very remunerative at current rates.

The 2½d Falkland Is. has started com-
ing over in a new colour, yellow, so that
the old colour is going to become scarce,
especially with Script Watermark in
used condition. There is always a brisk
demand for the stamps of this country
both mint and used, and it is likely that
the Georgians will follow in the wake of
the Edwardians.

The permanent Newfoundland set
would have been better if it had been
in the larger format of now-seldom-seen
Tercentenary (Guy) set of 1910. The
Caribou set will probably show the same
rapid appreciation as the previous sets.

The Solomon Is. 3d in Postage and
Revenue design should be picked up
whilst still current on the old paper.

A fair demand continues for Air
Stamps. Covers are considered desir-
able; some of the Continental ones are
becoming quite common, but probably
the rarest, or rather those that will
fetch, in this country at least, the high-
est prices, are the various ones from
Newfoundland. These are mostly be-
yond the reach of the ordinary collector,

but mint copies are also interesting, and
likely to show similar appreciation in
value, and are, with one exception, ob-
tainable at quite reasonable prices in
view of the small numbers issued.—*Phil-
atelic Magazine.*

BERLIN—MOSCOW AIR MAIL.

The following information gleaned
from *Flight* throws light on the air
post between the Russian Embassy in
Berlin and Moscow in July, 1922. As
this was an entirely official service, it
has hitherto been difficult to obtain any
information regarding the stamps:—

"One of the scarcest of European air
stamps is, of course, the surcharged Rus-
sian fiscal stamp, used provisionally on
official correspondence despatched from
the Russian mission in Berlin via Königs-
berg and Smolensk in July, 1922. There
are four values in the series, uniformly
overprinted in Russian characters, read-
ing "Air Post R. S. F. S. R." and sur-
charged with the following values in
German marks: 12 mk. on 2.25 rbls.,
rose and purple on green; 24 mk. on 3
rbls., green and red on pink; 600 mk. on
3 rbls., green and red on pink; 1,200 mk.
on 10 rbls., rose and violet on green.
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lieved to exist and the other denomina-
tions are almost equally scarce."—*Aero
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STAMP COLLECTING.

A decade or two ago "stamp collecting" was a much more popular hobby with young people than it appears to be today. The explanation probably is that hobbies have their day. Other hobbies have come to the fore, crowding stamp collecting into the background. This is greatly to be regretted, as there is no cleaner or more instructive pastime for boys and girls than making stamp collections. The thing can, of course, be carried too far, as any hobby can; but one can derive a vast amount of pleasure and information out of it without becoming "a philatelist" and spending a small fortune for a single rare specimen. Stamp collecting can be made as expensive or inexpensive as the collector wishes, which should make it a favorite with all classes.

Swapping stamps appeals to young collectors as strongly as swapping horses does to some of their elders, without leaving a sting behind. A neatly kept stamp collection is something which the collector, young or old, exhibits with pride and pleasure, and affords an inexhaustible topic of agreeable and cultural conversation. The strongest "talking point" for stamp collecting by young people is not, however, so much the pleasure they derive from it as the education they receive through it. The writer can remember when he was the only boy in a class of 20 who knew to what country a certain island in the Caribbean belonged—and he knew it because the postage stamps of the island bore the likeness of Queen Victoria.

When children begin to collect stamps they want to know something about the countries for which the stamps they possess are issued. This leads them to the atlas and the encyclopaedia. They learn the names of rulers and statesmen of foreign countries by studying their stamps. Commemoration issues draw their attention to important historical events. A new issue of stamps by an important country is an epoch in the collector's life. The reason for the issue must be ascertained. A great many new

issues have appeared in Europe since the political readjustments resulting from the late war took place. The collector wants to know all about them. The search for this knowledge leads him to a wider knowledge of new countries than he would perhaps acquire in any other way.

That is why stamp collecting holds so much in store for boys and girls. The intense interest which they take in their stamps is unconsciously translated to the countries and peoples which the stamps represent. Stamp collecting is therefore more than a hobby. It is education sugar-coated. As such it is something which parents should encourage and assist their children to go in for.—Regina (Canada), *Daily Post*.

SPRINGFIELD, MO., ORGANIZES.

Ira Hall was elected president of the Springfield Missouri Philatelic society during the organization meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce. The society applied for a charter in the American Philatelic association, which has headquarters at Denver. Other officers elected were: Paul Doernenburg, first vice-president; Roy Toupin, second vice-president; Clinton L. Chalfant, third vice-president, and William Hoffman, secretary-treasurer.

Committees announced by President Hall were: Program, Paul Doernenburg, chairman; Jack Denton and Richard Gardner, membership, Roy Toupin, chairman; Paul Peck, Ray Faubin and Carlos Cox, library and publicity, Clinton L. Chalfant, chairman; Hadley Patterson, J. H. Stanley and William Hoffman.

The society members are desirous of obtaining old and valuable stamp collections.

The next meeting will be at the public library, January 14, when Doernenburg will lead a discussion, "The Value of Stamp Collecting." It is expected by the present members that the society will have an active membership of more than 50.—*Republican*.

WAR STAMPS OF GREECE.

By P. J. Drossos.

At the beginning of the War, 1914, the series in the 1911 type but "lithographed" was used in Greece, although many post-offices still possessed considerable quantities of the "engraved" type. The lithographed values were at that time only 10 in all, viz., from the 1 lepton to the 50 lepta inclusive. The drachma values continued to be engraved.

The first war issue that appeared was the Venizelos Salonica issue, which the Revolutionary Government ordered from Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., London, during autumn 1916. These stamps appeared for sale at Salonica on the 15th February, 1917, and were distributed to the P. O. of Macedonia, Crete and several of the Aegean Islands which had been occupied by the Revolutionists.

This set comprised the following values, and the number issued of each value is as follows:—

1 lepton	50,000
5 lepta	2,000,000
10 lepta	4,000,000
25 lepta	1,000,000
50 lepta	2,000,000
1 drachma	2,000,000
2 drachmas	500,000
3 drachmas	100,000
5 drachmas	100,000
10 drachmas	50,000
25 drachmas	50,000
4 drachmas	50,000

Not a single copy of the 4 drs. was ever sold as a postage stamp, as all the stock, as well as half of the above quantity of the 10 and 50 lepta and 1 dr. stamps were surcharged.

"Chartosimon" (Bill stamp) and used for fiscal duty. A considerable number of the Salonica issue were sold in England, where they were printed, so that this explains how the 4 drachma stamps got on the market. All these stamps have been used up completely, excepting a certain quantity of the 25 dr. stamps, but which has been put out of use. Some sheets of these stamps were printed on watermarked paper. Imperforated copies were only sold from London. Most of the 10 and 25 drachmas sold at Salonica were without gum. The explanation of this is, that these stamps were damaged by water during transport. All stamps of the lithographed issue which had been found in the P. O. of the towns occupied by the Revolutionists were of course used up, till the new issue arrived from London, and again when these stamps began to run short.

As a considerable stock of stamps was seized by the Venizelists, the Athens Government, so as not to sustain a loss, was obliged to surcharge all current stamps with a "crown" and E. T. (Ellinikon Tachydromion—Greek Post). These stamps appeared on the 1st November, 1916. A respite was given to all holders of stamps "without surcharge" to exchange them at the P. O. against "surcharged" ones; which, after a certain date, could not be used any more. A certain number of arrests were subsequently made, as persons who had stolen stamps from the P. O. of the towns occupied by the Revolutionists, were detected as wishing to exchange large quantities at once.

The whole lithographed set was surcharged, as well as the 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 drs. engraved. There is no information as to the number of stamps surcharged, but for some values the quantity is fairly considerable, as at the time the order was issued (for the surcharge to be executed) not only were the then existing stamps surcharged, but when new stamps were printed at Corfu, they were first brought to Athens, surcharged there, and then again distributed for sale, which operation continued for several months. Packets of 3 and 30 lepta "engraved" having been returned to Athens by some P. O. to be exchanged for "surcharged stamps," these were also surcharged. The 30 lepta is fairly rare as the quantity surcharged was small.

The values surcharged are the following:—2, 3, 3, 10, 30, 30l and 2 and 3 drs. in black, and 1, 5, 20, 25, 40, 50l and 1, 5 and 10 drs. in red.

It is said that sheets of the 25 drachmas were surcharged also, with the same surcharge as the other values, but as the 25 dr. stamp is twice as large as the others of the same issue, this stamp would have appeared with a double surcharge. Therefore these sheets were all destroyed and no further attempt made to surcharge the 25 drs. in any way.

Reversed and double surcharges exist on nearly all the values, as sheets were either twice put on the press or upside down. It is interesting when finding used copies to trace the P. O. at which they were sold from the date of the stamp, which is usually always the same day, as the sheets were used up during the same day, excepting in the case of drachma values.

The Yvert Tellier catalogue under No. 278 quotes a 25 lepta "engraved," a stamp which never existed. No such stamp was ever surcharged. As the colours of the 25 lepta lithographed vary in shade and hue, from dark blue to ultramarine, some of these stamps resemble the 25l "engraved," but it is easy to see that it is lithographed from the paper on which it is printed.

From the 1st April, 1917, to the 30th September, an additional tax was enforced on all letters for the benefit of the Public Charity Fund, and several of the 1901 and 1913 sets were surcharged with the letters K.II, standing for the initials of the words "Kinoniki Pronia—Social Charity." The extra rates were 1 lepton for each postcard, 5l for each letter and 10l for postage of parcels under a drachma and 30 lepta for postage of parcels over drachma one.

The following are the stamps surcharged, and the number of each kind:—

Type 1901.

1 lepton on 1 lepton	280,000
1 lepton on 3 lepta	1,000,000

Thick surcharge.

1 lepton on 3 lepta	3,700,000
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Thin surcharge, of which 1,000,000 were surcharged separately and contain the error K.M. in stamp No. 80, of the sheet.

5 lepta on 1 lepton	750,000
5 lepta on 20 lepta	1,500,000
5 lepta on 40 lepta	300,000

A part of the 40l surcharge are of the thin paper and of the greyish colour type.

5 lepta on 50 lepta	400,000
5 lepta on 1 drachma	950,000
10 lepta on 30 lepta	548,000
30 lepta on 30 lepta	250,000

Type 1913.

5 lepta on 25 lepta	400,000
5 lepta on 40 lepta	400,000
5 lepta on 50 lepta	200,000

The 1 lepton on 1 lepton, 1901, "brown surcharge" mentioned in divers catalogues is probably an essay.

From the numbers issued, the 1 lepton on 1 lepton is by far the rarest. This stamp mint should be catalogued at a very high price. (Used copies can of course be forged.) There are a great many errors in all the sheets, and which are exceedingly well explained in Stanley Gibbons Catalogue. A considerable number 1906 Olympic Games 1 lepton were surcharged by some forger and sold in France and England, and even the S. G. Catalogue of Dec., 1919, quoted these stamps, which never existed.

Sheets of most of these values also exist with double and inverted surcharges. This additional tax was stopped at the end of September and the 15 lepta blue then appeared; Government also granted the Public Charity Fund a yearly fixed grant.

During the last four months that these stamps were in use, and even before, communications with the provinces and Athens were very difficult, so that for considerable intervals the P. O. authorities had none of these stamps to use. As the tax for the benefit of the Charity Fund also applied to bill stamps, etc., a number of such stamps had been surcharged for fiscal use. The P. O. authorities were then granted the permission to

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use these stamps for postage. Twenty-five sorts in all were used in the divers provinces, especially in the islands, where communications were very difficult. None of these values are very rare, as the number issued is fairly big. As it has been proved now, some of these towns used these fiscal stamps solely during the nine months they were in use, as consignments of the first issue printed in Athens never reached them, owing to the then prevailing conditions.

The island of Corfu (where the Greek stamps are printed by Messrs. Aspiotis Bros.) had eight special stamps printed for fiscal use and then distributed to the Ionian Islands. As mentioned above, the Ionian Islands only used the Corfu issue during the whole period.

The fiscal stamps surcharged are the following:—

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Red-brown surcharge in 3 lines.

1 lepton on 10l. blue.
1 lepton on 80l. blue.
5 lepta on 10l. blue.
3 lepta on 10l. blue perforated in the middle.
5 lepta on 50l. blue.
5 lepta on 60l. blue.
5 lepta on 60l. blue perforated in the middle.
5 lepta on 80l. blue.
10 lepta on 70l. blue.
10 lepta on 70l. blue perforated in the middle.
10 lepta on 90l. blue.
10 lepta on 90l. blue perforated in the middle.
20 lepta on 30l. blue.
20 lepta on 40l. blue.
20 lepta on 50l. blue.
20 lepta on 80l. blue.
20 lepta on 90l. blue.
30 lepta on 30l. blue.
50 lepta on 50l. blue.
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Greek issues since 1918, after the Armistice, are of course a separate chapter, on which there is a lot to be said.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

ITEMS ABOUT GERMAN STAMPS.

By ERWIN STRASSER.

It seems that stamp collectors will get a little rest at last, as far as German stamps are concerned. I have received the 3 and 5 pfennig in prewar gold currency.

My correspondent says that on November 26th all Milliarden (Billion) values were sold at four times face value, and on December 1st were discontinued, due to the fact that the gold currency was put into use. His letter is dated December 2nd, and he claims that everybody is looking for those high provisionals, as they are bound to go up in price shortly and they are a good investment at the present market prices.

The 50 mark, Scott's No. 192, in the catalogue, has been issued in a few towns on revenue stamp paper, watermarked quatrefoils, and is listed as Scott's No. 220. This is the scarcest stamp so far issued, and will sell for \$1 or so in a short time to come, providing a supply of same can be obtained. I have been looking for this stamp for the past 6 months, but I have not been able to get any from my many correspondents. So it must be scarce.

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By P. MALONE.

With eight eminent philatelists from different parts of the world comprising the International Jury that made the awards at the recent London International Stamp Exhibition, which was probably also witnessed by a number of the leading lights of philately in the world, and the members of the London Royal Philatelic Society, it is a very remarkable fact that at least two stamps, which are absolutely fraudulent were exhibited as great rarities at the exhibition, and the exhibit was awarded a silver medal (vide Official Catalogue). Yet not one of these great collectors and experts seem to be aware that these stamps were not genuine. I refer to two Tasmanian stamps:—1904, 1½d, on 5d, inverted surcharge and 1½d on 5d mint pair, one without overprint, exhibited in Class L, Section 4. The existence of these fraudulent stamps (not catalogued) has been known in Tasmania for many years, and if collectors or dealers holding them went to the trouble of making inquiries through the Tasmanian Philatelic Society, their status would soon be solved. It would be very interesting to know what opinion the expert committee of London Royal Philatelic Society would give regarding these stamps if submitted for their inspection. They would have the original 5d stamp and the original 1½d type of surcharge, and one might surmise, if not in possession of any other information regarding them, they would say in their opinion they are all right. However, they are very much all wrong, they were never issued, and did not see the light of day in the Post Office. Perhaps it would be well to give a brief history of them, which is as follows:—In 1904, when the stamps were surcharged 1½d, only a portion of the 5d value was overprinted, with the result that both values, 1½d and 5d were on sale concurrently at the post-office. Mr. A., a visitor to Hobart, purchased several sheets of the 5d value, and got a very obliging official in the printing department to do the necessary overprinting of 1½d with the original type of surcharge. The official no doubt did not think he was doing any harm, and in reducing a 5d stamp to a 1½d value was actually increasing the revenue of the country to the extent of 3½d per stamp, but he apparently did not notice that Mr. A. had affixed a block of four stamps in the centre of each sheet, in an inverted position, with the result that when the overprinting was done, each sheet had four inverted surcharges, as well as four without the surcharge, the latter being the four stamps covered over by the former, which constituted

 these fraudulent varieties, exhibited as rare stamps at the recent London Exhibition.—*Australian Philatelist*.

EDITORIAL NOTE: The foregoing article is interesting because it gives inside information about these particular Tasmanian varieties and shows how such things may be created by the help of careless or culpable officials. The article states that these varieties were made with the original type and the work done by the printer who made the ordinary 1½d on 5d of 1904. From this it would seem that they would properly be termed fancy reprints, surreptitiously made. Under these circumstances it could not be expected that the International Jury, the members of the Royal Philatelic Society, or any expert, would find anything wrong with the stamps, unless they had knowledge of the manner of their production and that no such varieties had been regularly made and issued. There could be nothing in the stamps themselves to proclaim their irregular origin.

It is also quite apparent that the writer of the article has never had experience as a Juror at an international exhibition, or he would know that minute examination of the stamps is not possible. They are shown under glass and often in a poor light. When a Jury has to review hundreds of thousands, if not millions of stamps in four days, they cannot linger long over individual specimens. The Jury cannot constitute themselves an Expert Committee and take with them a reference collection and a library. They must depend, to a large extent, on the good faith of the exhibitors and take it for granted that each man has studied his own stamps and done his best to display only such as are above suspicion. And it must be remembered that awards are based on the evidence of study and knowledge of the subject and not on the possession of oddities of surcharge.—*Scott's Monthly Journal*.

PHILATELY OR PHILOTELY?

By STEPHEN G. RICH.

Your item, published Nov. 26, about the attempt of Dr. Machymichalos of Athens, Greece, to "replace the erroneous term *philately*" by his own coinage, "*Philotely*," is amusing indeed. If Dr. "Big Mike" (for such is the English equivalent of his name) knew a little more philology, he would know that the "a" was deliberately and purposely inserted when Mr. Herpin invented the word some sixty years ago. The derivation is: "*philos*," fond of; "*a*," without; "*telos*" a tax. That is, being fond of things that show there was nothing to be paid when the letter was received. Now comes Dr. "Big Mike" and wants to change it to make it mean "*fond of being taxed*." All I can say is—*Oof!*

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In these drawings it was necessary to deepen and strengthen the shifted lines in order that the engraver could catch the shifts in making his plate. Therefore, the collector in comparing these illustrations with copies of the stamps showing shifted transfers will find that the drawings are somewhat exaggerated. In plate No. 4, most copies show the shift mostly in lines which have a blurred appearance, rather than clean-cut as in the drawing.—WARNER BATES.

Major C. H. Bonesteel of West Point has submitted one of the most interesting contributions it has yet been the good fortune of this department to print. In this article I will describe five distinctly different shifted transfers on the one cent blue which Major Bonesteel has forwarded to me, together with illustrations of each, and in a subsequent article some other interesting plate varieties will be given. All of the shifts described are on the one cent blue, issue of 1879 (American printing all on soft paper), but I believe that there is a likelihood of some of the same shifted transfers being found on the Continental printings, as it is a well known fact that some Continental plates were used for a time by the American company.

This ought to start the specialists in this interesting stamp, at least those who have not already obtained these varieties, looking for shifted transfers and I can promise those who have not yet gone into this subject plenty of fun. Not only have they the possibility of turning up some of these five, but of others which are not included. I know, because I have some others in my own collection. (I have not, however, all of the varieties which Major Bonesteel submits.)

In connection with this matter I may say that the one cent blue (issues of 1870 to 1882 inclusive—National, Continental, American and Re-engraved) is without question the most prolific United States stamp in shifted transfers. Why this should be so, I have no idea, unless it just happened that careless engravers worked on the one cent all the way through. Can any reader advance a plausible opinion?

In the writer's collection there are a few varieties of shifted transfers on the National emissions (both grilled and ungrilled), ten distinctly different shifts on the Continental printings and quite a number of the American and Re-engraved.

In spite of their variety all these shifted transfers are scarce (one might even say rare). Scott lists the "double" transfer on No. 134, one cent 1870-71 grilled at \$6; on No. 145, the one cent 1870 ungrilled, \$5; No. 156, one cent 1873, \$4; No. 182, one cent, 1879, on soft paper, no price given; No. 206, one cent Re-engraved, no price given.

In my own experience I should say that the shifted transfer on No. 182 should be priced about the same as 156, \$4, and the one cent Re-engraved, No. 206, at about as much as No. 145, \$5. The price of No. 134 is, I believe, far too low. Personally, I believe this variety is easily worth \$10 if the ungrilled stamp is worth \$5, as it surely is.

Now for the feast. In describing the varieties which Major Bonesteel submitted, I have given each a different number and it is my intention to number in a similar manner other shifts on this stamp as they are described later, merely as a makeshift for reference.

Also, I will use the following abbreviations: U.L., upper left; U.R., upper right; L.L., lower left; L.R., lower right; U.R.F.O., upper right foliate ornament, etc., for the foliate ornaments in all four corners of the stamp.

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L.R. Doubling of lines in upper part of L.R.F.O., above "T" of "CENT." Trace of shift shows in about the center of L.R.F.O., running outside design at right. Trace shows in lower part of L.R.F.O., under "N" of "CENT."

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double and forms what is sometimes known as a "triple transfer." It might more properly be called a double shift.

Trace shows in frame of oval which contains the bust at the L.L. over the "E" of "ONE."



Two tiny lines run into the top-left ball of the figure "1."

Unfortunately, this copy is heavily postmarked, covering the lower left side and lower left label containing the word "ONE." If some reader possesses what is apparently this same shifted transfer, but which shows what may be in the L.L., I wish he would send it in so that description may be completed.

No. 2 (ONE CENT BLUE).



U.L. Top. U.R. Right side. L.R. Bottom.

Trace of double lines show in three

places in the top half of the U.L.F.O. Lines of background U.L., deepened around foliated ornament. The tiny separate ornament to the right of the top half of U.L.F.O. is shifted at the bottom. Traces show in "O" and "S" of "POSTAGE."

U.R. Traces in "TAGE" of "POSTAGE," the "T" especially showing double in two places at its top. Two or three extra lines show in top half of U.R.F.O., and the entire bottom of the ball beneath this ornament over the space between the "A" and "G" of "POSTAGE" is nicely doubled. Ball between two halves of this U.R.F.O. is distinctly shifted at the bottom. Lower half of U.R.F.O. is doubled top and bottom.

Right Side. The curved bar or brace which connects U.R.F.O. and L.R.F.O. is doubled clearly on its left side from a point about midway between top and bottom of the stamp to the bottom part of this brace where it touches the L.R. F.O. Top one of four pearls above the L.R.F.O. is doubled so that it merges with the vertical background lines instead of being white as intended.

L.R. Double lines show in the upper portion of L.R.F.O. Heavy trace of curved line shows outside design of stamp to the right of the "T" of "CENT." Bottom frame of lower right label below "T" of "CENT" also in lower portion of L.R.F.O., under "NT" of "CENT." "ENT" of "CENT" shows traces of shift.

L.L. Traces of shift show in the "NE" of "ONE" and the left side of the figure "1" is double. Secret mark is doubled in first pearl at left of "1." Very heavy trace of shift in upper portion of L.L.F.O.

Slight trace of shift in shading on lower part of bust.

No. 3 (ONE CENT BLUE).

U.L., Top, L.R., L.L. Bottom. Traces of shift show in three places in the upper half of the U.L.F.O. Also in the tiny separate ornament to the right of the upper part of U.L.F.O., over the "P" of "POSTAGE." Shows in the extreme bottom part of the bottom half of U.L.F.O., under the "U" of "U. S." Lines in the background deepened around U.L.F.O.

Top. Slight trace in "P" and "S" of "POSTAGE."

L.R. Slight trace in "N" of "CENT."

Bottom. Right-hand ball of the foot of the figure "1" is half cut off by the shift. Traces to be seen elsewhere at the bottom. Also elsewhere on the figure "1."

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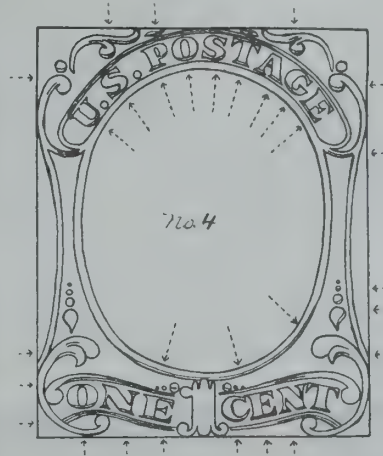
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over "O" of "ONE" shifted in three or more places. Bottom one of four pearls above the top part of L.L.F.O. well shifted. Slight trace in the bar or brace which runs along the left side of the stamp design, connecting L.L.F.O. with U.L.F.O.

No. 4 (ONE CENT BLUE).



U.L. Top., U.R., Right Side, L.R., Bottom, L.L.

U.L. Three distinct traces in top half of U.L.F.O. and badly blurred above this. Little separate ornament to right of top half of U.L.F.O., shifted above the "P" of "POSTAGE." Ball between upper and lower half of U.L.F.O. shows shift. Lower half of U.L.F.O., shifted in two places.

Top. All letters of "U. S. POSTAGE" show traces. Frame over "U. S. POSTAGE" shows shift. Lines of background of top label badly blurred, probably due to shifting. Oval containing bust is slightly shifted along top.

Bust. Shading along top part of Franklin's head, shading over his ear and at bottom of bust show traces of shift, although this is difficult of determination, the copy submitted being a slightly blurred printing.

U.R. The little separate ornament to the left of the top half of the U.R.F.O. is shifted. Traces show in two or more places on the top half of U.R.F.O., and also in the bottom half of U.R.F.O., under the "E" of "POSTAGE." Ball-like end of ornament underneath the top part of U.R.F.O., shows three little marks at bottom.

Right-side. Bottom line of white frame surrounding the oval is doubled on the right side of oval from point about midway between top and bottom of the design, this double line running around underneath the oval containing bust, running up slightly on the left side.

L.R. The bottom three pearls of the four pearls on top of the L.R.F.O. show traces of the shift, although this may be due to blurred printing. Traces show in several places on the upper and lower portions of L.R.F.O. Some of these traces may be due to the blurred printing but the double line is very clear under the "N" of "CENT."

Bottom. Bottom part of "CENT" all clearly doubled with traces elsewhere and also in the frame of the label above and below "CENT," these latter being blurred. Three pearls at both left and right of "1" show traces of shift. The frame of label above and below "ONE" are shifted. Letters of "ONE" may be shifted.

L.L. There are traces of this shift in the top and bottom parts of the L.L.F.O.

No. 5 (ONE CENT BLUE).

U.L., U.R., L.R., Bottom.

U.L. Trace shows in top part of the upper half of U.L.F.O., and the separate ornament to the right is broken. A questionable trace exists in the lower half of U.L.F.O.

U.R. The little line which tends to separate the ball-like ornament, from the rest of the upper half of U.R.F.O., is extended to the right about twice its natural length (the natural length is about two millimeters and in this copy it is about five millimeters long). This extension of the line shows above the "G" of "POSTAGE." Trace shows at bottom of the lower half of U.R.F.O., under the "E" of "POSTAGE."

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L.R. Trace shows in the ball-like end of the top half of L.R.F.O., over the "N" of "CENT." Another trace is seen in the top half of L.R.F.O., rather to the right, near the side of the de-



sign. Trace also shows in this vicinity entirely outside the design. There is a trace of the shift in the bottom part of L.R.F.O., under the "T" of "CENT." Trace shows in the top two pearls of the four pearls above L.R.F.O. Background lines doubled in the extreme lower right hand corner of the stamp, under L.R.F.O.

Bottom. Trace shows at the bottom, right side of the figure "1." Also in the white frame line of the lower right label, over the "T" of "CENT," also in the "T." The background lines of the oval containing the bust in places seem to extend into the white oval frame line.

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TRANS-POLAR AIRPLANE FLIGHT.

By ARTHUR O. LITT.

In May, 1924, an airplane flight is contemplated by Captain Roald Amundsen, the discoverer of the South Pole. This flight will start from Spitzbergen, Norway, in the Arctic Circle over the North Pole to some point in Alaska on United States territory. Arrangements have been made to fit up three airplanes to make this trip. The purpose of this undertaking is to discover, if possible, lands or waterways heretofore not surveyed.

The philatelic part of this undertaking enters into the question because of the fact that in order to defray part of the expenses of the flight, a limited number of postcards at \$1.00 each have been placed on sale, though not at United States Post Offices, in the United States. A postcard leaving New York would have a long way to travel before reaching its destination. From New York it would proceed to Christiania, Norway; from Christiania to Spitzbergen, thence by airplanes commanded by Capt. Amundsen, across the North Pole to some point in Alaska, thence to some post-office of the United States, and then probably by dog sledge to where this mail could be put on a train. Perhaps Uncle Sam will collaborate by taking the trans-polar airplane mail further on its journey.

These postcards which have been printed in green by the American Bank Note Company of New York have on one side partially completed circles showing arctic territory with a picture of an airplane in flight over the North Pole and on the top "Trans-Polar Flight Expedition, Christiania, Norway;" on the bottom under the airplane, "In commemoration of Amundsen's Trans-Polar Flight 1924."

The Trans-Polar Flight Expedition of Christiania, Norway, is the company making arrangements for this trip, of which Capt. Roald Amundsen is the moving spirit. Postcards mailed in the United States will be received by this company at Christiania, Norway, and then further mailed or sent to Spitzbergen, Norway, which is nearer the North Pole than any portion of Norway. Then the Norwegian Post Office will surcharge the legalizing stamp as well as the North Pole cancellation. The bags of mail will

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be stowed in the three airplanes and then for the unknown. A distance of about 1,400 miles separates Spitzbergen, Norway, and an inlet on the coast of Alaska, United States Territory. While this is a perilous trip, airplanes are perfect enough at the present time to make the trip successful.

There is a question at present being considered by the United States postal authorities as to whether the postcard can be registered from the United States to the Trans-Polar Flight Expedition of Christiania, Norway. If this is answered in the affirmative, the chances of the card going astray between the United States and the offices of the company in Christiania, Norway, are slim. If registration is not desired a common stamp, value two cents in U. S. Postage can be placed on the side where the address of the Trans-Polar Flight Company has been printed. On the other side in addition to the imprint as described in the first part of this article in green, the Norwegian Government will surcharge to legalize as per the following radio-gram from Christiania, Norway, a copy of which I have been able to obtain: "December 21st, 1923."

Kristiana 30/29
 RL Glidden Aeroboard N.Y.

Completed arrangements Post Department. Additional stamps unnecessary. Department will print Norge Twenty-five or over Expedition stamp thereby legalizing. Also Pole cancellation.

AMUNDSEN HAMMER."

Let us then hope that the flight be successful, for upon its proper conclusion depends knowledge that will help the world and will perhaps open up parts of the world and especially Alaskan United States that even Secretary Seward whose purchase of Alaska was called "Seward's Folly" did not dream of. Philatelically speaking the bridging of Europe and America via the Pole by means of a postcard would be treasured in the albums of collectors for all time.

POWER ON THE AIR.

With commendable enterprise Eustace B. Power of Stanley Gibbons, Inc., N. Y. City, got on the air Thursday, Jan. 3, from Station WJY, N. Y. City, in connection with a stamp talk. We have no doubt that a large number of radio stamp fans had the privilege of hearing Mr. Power. Springfield and Chicago (and possibly other centers) have been similarly favored and dealers should not be slow in appreciating the fact that radio stations are pleased to have features of this kind.

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AUSTRALIAN AIR MAIL.

Mr. Steinmetz has shown us a cover carried by aeroplane from Longreach to Charleville, Queensland, Australia, bearing the postage of 5d and in addition, a green sticker reading "By Air Mail." This is one of three lines of air mail service now in operation in Australia. This cover was carried by the Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services, Ltd., operating from Cloncurry to Charleville, calling at Tambo, Blackall, Longreach and Winton. The other lines are the Australian Aerial Mail Services, Ltd., of Sydney, N. S. W., Australia, operating from Sydney to Brisbane, calling at Newcastle, Kempsey, Grafton and Ballina—and the West Australian Airways, Ltd., of Geraldton, Western Australia, operating from Derby to Geraldton, calling at Carnarvon, Onslow, Roeburne, Port Hedland and Broome.—*Aero News Letter.*

THE NEW IRAQ SET.

By OSCAR G. WHITING.

I would like to make a few remarks on an item in the December 17th issue, about the new set of Iraq stamps. It says, so far as is known these are the first stamps ever to be designed by women.

Now it is known that ladies have designed other stamps. They do not appear to have been very successful in some of the competitions, but two ladies secured several prizes in the New South Wales contest in 1887, and one of them, Mrs. F. W. Stoddard had her design used for the highest denomination in the N. S. W. centennial set in 1888. Another lady, Lady Gertrude Carter, the wife of the Governor of Barbados, designed that beautiful Olive Blossom stamp of Barbados issued in 1906.

I have the 3 annas of the new Iraq set, and in the lower right hand corner, within a tiny upright rectangle, seen only with a magnifying glass, are the initials, "MJM—1921" in two lines in a ruled frame. Now, if Mrs. Colin C. Garbett and Miss Edith Cheesman are the designers of this set, what do these initials stand for? (Probably the engraver.—Ed.)

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A BIT OF AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

By HUGH C. ARGENBRIGHT.

I was first heard from on March 7, 1895. Eight years later on the same day of the month I received a package of foreign postage stamps from a relative. At the same time I spent a nickel and obtained a canvas-backed memorandum book, and so began my first activities along philatelic lines. In those days hinges, catalogs, watermark detectors, perforation gauges, etc., were an unknown quantity, so I industriously applied mucilage to the backs of my stamps and ruined them for life.

As the years passed I came to know more about my stamps and gradually added to my collection, which became housed in four loose-leaf albums. Through the military preparatory school and college I kept steadily at my collection building and eventually I had eight albums containing around 22,000 varieties, closely mounted on both sides of each page. About this time I married and then started the untoward effects of a non-philatelic help-meet, but it wasn't long before Mrs. Argenbright began to like the little bits of paper and as she grew to understand their infinite variety she too took up the hobby.

A little later a tiny junior philatelist put in her appearance and shortly after came the great world war. I had been trained along engineering lines but owing to my eye-sight was refused a commission in the army although I had military training at V. M. I. I then went into the Emergency Fleet Corporation and alternated between torpedo boat inspector and ventilation designer for the battleships Maryland and West Virginia. It was killing work and before long the strain began to tell on my eyes.

During this time I had made a large number of acquaintances among French, Belgian and English sea captains coming into the various ports, and practically all of these men were stamp collectors. From them I obtained names of people in their respective countries who would either exchange stamps or buy from me, and it wasn't long before I had representatives in practically every British colony and in many desirable points in South America.

Then came the calamity. One morning while working over the drafting table my eyes blinked out. It was a reflex or general laxing of the muscles and optic nerve. "A breakdown" the doctor described it. Then came months of blackness, during which Mrs. Argenbright was my eyes and my guide. But one day my sight came back. However, I was prohibited from following my profession and I was like a fish out of water, not knowing what to do. One

day while rummaging around my effects I found my stamp albums and a notion came into my head that resulted in the creating of "Old Dominion Approvals" named after my native state of Virginia. It wasn't long before the collecting public realized that here was a man who sold stamps on the theory that a large volume of sales at small profits was better than a smaller volume at tremendous profits. Through my foreign correspondents I was able to import and resell at very favorable prices.



The above likeness of Mr. Argenbright will be welcomed by our readers, many of whom have come to know and respect him. He has taken out a 4000 line advertising contract for 1924.—ED.

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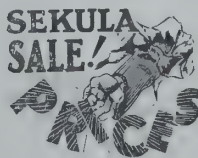
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*1922-3, Nos. 170 to 185, 16 var.	.37 .06
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PHILATELIST, phil-at-e-list — (erroneously supposed to be derived from the Greek, but recent research finds it an enticing and intricate non-phonetic compounding of "fill-at-a-list," no one ever being able to fill up a list of all stamps issued).

(a) One obsessed with the peculiar mania or "complex" of collecting and preserving, and who does collect and preserve postage and revenue stamps (which see).

(b) One as above whose collection numbers 'teen thousand stamps, including a number of "rarities" (which see), the whole having a catalog value (as of Swatt, Ynvert, Givem, etc.,) of \$10,000 and up.

(c) One who (as "a" or "b" above) writes as an authority on stamps to the consternation generally of the poor sap who prizes a \$1 catalog-value stamp and now finds that 1,500,000,000 others were issued exactly like the sticker in his album.

COLLECTOR, col-lect-or.—One who imagines he enjoys the pleasures of a "philatelist" (which see), whose limit is a \$3 catalog-value stamp and a \$10 credit on "approvals." He is the chief means-of-support of stamp-dealers, etc., through his album being the final resting-place of the label out-puts of those governments whose stamps are sold for postal use merely as a side-line to their greater sale to collectors, stamp-nuts, stamp-bugs, etc.

STAMP NUT.—One who as a collector (which see) orders approvals from every dealer within postal reach

who will send any. He buys 25c worth from a \$10 selection sent by each and frequently returns the remainder one month after due.

STAMP-BUG.—One who, posing as a collector (which see) orders approvals, buys a few, never returns the remainder until at least one month past due and frequently "trades" some of his "punko" copies for better ones from the sheets. Like most bugs he finally becomes a real pest by at last not returning approvals at all. He is very frequently called harsher and even ugly names by quick-tempered dealers.

REFERENCE(S), ref-er-en-ce(s).—What most dealers in "approvals" want, others preferring cash in advance. A dealer sometimes prefers a list of the dealers who have been "stuck" by the applicant, or vice-versa, but a statement from his banker or of other persons having obtained money from the applicant will generally do. Beginners, especially minors, must refer to other reputable persons besides fathers (anyone well rated in Dun or Bradstreet, whom you might know, will do equally well).

DEPOSIT, de-pos-it.—A sum of money required in advance by some dealers, showing susceptibility, loss of faith in the buyer's honesty, or that the dealer has been bitten by "stamp-bugs" (which see).

STAMP, Postage.—The obligation of this or other governments issued in a paster, label or sticker form and generally sold for postal use. Stamps are ordinarily printed and issued in sheets and made easy of separation one from another by perforations (which see), or "rouletting" (see Peri.), but at times not so perforated (see Imperforate). Stamps are usually issued with an adhesive gum of various flavors or colors on back for affixing (see Gum). A cancellation (which see), indicates that the obligation has been fulfilled.

Many stamps are decorative or otherwise in design, the most highly colorful

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usually being the most noticeable in "collectors' albums," "philatelists" being of the old-school not yet educated to "futurist" art.

Stamps are usually sold at face-value at post-offices, and at double by dealers, when current issues. When out-of-date, the dealers will be found to have "cornered the market" and to ask twice what they expect to get (see "Approvals, 50% off").

There have been issued in all about 1,724,359 different varieties of stamps by governments, fake-makers, counterfeiters and others, but this should in nowise discourage or deter the beginner as all older collectors have had the same drawback or more so.

GUM.—An adhesive or supposedly adhesive gum placed on the backs of stamps to be moistened for affixing. The gum originally issued is called O. G. or "ordinary goo." The color or taste varies greatly on different issues and some experts can thus tell the difference between stamps without consulting the face.

As far back as the '50s there were heated arguments and discussions between the users and the U. S. Government over the flavor and stickability of stamp-gum which finally led to the Hon. Josh Billings' fiery oration, "Consider the postage-stamp, my son. Its value lies in sticking to a thing until it gets there,"—with which he filled his mouth with "fine-cut," and licked, stamped and mailed out 500 almanacs with a 1c blue, Type 1, 1851, stamp on each! Since which time there has been more sweetening and less alum in the glue.

MARGIN, mar-gin.—The part of the imperforate (which see), stamp between the design itself and the edge of the stamp. A large margin is most desirable, as they say in Wall Street. Most stamp dealers start selling on small margins which increase geometrically with the amount of their sales and their own popularity.

CONDITION, con-di-tion (do not accent the "con").—The state of preservation in which a stamp is offered for sale, received, found or preserved. This varies greatly and has many gradations,—collectors usually using "fine," "good," or "average" as class distinctions, while dealers add to these, "splendid," "superb," "sound," "magnificent," in bold face type.

(NOTE.—The P. D. Editor has bought stamps described as "fine" and found them on receipt "punk." The geographical location of the dealer and no doubt the climatic conditions must have had something to do with this phenomenon.)

Again we say, "Mint, O. G." does not denote the flavor of the gum.

PERFORATION, per-for-a-tion.—A method of making stamps easy of separation by means of (a) closely spaced small round holes punched in a line between stamps, (b) narrow long holes, and (c) short slits called "roulettes," as it was a gamble whether the stamps would separate properly or tear. Perforations are generally made at government stamp printing establishments but some of the rare ones are home-made from parts of imperforate sheets or on straight-edged stamps. A "perforation



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gauge" makes it easy for the beginner to tell the difference between an 8 and a 12½ perf. or even a perforate and an imperforate stamp.

CANCELLATION, can-cell-a-tion.—A mutilation on a postage, or revenue, stamp usually by ink showing that the obligation has been fulfilled. Among the many forms of cancellation are the "smudge," "pen-check," "cross," "star," "grid-iron," "bull's-eye," "cork," "wave," "town" (name), "PAID," and home-made or made-to-order. Cancellations in color or odd forms sometimes add value to stamps in the eyes of specialists. The "kicking mule" is an historical example, now thought to have been gotten up by an irate postmaster as his visible complaint against the lowering of postal rates and his income (from selling stamps on a percentage basis).

Revenue-stamp cancellation by punched hole or cut is often seen, but early issue revenues are often found heavily pen-and-ink initialed and dated which proudly proved that the cancellor could write a free and flowing hand beside being able to tell the date in spite of not having received a calendar from his grocer.

RARITY, rar-i-ty.—In stamps, one listing at \$100 or more, catalog value, the price governing the classification more than the scarceness. Rarities are seldom found in the albums of "collectors" (which see), as the possession of one usually graduates the owner to the class of "philatelist" (which see). But the rarity, scarceness or total absence of stamps in a collector's album does not prove that a philatelist would ever desire them. A much mooted term and classification, as "rarities" have been advertised from \$1 up. The rareness of some stamps is much overdone, in the minds of some collectors, who think the prices asked are even "raw."

WATER-MARK, wat-er-mark.—An apparent thinness in a form-of-design in the paper of the stamp, made for protection against counterfeiting government issues. It may become visible by holding the stamp against the light, saturating with benzine or carbonyl or by plain guess-work.

(NOTE: Beginners should not be come confused in this term, as it is not a mark caused by soaking off the stamp in water.)

A "water-mark detector" adds greatly to the intricacy of collecting, at an outlay of only a few cents, as the presence or absence of a water-mark may greatly change the value of a stamp.

STICKERS, stick-ers.—An adhesive hinge for mounting stamps in albums. There are two distinct varieties of "peelable" hinges, those that do and those that don't. Hinges are the cheapest things in the stamp business except a stamp-bug (which see).

Some issues of foreign stamps are called "stickers" from their practice of sticking in dealers' stocks. Many col-

lectors get "stuck" on or with stamps without the use of stickers or O. G.

APPROVAL(S), ap-prov-al(s).—A means of selling or buying stamps with no money visible on the buyer's part and no peace-of-mind on the dealer's until the stamps have been returned accompanied by a P.O.M.O. for those retained.

Beginners should understand that the forwarding to them of approval books or sheets is not an approval of their business until returned as above.

A more modern term, "Proval-sheets" is coming into use, as their receipt "proves" the dealer's advertisement or credulity, and their return "proves" the buyer's honesty (or otherwise).

CENTER, cen-ter (CENTERED, center-ed).—Terms used in the stamp business (usually in conjunction with, "off-," "badly-," "well-," "poorly-," etc.) indicating the equality of distance all around the stamp from the design itself to the edge or perforation. Like "condition" (which see) it varies greatly or is affected by good imagination and poor eye-sight.

NOTE (by M. T. Dome, himself).—This series of valuable explanations has taken years of research, as can be seen, and while they might be issued later on in bound form, all readers of "Make-deal's Weekly" can now save them or not as they see fit. And I have been assured that the regular price of "Make-deals" will not be affected unless a large number of present subscribers quit on account of this dictionary in which case the S-W-J Co. can easily make good their losses from the subscription-list which they could easily raise, to bury the author.

BENZENE OR BENZINE.

By D. D. BEROLZHEIMER.

A recent note suggests the use of benzol (benzene) which is a coal-tar product, while benzine is a petroleum product.

I cannot too strongly urge against the use of this fluid. It is highly flammable; its vapor is poisonous; it has a disagreeable odor (similar to illuminating gas); is more difficult to obtain than benzene, and worst of all dissolves the coal-tar dye (so called "aniline dyes") used in many of the inks used for printing stamps.

For instance, benzol, and likewise carbon tetrachloride, dissolves one of the dyes used in the ink which were compounded during the war, and with which the U. S. "pink backs" were printed, also some of the dyes used on stamps of the British Colonies.

The philatelic fraternity may be interested to know that I am working with one of the large chemical manufacturers to make available in quantity, at low cost one of the chlorinated hydrocarbons which is non-flammable, non-poisonous and otherwise suitable, and which it will be possible to ship by mail.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—An Associated Press despatch from Berlin, Germany, is going the rounds of the metropolitan press and it has some little philatelic interest. It deals with the sale of the Ferrari collection at Paris, but states that the collection formerly belonged to Emperor William II. It also states that the former emperor had instituted the sale of the stamp collection in France before the war began and that the remainder of the collection was seized by the Entente powers.

—A. A. Kelson and others have shown us specimens of the new 3c Canada in carmine color.

—Edward E. Goodchild sends us a clipping from an Ottawa paper which announces that postage stamps and coins are to be exempted from the Canadian sales tax. This will be good news for philatelists, both in Canada and the United States.

—"Fascinating San Francisco" is the title of a very fine booklet just at hand with the compliments of J. A. Urquhart, manager of the Pacific Stamp Co., San Francisco, Cal.

—Recently we made the request upon our subscribers that they remember with a bit of philatelic cheer Ernest H. Buchan, who is at the Lakeville State Sanatorium, Middleboro, Mass. Mr. Buchan writes us expressing his thanks at the many tokens of kindness that have come to him from all points of the compass.

—The Union County Philatelic Society of New Jersey holds its meetings every Wednesday evening, at 206 Locust St., Roselle Park, N. J. Interested parties should address H. Rogosen, 110 Chestnut St., Roselle Park.

—Dr. F. F. Dodge sends us the particulars of Salisbury, N. C., precancels. A limited number of all values from 1c to \$1 were printed up but they were not attached to window packages as was done in other post-offices. Dr. Dodge says that in connection with the limited number used probably less than fifty of any variety will be available for collectors.

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Our first applicant for membership in
the Honor Club, this week, is Herman
E. Heller, who remits \$5 in payment for
five years' subscription. We thank Mr.
Heller for his expression of confidence
and welcome him to the Club.

In a very laconic manner George B.
Graham of Buffalo, N. Y., encloses with
his wrapper a check for \$5 and scribbled
in pencil are the words:—"Nuff sed."
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sometimes on time. There are many who
consider that they have such a friend
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JAMAICAN PICTORIAL, 1 1/2d.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Law No. 8 of 1916 (Post Office (War
Tax) Law, 1916), assented to by H. E.
the Governor, Sir W. H. Manning, on
30th March, 1916, provided, inter alia,
that

"3.—From and after the commence-
ment of this Law (1st April, 1916), there
shall be paid to the Postmaster for the
use of the Government of this Island as
a special war tax, the following amounts
in addition to the amounts for the time
being payable under any Law, Rule, Con-
vention or Order.

(1)—On every letter and post card
addressed to the United Kingdom
or any of His Majesty's Colonies
or Dominions, 1/2d."

As there was no 1 1/2d stamp in the
then current series to care for the com-
bined letter rate and war tax, a cable
was sent to the Crown Agents requesting
that a supply of this value be sent out
at the earliest opportunity. These ar-
rived on June 21st, and were issued July
13th, being printed in brown orange (the
accepted color for this denomination in
the Crown Agents' color scheme) in the
King George (Nyasaland) type, from
plate 1, in sheets of 240 stamps, four
panes of 60. On Sept. 1, 1916, it was
issued overprinted WAR STAMP, in 2
lines of small caps (6-point), and in the
following March (1917) appeared with
the overprint in larger caps (8-point).

Late in 1917, it was known that the
authorities were considering replacing the
1 1/2d King George stamp with one of
pictorial nature, showing the departure
of the first Jamaican contingent for ser-
vice overseas. This was evolved by the
Postmaster for Jamaica (Mr. Ellis
Wolfe), inspired, in all probability, by
the 1 1/2d brown orange stamp issued in
February, 1901, by New Zealand, to com-
memorate the sending of a local contin-
gent to fight against the Boers in South
Africa.

A photograph of the departure of the
first Jamaican Contingent was sent to
De La Rue & Co., Ltd., by whom con-
siderable difficulty was experienced in
adapting it to a stamp design. It was
desired if possible that the stamp be in
the conventional size, but this was not
possible; neither could it be made to
suit the receipt size (used for the Queen's
Staircase stamps of Bahamas), and one
still larger became necessary.

On July 24, 1918, it was officially ad-
vised by the Colonial Secretariat that "a
new series of 1 1/2d war stamp is in
contemplation." In October, one who
saw the sketch sent out from London
pronounced it as being "very ugly." Finally, when the design was approved,
orange was found not to bring out the
vignette details, and green was selected;
the stamp being in such large size it
would not be confused with the 1/2d
Arms type. The initial order was for
three million stamps.

After the stamps had been in the is-

land for several months, the stock of the
1 1/2d King George (Nyasaland type)
stamp having sufficiently lowered, the
Official Gazette of July 3, 1919, announced
the new stamp for issue on July 4th,
but it was sold at Myers Wharf Post
Office (Kingston) and several country
offices on July 3rd.

"Stamp Office 27th June, 1919.

The following is a description of the
one penny halfpenny adhesive stamp to
be used for Postage and Revenue pur-
poses, which will be put into circulation
on the 4th day of July, 1919.

The design of the stamp is denoted by
a representation of the Jamaica Con-
tingent embarking; at the right corner
is a profile of King George the Fifth
surmounted by a crown, and underneath
the profile are the figures 1 1/2d. At the
left hand corner are printed the words
'Postage. Revenue,' while at the top
of the stamp is inscribed the word 'Jamaica,' as also the words 'One Penny
Half Penny.'

The stamp is printed on green paper.
(sic.)

Signed, GEO. S. THOMPSON,
Deputy Stamp Commissioner."

In form the stamp is a transverse
rectangle measuring 42x22mm, printed in
green, from line engraved plates of 40
subjects, 5 horizontal by 8 vertical, on
heavy white paper, watermarked multiple
Crown and CA sideways to the left. The
perforation (14) is by a machine per-
forating the bottom and sides of a hori-
zontal row of stamps at one operation;
only the upper margin of the sheet is
perforated through.

On a ribbon extending across the top
of the design is "Jamaica," below which
in a curved line, conforming to the
vignette opening, is the value in words
"One Penny Half Penny." The head of
King George in a crowned shield is at
the right, over a smaller shield bearing
the value, 1 1/2d. In the upper corner are
laurel leaves, and at the left, reading
upward, is "Postage. Revenue." At the
bottom is the vignette lettering "Con-
tingent embarking." All lettering is
colorless with the exception of the value
in numerals.

In the vignette is shown a portion of
the troop crowded decks of the trans-
port "Verdala," which conveyed to Eng-
land the first contingents from British
Honduras, Bahamas and Jamaica. On
November 4th, the Verdala sailed from
Belize, with the first British Honduras
contingent on board, arriving at King-
ston on November 8th. There the
first Jamaican and Bahamas contin-
gents embarked (the latter having come
down from Nassau some weeks pre-
viously), and on Tuesday afternoon, Nov.
9, 1915, the transport left the Royal Mail
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gents were sent by Jamaica, on Jan. 7th,
Mar. 16th and Sept. 30, 1916, respec-
tively—in all 12,000 men. These saw ser-
vice in France, Belgium and Italy, and in
Palestine, where they were brigaded
with the New Zealanders under General
Allenby.

Locally, the stamp was not received
with favor, both the size and design com-
ing in for much criticism. One thought
it looked "something like the Culebra
Cut, or an outdoor movie." A much bet-
ter appearing stamp would have resulted
had the "Verdala" been photographed
out in stream instead of at the wharf,
or a representation of the Contingent
marching down King Street from Vic-
toria Park, with the Public Buildings
and palms in the background.

A proposal to appropriately overprint
this stamp for sale on Peace Day (July
19, 1919), was looked upon with favor by
the Government, but nothing came of it.

The first and second consignments sent
out in 1919 were from a plate without
number; that received in November,
1919, from plates 1, 2 and 3, and the
unnumbered plate, while the March, 1920,
receipt contained sheets from these four
plates, and in addition plate 4.

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ginal line, with cross marks in the upper

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Though issued in 1919, it forms one of the pictorial series of 1920-22, and on February 2, 1921, it appeared on paper watermarked multiple Crown and script CA sideways to the left, from these five plates.

Normally, the watermark is positioned sideways to the left, but it is known in various positions, on both the Roman and script CA watermarked papers.

In December, 1921, the Crown Agents advised that "The execution of the order for 1½d Postage and Revenue stamps has required the manufacture and use of the following additional plates; i.e., 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12." Sheets from plates 5 to 8 inclusive have the numeral in the lower margin under the 3rd stamp of the lower row, in line with the register marking, and on those from plates 9 to 12 inclusive, it is under the same stamp but varies from 3 to 4mm to the left of the register marking.

In June, 1922, a further printing of 1½d stamps was made from the 13 plates in hand, and two new ones, 13 and 14, and these were issued in October, 1922. On sheets from the new plates the numeral is still to the left of the register marking, under the 3rd stamp of the lower row, but moved up a little more into the angle of the cross.

Having examined a number of sheets of the 1½d stamp while in Kingston in September, 1922, the writer is of the opinion that plates 5 and upwards are numbered at the top as well as at the bottom, the numeral at the top being inverted with respect to the stamp subjects, and generally lost in trimming the sheets before dispatch to the Colony.

The stamp being so much larger in size than others of the pictorial series (except the 6d Port Royal, issued December 5, 1922), continuous complaints were made by the local folks compelled to make use of it daily. In October, 1922, one of the *Gleaner's* correspondents wrote:—

"If the Government intends keeping the present Contingent stamp in use very much longer, they ought to make some arrangements with the stationers to put larger envelopes on the market, and subsidise them for doing so. After writing

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In the *Gazette* of August 2, 1923, appeared the following order revising inland postage rates, which became effective "from the date of publication thereof."

"No. 472. 31st July, 1923.

The following order made by the Governor in Privy Council, is hereby published for general information.

By Command,
 H. BRYAN,
 Colonial Secretary.

Pursuant to the power conferred on me by the Post Office Amendment Law, 1910, I, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Privy Council, do hereby order that the several rates of Inland Postage shall be those which are specified in Schedule "A" of the said Law, namely, as follows:—

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This order shall be operative from the date of publication thereof.

L. PROBYN,
 Governor in Privy Council."

1919-21. 1½d green, "Contingent embarking." Comb. perf. 14.

a. July 3, 1919. Watermarked multiple Crown and CA sideways to the left. Plates 1 to 4, and one unnumbered.

Watermark varieties,

to the left (normal).
 to the right.
 to the left, reversed.
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1920, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m	.15
1920, 1, 2, 5 piastres	.75
1921, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m	.15
1921, 1, 2, 5 piastres	.60
Trans-Jordan 1920, 26-32 comp.	.80
1920, 5 piastres	.70
Sts. Sett. 1912-4, 10c, No. 161	.35
1921-2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10c	.17
1922, 12c, No. 198	.10
St. Helena 1922, 1 1/2d, 3d, Cat. 72c	.40
1919, 1d-1d War	.10
Seychelles 1901, 3 on 10c, No. 29	.35
1901, 3 on 16c, No. 30	.40
1901, 3 on 36c, No. 31	.25
1901, 6 on 8c, No. 32	.25
1917-9, 3c, 6c	.12
1917-9, 15c, No. 81	.35
1917-9, 75c, No. 82	.38
1920, 5c, No. 85	.05
1920, 25c, No. 87	.12
1920, 50c, No. 88	.40
1921, 2, 3, 5, 6c	.16
1921, 12, 15c	.50
1921, 30, 45, 50c	.75
1922, 3c-20c, 6 var.	.35
Travancore 1920, 1 1/2c, No. 17	.06
1921, 1c on 4c, No. 18	.02
1911, On SSS, 4ch, No. 103	.08
1911, On SSS, 1 1/2ch, No. 107	.06

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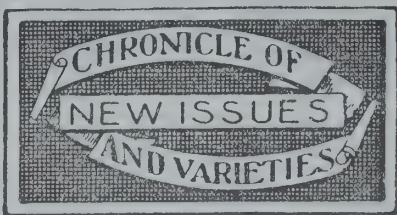
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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—On Monday, December 31, 1923, the new 2c endwise coil, perforated 10 horizontally, unwatermarked, design of 1923, was placed on sale at the Philatelic Stamp Agency in Washington. The new rotary plates for this variety, consisting of one hundred and fifty subjects, were listed in a previous Chronicle. Plates for the 1c endwise coil have also been completed and this stamp may be expected in short order. Mr. C. J. West thoughtfully sends me a cover from Washington posted with the new 2c coil on the first day while Mr. H. W. Porter kindly favors with a mint strip. To date we have had the 1c, 2c and 4c sidewise and the 2c endwise coil from the new 1923-1923 dies. Plates for the new 3c sidewise have also been made but it is not expected that this variety will be issued at this time for the department has a fair stock of the old variety on hand.

In a recent Chronicle mention was made of the fact that three of the earlier plates of the Harding Memorial stamp, namely, 14876, 14895 and 14896, had evidently not gone to press for impressions from these flat plates had not as yet been seen although dozens of the higher numbers had been located. I have recently found panes from these three sheets packed in combination with 14909, a number which also has been missing for some time. Because of their appearance together I am lead to believe that these four plates were put aside at the Bureau temporarily for some reason and that they were not finished until a later date.

Mr. Charles E. Carman sends a clipping from the New York World, dated Juneau, Alaska, December 22nd, stating that prominent Alaskan residents have started a movement to ask Congress for a special issue of either a postage stamp or coin to commemorate the completion of the Government railroad. It is argued that inasmuch as Congress printed a Panama Canal stamp the big project in Alaska deserves some recognition. Why not reissue the 3c, 1869, or the 2c, 1901? These both show a subject which would be appropriate and would give us a re-issue, something we have not had for a long time.

Speaking of reissues, the flood came in 1875, when all previous emissions were reissued for sale at the Centennial Exhibition held in Philadelphia during 1876. Why not more reissues for the Sesqui-Centennial to be held in the same city in 1926? Someone should arrange to show Washington how they could make use of the old dies held in the vaults at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing.

The daily press under date of December 10th, carried notice of the fact that the Secretary of the Treasury, A. W. Mellon, had offered to James L. Wilmet, former Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, his old position from which he had been summarily discharged by Executive order in March, 1922. Investigation made since the dismissal of a score or more employees

from the Bureau have shown that the charges given publicity at the time were without foundation. Mr. Wilmet declined reinstatement as head of the Bureau, expressed his gratification at the magnanimous action of the Secretary and states that the raw deal he and others received was not due to the Secretary, but to others.

In my notes of November 5th, mention was made of a number of changelings to be found in the case of the last two issues. Prof. James Lewis Howe, of the Department of Chemistry, of Washington and Lee University, now sends quite a few new changelings for my reference collection, the result of using hydrochloric acid in some cases and hydrogen sulfide in others. A 1c green has been changed into a beautiful light blue while the old 6c and 30c now take on the brown of the 4c. The new 10c changes to an olive brown while the 9c takes on a lake tinge that I have seen offered as a shade variety.

Prof. Howe touches another subject dear to the heart of the collector. How to distinguish watermarks? Personally I use carbona and have for some little time. I have never ruined a stamp but I was not sure that time might be an agent and that the carbona would get in its good work years after a stamp had been mounted. Prof. Howe writes, "I doubt if any of the colors used on U. S. stamps are soluble in carbona: some of the foreign, especially the anilin colors should be. In general I think benzene (C₆H₆, "coal-tar benzene," "benzol") as good and safer. I doubt if this will affect any stamps.

Many years ago I ruined quite a number of stamps by hinges which contained alkali; these included a set of Executives, and some Heligoland stamps. Happily most of the colors used on stamps are pretty fast to re-agents. No violets seem to stand light. I have tried in vain to make a changeling of our 2c stamp; it is a wonderfully fast cover."

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.—President Masaryk again figures on a series of four values, but the portrait of the veteran statesman is a more up-to-date rendering than that on the 1920 series. The stamps show a hand-struck control on back—an interlaced C P S—probably "Posta Czecho-Slovakia."

50k green. 200k blue.
100k carmine. 300k brown.
—Philatelic Magazine.

DANTZIG.—There is another air post series from here, small oblong format, showing two planes in flight within a posthorn. Two of the series of four were surcharged to supply higher denominations prior to being issued for use. 250,000m red; 500,000m red; 2 Million on 100,000m red, and 5 Million on 50,000m red.

For the present there are to be no more soaring values here as the State has returned to more or less normal conditions and has adopted a new gold currency—the gulden being equal to about 10d. Messrs. Whitfield King send us specimens of the new provisionals based on this change, and which are on the small upright Arms type. They are: 5pf on 50m, 10pf on 50m, 20pf on 100m, 25pf on 50m, 30pf on 50m, 40pf on 100m, 50pf on 100m and 75pf on 100m.

Values of 1, 2, 3 and 5 gulden are to follow shortly.—Philatelic Magazine.

EGYPT.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 15m, blue King Huad type on chalky surfaced paper watermarked multiple Crescent and Star.

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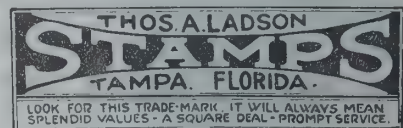
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126 2p yellow, single .06; block .28
127 2 1/2p blue, single .14
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PORTUGAL.—The recently issued 40c dark blue of the current series will not be reprinted—only 50,000 were issued. Messrs. Whitfield King sends us a new value for the current series: 20c deep green.—Philatelic Magazine.

RUSSIA.—Our Russian correspondent, Mr. George White, tells us that the post-office is now being run on a gold currency basis, and new stamps have been issued.

1 kop. Zolotom (of gold), chrome yellow (Worker).
3 kop. Zolotom (of gold), light red (Soldier).
4 kop. Zolotom (of gold), rose (Worker).
6 kop. Zolotom (of gold), pale blue (Peasant).

10 kop. Zolotom (of gold), dp. blue (Soldier).

The stamps are issued imperforate, and are badly printed. The designs are similar to the rouble issue but bear the inscription below the design, "C.C.C.P." in place of "P.C.&C.P."—The Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. The old stamps are still current, and will continue so till the end of the year, when it is intended to replace the currency entirely by one on the gold basis of the Chervonetz. The Chervonetz equals 10 gold roubles and is at present the lowest denomination in the new currency, which maintains its favourable exchange over the £. At present the rate of exchange is 6,500 roubles to the Chervonetz, and less than 6,000 to the £.

The new postal rates are as follows:—Inland letters, 6 kop=today 39r.

Foreign letters, 20 kop=today 13or.

Foreign postcards, 12 kop=today 78r.

Thus the foreign letter rate is double the pre-war cost.

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These "don'ts" MUST be heeded.

THE MANAGING EDITOR

AUTOMATIC POSTAL FRANKING.

By ALBERT H. HARRIS.

A good deal of uncertainty appears to exist as to the position and functions of the Postage Meter Frank stamps, the use of which was sanctioned by the Postmaster-General in 1922 (vide P. M. 21/10/22, p. 535).

It should be understood that the machines are not supplied by the Post Office, but by one of three firms, the Postage Meters and Machines Co. (Pitney-Bowes), the Universal Postal Frankers Ltd., and the International, the two last being associated. All three firms have supplied the British and U. S. A. Postal Authorities with cancelling machines for the past twelve years, and although the franking system is an innovation in this

versal Postal Franker was established at the Philatelic Magazine Stall during the International Stamp Exhibition in May, and here letters were posted which bore the frank-stamp No. 1, with date and LONDON, S. W. I. The number "1" indicated that this was the first machine registered for use in the London, S. W. I. district. Referring to this, the November *Stamp Lover* says: "Unfortunately, it appeared to be impossible to get both the postal franker impression and the special Exhibition postmark on one envelope, as the letters posted at the Stall had to be taken direct to the South western District Office, tied in bundles so as to comply with the regulations, and so did not pass through the Exhibition Post Office."

Now, this statement is inaccurate and

far as the Universal machine is concerned. The whole is done in one operation, and the one meter is universal for all values. This, however, is not the case with Pitney-Bowes machine.

Quite a number of those interested in stamps have been rather scared by the Postal Franker idea, and a slogan, "Abolish Stamps and Save Labour by using a Postage Meter," has increased this fear. It must be remembered, however, that the machines will no more replace stamps than the petrol-driven vehicle has ousted horse-power. Large firms and mail-order businesses will adopt the machines in the same way that many firms have established the commercial motor in place of the horse-drawn means of transit. This phase in the use of frank-



Types of Franks under Consideration.

country it has been used for some time in New Zealand and the U. S. A.

The Pitney-Bowes machine has only one form of "indicia," or impression, and this has not varied since their first introduction, whereas the Postal Frankers are using several types, and the statements which have appeared in the philatelic press to the effect that the "indicia" have been changed are inaccurate.

One type of Postal Franker uses entirely red ink for the "indicia" and the postmark, another type prints the stamp in red and the postmark in black. The same applies to the system of dating. Roman numerals are not obligatory—only in some cases.

Regular readers will recall that a Uni-

misleading. Correspondence passed through the machine needs no further cancellation of any kind. The frank and cancellation are combined. (This is one of the strong points in favour of the machine, as the letters go direct to the sorter and do not pass through the initial stage of the cancelling section of the Post Office.) Letters franked at our Stall did go through the Exhibition Post Office (the present writer handed in many of the bundles himself) but being cancelled at our Stall, of course no second cancellation was applied. Again there is no obligation to do up letters in bundles except when there are over twenty. Further, the statement that the machines impress the frank and the date in two operations is quite erroneous so

ing machines brings us to an interesting point, and from the illustrations given here it will be seen that the Universal Postal Frankers intend to preserve the artistic value of their franks, while offering the saving of time and labour which must always appeal to large business concerns.

We are privileged to illustrate on this page for the first time some additions to the designs given in our issue above quoted. It must be understood that while these are contemplated designs they have not yet been adopted, and are therefore, for the present, in the category of "essays."

We hope to be able to impart some further interesting news on this subject in an early issue.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

PARAGUAY "PLANT" AT BUENOS AIRES.

Upon invitation by the Chief Post Office Inspector, Washington, the following letter (with exhibits) was forwarded by registered mail December 14, 1923: The Chief Post Office Inspector, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sir:—

The American Stamp Dealers' Association, Inc., invites your serious attention to the accompanying report concerning the fraudulent operations of an individual (possibly more than one) who has been located in the Argentine Republic since (to our knowledge) 1915, and is at present at Buenos Aires.

As the fraudulent operations are being executed from a foreign country, the schemer (or schemers) depending solely upon the international mails for the success of their ulterior project, we ask that this report be officially brought to the attention of the Argentine Republic postal authorities thru the agency of your office.

Our report, so far as essential details are concerned, follows:

During the past three months hundreds of the stamp dealers of the world have received, *Unsolicited*, a consignment of alleged stamps of Paraguay, six values, these consignments being billed at from \$18.00 to \$250.00—according to the business status and prestige of the recipient.

These shipments of alleged postage stamps were sent by registered mail from Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic, by a so-called James Collins, who gave his address as Brandzen 318, Quilmes, Republica Argentina.

After intensive investigation by the undersigned, assisted by certain members of our organization, this Association makes the direct charge that the so-called James Collins is none other than an individual formerly known as P. V. Hiordan and C. P. Mego, and possibly

known as Frank Warner, M. Rachitoff and Luis Gomez—all of Buenos Aires or adjacent localities.

This Association also makes the direct charge that the alleged postage stamps of Paraguay, shipped out by Collins, are fraudulent—being out-and-out fakes.

In connection with this report we submit the following exhibits:

(a) Registered package, as sent out by the so-called James Collins to one of the A. S. D. A. members. This exhibit includes a typed letter with rubber stamp signature; a bill for 50 sets of Paraguayan postage stamps, alleged 1923 issue, amount of bill being \$90.00 net; a circular quoting prices on the fake Paraguayan issue, the 1921 Argentine Republic issue of four stamps, and the 1922 Uruguayan issue of three stamps; a circular soliciting stamp exchange relations; a circular soliciting approval selections of stamps; five (5) sets of the fake Paraguayan stamps, and the registered cover showing mailing date of September 21, 1923, at Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

(b) Marked copies of the A. S. D. A. Bulletin, Nos. 421, 423 and 425.

(c) Written signatures of P. V. Hiordan, C. P. Mego, and James Collins. Also a manuscript letter written by P. V. Hiordan.

(d) List of stamp dealers who have filed complaints in the past, alleging fraudulent operations by Hiordan, Mego, Warner, or Collins.

(e) Printed "Black List" issued in Europe, in 1921, containing names of Hiordan and Mego.

(f) Letter from foreign member of A. S. D. A., stating that the "Bolsa Filatelica," Corrientes 489, Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic, also is sending out, *Unsolicited*, on approval, these fake Paraguayan stamps.

(g) Printed sheet showing that one

Luis Gomez is proprietor of the "Bolsa Filatelica," at Buenos Aires.

(h) Bank letter quoting the exchange value of the Paraguayan peso at eight cents, U. S. A.

(i) Registered envelope sent out by C. P. Mego in 1920, with "P. V. H." (Jordan) seal on back.

(j) Envelope sent thru the mails, showing that P. V. Hiordan was operating at Puerto la Plata, Republica Argentina, in 1915.

This writer, having been associated with the American Stamp Dealers' Association for a number of years, has made a special study of the Hiordan-Mego-Warner-Rachitoff-Collins-Gomez case; special effort has been made to accumulate specimens of handwriting pertaining to these names, and as a result of this accumulation and consequent comparison the confidential reports printed in A. S. D. A. Bulletins Nos. 421, 423 and 425 were authorized and distributed to our members.

Summarizing this case, we learn that efforts have been made—and still are being made—to victimize stamp dealers in all parts of the world. We are getting reports from our most distant members, and from these reports we can estimate in a material way the real activities of this crook (or crooks), using Buenos Aires as a base of operations.

The question with us is, will they escape the legal penalty which surely awaits them if caught? Surely, the Paraguayan government (to whose representative we have submitted material evidence) will be interested in apprehending the offender; and, surely, the Argentine government (to whose representative we also sent material evidence) will endeavor to stop these fraudulent operations, effectively, when the matter has been investigated and found as charged.

This Association will continue its publicity of the matter for some time to

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Respectfully submitted,
American Stamp Dealers' Association,
Inc.,
By (Sgd) W. F. SLUSSER, Secretary.
Incl's—as stated.

Sample sets of these fake stamps will be sent to A. S. D. A. members on receipt of request, accompanied by addressed and stamped envelope.

In order to give this matter the greatest publicity, and to do all in our power to effectively check the fraudulent operations of philatelic crooks at Buenos Aires and vicinity, the matter contained in A. S. D. A. *Bulletins* Nos. 421, 423, 425 and 427 pertaining to P. V. Hiordan, C. P. Mego, Frank Warner, M. Rachitoff, Luis Gomez, "Bolsa Filatelica," and James Collins, as well as the charge that the 1923 Paraguayan postage stamps, six values, as sent out by Collins, et al., are fakes, such matter is hereby released for publicity purposes, effective December 20, 1923.

P. V. Hiordan was in evidence in Puerto la Plata, Argentina, Aug. 19, 1915.

He still was there in September, 1916. In January, 1917, some 30 complaints had been filed against Hiordan.

During March, 1917, still further complaints were listed against Hiordan.

In December, 1917, a philatelic paper at Buenos Aires reported that they had received some forty complaints against Hiordan.

In June, 1920, C. P. Mego was indexed as a fraud, and since that time we have received many miscellaneous complaints against Hiordan, Mego, Warner, Matincheff and Collins. It is clear that the

names complained of should be indexed in the following order, viz.: Hiordan, Mego, Warner, Matincheff and Collins. Gomez advertised himself as the proprietor of the "Bolsa Filatelica," and we have evidence that the latter concern is sending out consignments of the fake stamps. This brings Gomez into the circle—and Gomez has been in Buenos Aires for many years. *We need a specimen of Gomez's handwriting.*

Somewhere in South America is a reputable stamp man by the name of Marcos Rachitoff, but the one we refer to was located at Florida, 377, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and that is the exact address given by Luis E. Gomez, and the Casa ("Bolsa") Filatelica, in November, 1920. The handwriting of this Matincheff, of Hiordan, of Mego, and of Collins are reported to be the same. We desire very much to see a specimen of the handwriting of Gomez.

We have seen Collins' letter written in French, accompanying the shipments of fake stamps sent to Belgium and France.

We have a complete set of inverts of the fake stamps; the catalog chroniclers seem to have missed all but one of these. Here is what Collins says about the inverts:

"I send more of the Paraguayan stamps which you ask for at 10% over face value, and trust that they will please; also the whole set inverted, of which only one sheet of each is known. It would be pretty hard to get these used, as the Government tried to call them in as soon as the errors were known to be in evidence."

Collins neglects no opportunity to stress the fact that these stamps have been listed by the standard catalogues of the world.

The A. S. D. A., has addressed letters to the following:

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Manuel Hidalgo, Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic. (A. P. S. member).

As long as we are on this subject, members of the A. S. D. A., who have complaints against anyone in the Argentine Republic had best file their evidence with the A. S. D. A. secretary. It does not take much of this evidence to find out how much two and two amount to. —A. S. D. A. *Bulletin*.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

The 4d and 5d Kangaroos.

By A. H. DAVIS.

CURRENCY.

Owing to their short lives, abruptly terminated by the appearance of King's Head stamps for both values in January and February, 1915, respectively, the 4d and 5d stamps are among the scarcest of the low value Kangaroos. The 5d first appeared in January, 1913, and the 4d in the following month.

As the precise dates of issue happen to be known of these two values, they may be of interest. The 5d was delivered to the Stamp Distributer on January 16, 1913, but that happening to be a Saturday they were not actually issued until January 18, 1913, in Victoria. They appeared during the same month in New South Wales. The 4d Kangaroo first saw the light of day—in a post-office—in the small island state of Tasmania on February 12, 1913. They were issued in Victoria on the 15th and in New South Wales on the 19th of the same month. Thus these two species of Kangaroo averaged barely two years, the brown Kangaroo living a little longer, but the orange one not quite so long.

PRINTING.

Both denominations were printed by the normal method for medium values of Australian Commonwealth stamps, by a vertically double plate, printing 240 designs at an impression. Both upper and lower halves of the full plate had coloured border lines around 120 stamps, divided by a vertical gutter with a double-line into two panes of sixty each; but, whereas the lower half of both had the Cooke monograms at foot under the border line, these are absent from the upper half sheet (commonly called "sheet").

There is a peculiarity about the monograms on these values—a peculiarity shared by the 2½d and 3d of the same series—in that Mr. Cooke's initials, "J B C," appear first under the third stamp from left and the AC monogram to the right, the reverse arrangement being normal in Kangaroo stamps.

PAPER, WATERMARK, AND PERFORATION. The 4d and 5d values are both usually found on the thinnish white wove usual for first wmk. Kangaroo, but both can be found on paper slightly thicker.

Both are known bearing only the first watermark; indeed, the date of their demise precludes there being any other. Both have been diligently looked for with inverted or sideways wmk.—in both cases without result, and, as the number extant of both is limited, it hardly seems likely such will ever be discovered now.

Neither have been seen with double or other freak perforations, though, of course, both are well known with the official punctures (perforated letters). And the 4d value is known with rough perforation, almost blind, in addition to the ordinary clean-cut one.

SHADES OF THE 4D.

Here we are up against a vexed question. Our experience is that the colour of the 4d Kangaroo varies from a rich red-orange by slight gradations to orange and yellow-orange, and finally to orange-yellow. But the English cata-

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logues list a yellow stamp. Gibbons list two shades—orange and yellow. We had always taken the latter to signify the orange-yellow shade; indeed the price (5s mint, 2s used) seems to support this contention, for if there be a yellow variety extant it must be mighty scarce. But Messrs. Bright, in their new British Empire Catalogue, without pricing it mint, list "yellow" in addition to two others: orange and orange-yellow.

The only yellow copies of this stamp we have seen have been "fades." That, of course, is no proof that the genuine colour does not exist. and if any reader has in his possession an undoubted specimen of this stamp in a pure yellow colour, he would confer an obligation on the writer by submitting it to him for inspection. Mr. Alec Rosenblum does not mention such a stamp in his Handbook on Australian Commonwealth stamps, neither is it listed in Hagen's Australasian catalogue.

VARIETIES OF THE 4D.

The only flaws noticed by us have been thick lettering and an extra dab of colour beside the value circle. These, however, are more likely due to excess of ink than to any flaw in the plate.

SHADES OF THE 5D.

The English catalogues give this value in one colour only—chestnut—but Messrs. Fred. Hagen, in their Australasian catalogue, give two, viz., pale and deep chestnut, and we think they are justified. Indeed, there seems to us yet another shade, which we should describe as reddish-brown. This is evidently a late printing. One piece in our possession we find marked "March, 1915," the date of purchase at a post-office, this being when this value was nominally obsolete.

Indeed, there seem to have been two distinct printings of this stamp. In the first and better known (chestnut) the lines of shading are fine but shaky: in the latter printing, often on stouter paper, the lines of shading are coarse but firm. In fact, the design generally is more decided, as if in printing it had been subjected to greater pressure.

VARIETIES OF THE 5D.

Examples of the first printing are known with blurred impression. This varies considerably in degree. We have in front of us a block of four that must be unique in this respect and has been described as "printed from woodblock."

But Caxton himself would probably have been too ashamed to have owned it had it proceeded from his press. The words "Australia" and "Postage" stand out as white letters on a solid blotch of colour, and the long wash of the Australian seas is seen breaking all round on the coastline of the map, whilst the poor old Kangaroo has so much fur on him—only his eyes showing out whitely—that one might well believe he had prepared himself to set out on an expedition to the frozen South.

This bizarre example of the printer's art was probably more due to defective printing than to any flaw in the plate, and, though this may have become more or less worn, the fine lines of shading are as fine as ever. There seems to be no ground for supposing any Commonwealth stamps have ever been lithographed; if they were, this might have been a bad sample of printing from stone.

The only flaws noticed have been defects in the frame lines, and those small. One slight flaw observable on many of these stamps has Port Phillip Bay, underneath the Kangaroo's tail, in solid colour instead of outline, as if to stress the place on the map where the erstwhile Federal capital city of Melbourne lies.—*Stamp Collecting*.

THE KEMALIST ISSUES OF TURKEY.

By STANLEY PHILLIPS.

The stamps issued by authority of the Turkish National Assembly at Angora during the years when it ruled a large part of Turkey in Asia, but had not yet become the *de facto* Government of Turkey as a whole, are of great historical and philatelic interest. They are witnesses to the growth of the Nationalist movement, and their replacement by the new Star and Crescent type for the whole of Turkey is evidence of its success, so far as the promoters of the movement are concerned, whatever may be its results for Europe and the world at large.

That little has been written about these issues in the pages of *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular* does not imply that we have at any time been doubtful of their status, but detailed information has been hard to come by, while comparatively few of the stamps themselves have reached this country, where the majority of collectors do not realise how philatelically interesting they are, or how rare some of the varieties are likely to become. At the same time a word of warning is necessary, as there are a certain number of forgeries in existence, and the quantity is likely to increase with the growing popularity of the stamps. We have, therefore, contented ourselves with noting such information as came our way, realising that its publication piecemeal could only result in confusing the collector, and it is only recently, when we have been privileged to inspect the collections formed by several naval and military readers back from service in the Near East, that we have been enabled to compile anything like a complete list. This article is, therefore, a summary of information gathered by the kind help of Lieut.-Commander F. W. Glead, R. N., Major R. W. Brierley, and Lieut. D. M. J. Murray, all of whom have been generous in their assistance and in the loan of collections, and specimens for illustration. Even now, our list must be regarded as tentative only, and we shall welcome any further information our readers can give with a view to its improvement.

Those who are inclined to consider all the post-war issues of New Europe and the Near East as rubbish, will perhaps be tempted to include the stamps of the Kemalist regime under the same definition, but we say without hesitation that in this, as in many other instances, they will be making a serious mistake. The Angora Government, though it did not achieve immediate recognition, was the *de facto* government of all unoccupied Turkey in Asia, and no doubt had the support of many patriotic Turks in Europe. Ruling a large territory, it naturally had to make some effort to keep the postal services running, and when, cut off from Constantinople supplies, there came a shortage of the ordinary postage stamps of the Central Government, Angora had to supply the deficiency. Taking into account the shortage of material and lack of facilities for obtaining new stamps, the number of provisionals issued was not excessive, and their non-speculative character (with possible exceptions to be mentioned later) is proved by the fact that they are found regularly franking the ordinary correspondence of the country, while unlike issues which have "philatelic" interests behind them, the market has not been flooded with them, and even in Constantinople many of them have been hard to obtain.

At first, the stamps in use in the territory under Nationalist control were those of the Central Government which happened to be in stock at the various post-offices, and with dated postmarks showing use in this territory they form an interesting introduction to the Kemalist issues proper. These latter, however, were only supplementary to existing stocks, and the issues of both Governments may be found in concurrent use throughout the period under review. It is stated that the Kemalist stamps were more often used for internal correspondence, those of the older issues being employed for franking letters sent abroad.

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piastres, this being the current rate for internal correspondence, while there was no stamp of this denomination available. The 2, 4, and 6 paras of the 1913 pictorial issue of Turkey, and the 2 paras, violet (Turkish artillery), of the war period, were therefore surcharged with a faint Turkish inscription in twolines, reading "ANGORA 3 PIASTRES." There are two types of the first (right hand) Turkish character in "Piastres," in one of which the upper portion is disjointed, while in the other it is run on to the lower portion. All four values are known with surcharge inverted, the 6 paras being scarce. Lieut.-Commander Glead gives the numbers surcharged as:—
3 pi on 2 par. (1913), 135,000
3 pi on 4 par. " 14,000
3 pi on 6 par. " 2,600
3 pi on 2 par. (Artillery), 135,000
Stamps with missing or broken characters in the surcharge are also known.

Though, according to our information, the issue next to be described was not the next in chronological order, we deal with it here for convenience, as it is linked with that which we have just described. It consists in the application of a bolder Turkish surcharge in three lines, reading, "POST PIASTRES 3." Apparently the small surcharge previously applied was not sufficiently clear, in fact it is often invisible on the dark blue of the 6 paras stamp, so we find the stamps with the small surcharge resurcharged with the new type in black or red. On the 2 paras, Artillery, it is sideways, either to left or right. The black ink used for this surcharge is of the same character as that used for the "CILICIE" overprints on Turkish stamps and runs through to the back of the stamps. As a result of some stamps in the sheet lacking the second surcharge, pairs may be found of the 3 paras on 2 paras and 3 paras on 4 paras, 1913, in which one stamp has the first surcharge only, while the other has both surcharges.

Followed the new surcharge on the same stamps but without the previous surcharge. A Turkish dealer's list shows two types of the Turkish figure "3," one of which has the downstroke very short. This variety is found on all stamps in the two lowest horizontal rows of the sheet. *L'Echangiste Universel* mentions the 3 piastres on 6 paras with black overprint inverted.

Stocks of postage stamps being insufficient to meet requirements, the various Turkish Fiscal stamps on hand were collected and surcharged "OSMANLI POSTALARI 1336" (Turkish Post, 1920), and were thus made available for postage, the original face value remaining unchanged. This surcharge was hand-stamped in black, and two types are found. In the first the surcharge is

20mm. long, and the character resembling a circumflex accent is above the right-hand "3" of the date, while in the other it is nearly 23mm. long, and the character is above the left-hand "3." Lieut.-Commander Glead mentions a third type, length 23mm, but with the character placed as in the 20mm type. For details of the stamps overprinted, readers are referred to the check list. Of the 1 piastre, blue, Ministry of Justice, he states that only 200 were overprinted, and we do not remember seeing this stamp in other collections, which tends to confirm its rarity. The 2 piastres, Passport stamp, is also hard to get. The same informant states that there were only 199 of the latter, most of which were burnt by the Greeks after capturing Bozeyuk.

The following year, various Fiscal stamps received a machine-printed overprint, equivalent to "TURKISH POST 1337" (1921). We have seen collections in which six types of this overprint are distinguished. Our above-quoted informant distinguishes four, differing in the length and characters of the right-hand group (signifying "post"). The position of the three dots above this group also varies. A similar overprint was next applied to stamps hitherto used for collecting the Hejaz Railway tax. The original face value of these stamps was 1 piastre, but their value at the time of receiving the Kemalist overprint was indicated by a surcharge, varying for each value.

The definitive series, ordered in Italy so far back as 1920, did not arrive until 1922. The 1 piastre, blue, belongs to a set in the same type, the other values of which have not been issued, except with the Adana overprint. This pictorial series was succeeded, or supplemented, by another, consisting of six low values in a new type, showing (I believe) the National Assembly building at Angora.

By the treaty made with the Angora Government, the French handed back Adana (Cilicia) to the Turks, and this was made the occasion for what may be regarded as a not strictly necessary issue, certain postage and postage due stamps being overprinted "ADANA, DECEMBER 1st, 1921."

In the frankly unnecessary class stands a set of six values (the "Lighthouse," 10 paras, of Turkey, and the 20 paras, and 1, 2, 5, and 10 piastres of the Angora pictorials), overprinted in red to commemorate the Smyrna Economic Congress February 27, 1923. These may well be left alone.

An air-post rarity which is not often seen is the 5 piastres on 2 paras (Artillery), hand-stamped when on the envelope with the Turkish equivalent of "Adalia, Souvenir, Air Post, 1.5.39."

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By H. W. MOFFAT.

When a collector tells me that he has got a fine collection of 1870 Balloon Post specimens I listen respectfully. I used to say the same thing myself. I now realise that I had only collected a very few common genuine pieces together with a lot of dubious material and had actually, as a collector, only touched the veriest outside fringe of the 1870 Balloon Post.

In this article I shall attempt to give some details of the 1870 Balloon Post which may be unknown to the average Air Post collector, and before I go any further let me say that I am indebted to that great authority on the 1870 Balloon Post, Dr. Morel, for most of the matter concerning the Balloon Post from Metz.

Dr. Morel has written numerous articles on the Paris and Metz Balloon Posts and has been kind enough to give me salient particulars and also forwarded to me specimens—especially of the Metz Balloon Post—to enable me to give readers some idea of what the real rarities of the 1870 Balloon Post are.

PARIS BALLOON POST 1870.

Paris was invested on the 21st September, 1870, and by then the French Government had moved to Bordeaux. Naturally there immediately arose the problem of commercial and official communication with uninvaded France. Almost at once steps were taken to open up communication with the outside world. What one might call a semi-official venture in Air Postage was made on Sept. 23, 1870, when the balloon "Neptune" made the first ascent. It was followed on Sept. 25th by the "Ville de Florence," which carried two passengers and some 300 lbs. of postage matter. Both these balloons succeeded in getting beyond the enemy's lines.

Stimulated by these initial successes, an official balloon service was started by "decreet of 26th Sept., 1870." It was intended in the first instance to send up "Ballons Montés," i.e., balloons with a pilot, for conveyance of passengers, letters and newspapers, and "Ballons non Montés," i.e., without a pilot, to carry postcards, etc. Naturally, the "ballons non montés" stood a great risk of falling into enemy hands, as the balloon was at the mercy of any air current. Many of the early "ballon monté" flights can be identified by the special cachet on the back of the envelope giving the name of the balloon and, often as not, the name of the pilot. This practice does not appear to have lasted very long. Such envelopes, bearing the name of the balloon and name of pilot, are naturally more valuable than those without.

In connection with these named balloon flights, it is interesting to record that one "ballon monté," the "Ville d'Orléans," eventually landed in Norway after an adventurous flight of some 1,348 miles.

Other "ballon montés" had their tribulations. Some were secured by the Germans, and two, of which the "Richard Wallace" was one, fell into the sea. The mail was recovered.

All told, some 240 passengers were carried out of Paris by the "ballons montés," together with 20,000 lbs. of letters and official documents. Sixty-six "ballon monté" ascents accomplished this.

There was only one "ballon non monté" service, and that took place on Sept. 30, 1870. The little balloon fell in

the German lines and only such correspondence as was perfectly harmless ever reached the addressees. No further attempt was made with "ballons non montés." On the other hand, correspondence written on "ballon non monté" cards still occasionally occurred, but it was invariably carried in a "ballon monté." Such pieces are very rare.

As regards the "ballon monté" official envelopes, the first was issued under the authority of the Minister of Finance.

It bears in the top centre the arms of the Republic. On the top left the words "Minister of Finance," on the top right "Par Balloon Monté." I believe I am correct in saying that no authentic "flown" copy of this envelope exists. The next issue was one bearing the Republican arms in the top centre. On the top left were the words "Par Balloon Monté" with, below them, "Décret du 26 Sept., 1870." On the top right were printed the postal rates.

The "ballon non monté" cards had the Republican arms in the top centre, "Par Balloon Non Monté" on the top left and a warning as to irregular correspondence on the top right. All round the card were sentences in French and German of the propaganda variety.

The official type of letter or card was not obligatory so long as the public conformed to the regulations as regards weight and size. The inscription "Par Balloon Monté" or "Par Balloon non Monté" could be in script or printed. The public never took kindly to the official letters or cards and their issue soon ceased. I have before me, as I write this, one of Dr. Morel's specimens of the "ballon non monté" cards which was carried by "ballon monté." This card is a plain unofficial white one with just the words "Par Balloon non Monté" printed in block letters at the top.

The third class of postage matter carried by "Ballon Monté" was newspapers.

Of the newspapers transmitted by "Ballon Monté," the best known is *La Gazette des Absents*. This amounted to a newspaper and a letter combined, as only half was printed on, the remainder being left blank for private correspondence. In Gt. Britain the name "Lettre Journal" has become distinctive to this particular news sheet, but it may come as a surprise to some to know that there were numerous other periodicals despatched by the "Ballon Monté." For example, the *Petit Journal* sent out 43 issues by balloon. Another journal (a siege one), the *Ballon Poste*, sent out 25 issues. The *Dépêche Ballon* sent out 28 issues. In all, some 22 different Paris papers were, at one time or another, sent by "ballon monté." The *Gazette des Absents*, the best known of the actual siege journals, had 43 issues but, of these, only the first 33 issues were sent out by means of "ballons montés."

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On the Balloon Post of Metz Dr. Morel writes to me as follows:—"The balloons of Metz were either of paper or silk and of very small dimensions. They were inflated by ordinary illuminating gas. To these small balloons a little package, containing the mails, was attached. Occasionally these balloons carried, in addition to the bag of correspondence, some homing pigeons, but so far as can be traced the balloons which carried them were all unlucky and either fell in German lines or were shot down by the Germans."

The following was the notice posted up in Metz, by Gen. Coffinières, the Governor, on the subject of the regulations for the Metz Balloon Post:—

"For those who want to take advantage of the Balloon Post letters must be written on tissue paper, the address on one side, and must not exceed 10 centimetres long by 5 centimetres broad. All those letters which do not fulfil these conditions, and also those containing news other than purely personal, will be suppressed. Those desirous of seeing the official specimen of the letter permitted can do so upon the post box at their municipal head office."

These diminutive and flimsy little carriers of good or ill news were aptly called the "Papillons de Metz." Trust the French to find the apt and descriptive title. These little "Papillons" were not franked nor did they carry the date of official departure from Metz. The filled bag of letters then had a label attached to it to the effect that the finder of the balloon, on delivering the bag to the nearest post office would be rewarded with 100 francs. Then the balloon was set free and the rest of the story depended on the air currents. If found and handed over to the French postal authorities the latter either forwarded the letters, as found, or else put them in a cover. In the latter case the post-office copied the address, adding "Dépêche Aérostatique" or "Poste Aérostatique." Sometimes they were stamped with the postmark of the office or the mark "PP" (post payé). Stamps were never affixed by the postal authorities. About half the letters sent from Metz reached their destination, the balloons having come to ground on unoccupied French Territory. A large number fell either in Switzerland, Germany, the Duchy of Luxembourg, or were shot down by the Germans.

These pieces are very rare, as by reason of their extreme fragility most of them have perished. Their value is about 600 to 800 francs. Their exact size is exactly 95mmx44mm. When you consider that it was of tissue paper you will appreciate that its existence was of short duration, and therefore the supply on the market is very limited and not always authentic at that.

The address was written on one side and the communication on the other.

For many of my facts—and especially as regards the Balloon Post of Metz—I am, as I said before, indebted to Dr. Morel. If I have used this learned gentleman's name freely it is because one can quote no better authority. —*Philatelic Magazine*.

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*Corea, 1885, 10m	2 .20 .40
*Crete, 1899, 20pa	5 .08 .15
*Cuba, 1898, 4m	159 .15 .30
* 1898, 5c	165 .18 .30
* 1898, 6c	166 .15 .20
* 1898, 20c	170 .30 .30
* 1898, 80c	173 1.25 1.25
* 1898, 1 Peso	174 2.00 1.50
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Dutch Indies, 1892-94, 50c 29	29 .05 .08
Ecuador, 1908, 1c	174 .05 .10
*Egypt, 1892, Off'l	401 .08 .12
* 1907, 1m	402 .04 .10
* 1907, 2m	403 .06 .15
* 1907, 3m	404 .10 .25
* 1909, 5m	409 .20 .50
Flume, 1919, 2c Triangle	673 .03 .06
France, 1900, 5 Franc	122 .10 .25
Germany, 1906, Off. Marocco, 3c	33 .10 .20
* 1911, Off. Marocco, 3c	45 .02 .06
* 1911, Off. Marocco, 5c	46 .03 .08
* 1911, Off. Marocco, 10c	47 .06 .20
*Guatemala, 1886, 25c on 1p 26	26 .06 .12
* 1886, 50c on 1p	67 .06 .12
* 1897, 10c	81 .05 .10
* 1913, 1c on 50c	151 .05 .08
*Hayti, 1896, 3c	40 .05 .12
* 1896, 7c	42 .06 .15
* 1898, 2c	47 .05 .12
* 1898, 5c	49 .08 .20
* 1906, 3c	139 .04 .08
* 1915-16, 5c	223 .10 .25
*Honduras, 1898, 1c	103 .03 .05
* 1898, 5c	105 .05 .08
* 1903, 6c	114 .05 .10
* 1903, 1 Peso	118 .20 .40
*India, Jhind, 1907, 1/2a	226 .25 .50
Malta, 1901, 1f	19 .03 .08
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1918, 1c	204 .06 .15
1918, 3c	205 .18 .45
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1919, 1/2p	104 .05 .12
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1918-19, 1/2p	153 .10 .25
1919, 1 1/2 on 2 1/2p	155 .15 .40
German E. Africa, 1916, 1p 202	202 .50 1.25
Gibraltar, 1918, 1/2p	151 .10 .25
Gilbert & Ellice, 1918, 1p	101 .08 .25
Jamaica, 1916, 1/2p	304 .08 .20
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*Guadeloupe, 1917, 15c+5c	152 .12 .30
*Indo-China, 1914, 10c+5c	301 .20 .50
* 1915-17, 15c+5c	304 .15 .35
*Madagascar, 1915, 10c+5c	191 .08 .20
*Mauritania, 1918, 15c+5c	92 .10 .25
*Monaco, 1914, 10c+5c	101 .10 .25
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Further reference to the firm of Teitelbaum & Macklin will be found in the article on J. J. Macklin & Company.

In the addenda on page 356 of the Boston Book, under the heading "Maryland Match Company" is stated:

"The records of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing show that, between Sept. 5, 1882 and Feb. 12, 1883, there were issued to 'Teitelbaum & Macklin' 1,005,060 one cent stamps.

Further inquiry has elicited the fact that these stamps were from the plate of the Maryland Match Co., a fact which is surprising inasmuch as stamps from this plate are unknown on any but silk paper and that none are recorded as having been issued after August, 1874, until the date first above mentioned.

The balance of these stamps delivered to the Government at the expiration of his contract by Mr. Carpenter was 1,970,451. These were all on silk paper. Was it not for the fact that the Bureau issued, and consequently had records of, only those stamps which it had printed, we should be inclined to think that the 1,005,060 spoken of above were a part of the balance delivered by Mr. Carpenter.

As it is we are totally unable to explain this issue, or what became of the stamps. Certainly none are known on the watermarked paper which was the only paper used by the Bureau."

This statement is, to say the least, somewhat confusing. The first paragraph

mentions the issue of stamps from the Bureau of Engraving & Printing to Teitelbaum & Macklin. The third paragraph must also refer to the Bureau of



EDWARD S. PHELPS.

Engraving & Printing because no other Government Bureau printed stamps. The present writer, however, finds no other indication in the Government archives or philatelic publications that would lead him to believe the Bureau of Engraving & Printing ever issued any stamps to Teitelbaum & Macklin, or any other proprietary firm. All the evidence we have indicates that the Bureau of Engraving & Printing produced stamps which were delivered to the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Therefore it is true that the records of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing would refer only to stamps printed at that Bureau. If, however, the stamps were issued from the Bureau of Internal Revenue the records of the Bureau of Internal Revenue would include stamps made elsewhere as well as

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The reader is also referred to page 100 of the Boston Book where in reference to the 10c green and black general issue proprietary stamp of the second series the statement is made:

"The balance of these stamps turned over by Mr. Carpenter to the Bureau of Internal Revenue was 336,083. Presumably they were all on green paper as the violet paper had been discontinued some months previously. This balance not being exhausted before the adoption of the new design in 1881, neither the Bank Note Co., nor the Bureau of Engraving & Printing ever printed any stamps from this plate. The result of this fact was that orders for these stamps received after August 31, 1875, were filled directly from the Bureau of Internal Revenue, * * *

The Boston Book was placed on sale by the New England Stamp Company about November 1, 1899, but the statement regarding the Maryland Match Company stamp was not noticed by the owner of the only known copy on watermarked paper until several months later. From the history of this unique specimen which follows later on, it is quite clear that the copy referred to was never issued to Teitelbaum & Macklin and did not leave the Bureau of Internal Revenue at Washington until many months after the match tax had been repealed.

To the present writer it seems more reasonable to believe that nearly all the stamps sent to the Southern Match Company at Atlanta were from the balance on silk paper turned over to the Government by Mr. Carpenter, than to believe that they were all from a new printing on watermarked paper by the Bureau. During the seven years subsequent to August, 1875, part of the large balance of stamps on silk paper might have become unfit for use and when that part of the supply remaining on hand in 1882 that was still fit for use had been exhausted, further orders from Teitelbaum & Macklin would have required a new printing by the Bureau.

Even if we make due allowance for the fact that there were few stamp collectors in the South at that period, and the Maryland Match Company stamp was in use in Atlanta less than a year, it is hardly creditable that not one of the million and over copies sent to Atlanta should have escaped destruction. If, however, most of these stamps were silk paper remainders which cannot be distinguished from the original issue used in Baltimore, it is much less difficult to understand why no other copies on watermarked paper, other than the Phelps copy, have ever been found. The Bureau printing may have comprised only a few thousand stamps and perhaps only a few of these, or perhaps none at all were ever sent to Atlanta. There is really no conclusive proof that any Maryland Match Company stamps on watermarked paper were ever issued. All we know is that if they were issued they went to Teitelbaum & Macklin at Atlanta, and that the only known copy did not leave the Bureau until long after the repeal of the match tax.

Fortunately, through the kindness of Mr. Edward S. Phelps of Dorchester, Massachusetts, we have a complete history of the only known copy from the time it left the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Washington. Mr. Phelps' statement, largely in his own words, follows: "About 1880 I became actively interested in collecting stamps in Worcester, then being about 12 years of age. My father had been a very active collector of American coins and my mother had collected books and almanacs and a few stamps, therefore it was natural for me to form the collecting habit. I received in my early days a considerable variety of stamps from various relatives among which was quite a collection containing a very good lot of revenues and match and medicine.

"One of my father's intimate friends in Worcester had a very large collection for that time of match, medicine, tobacco, beer and snuff stamps, therefore, having quite a nucleus of revenue stamps, through contact with this man I became interested and in time intimately acquainted with the revenue stamps. The different designs of the match and medicine stamps appealed to me. I had an older brother who was chief clerk in an old drug store in Worcester and to this day I can remember bringing home various kinds of medicine stamps that he would soak off from the bottles and packages that he found in the store.

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ried his collecting interest to Washing-
ton with him, and there he not only col-
lected coins but branched into old books,
almanacs, fractional currency and also
at my urgent request kept on the lookout
for stamps. In following these activi-
ties he soon made a very large acquaint-
ance with various people having kindred
tastes to his own and sent me many
stamps that he picked up among his
acquaintances.

"Among the acquaintances my father
made in Washington was Robert S.
Hatcher of Terre Haute, Indiana, who
was probably about the best informed
collector of match and medicine stamps
in the country at that time and who was
an ardent and persistent searcher for
the various rarities in these lines. From
my father he learned that I had a T.
Gorman & Bro. 1 cent black and wrote
me about it, trying to obtain it either by
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partments around Washington he became
acquainted with the clerk in the Bureau
of Internal Revenue who had charge of
the stamp vaults and who also looked
after the work of destroying the obsolete
remainders, etc. This clerk told my
father that before destroying the reve-
nue stamps he had taken one stamp of
each kind from all the sheets that were
on hand in the vaults at that time and
had put these stamps away in an
envelope.

"Through knowledge obtained from
this clerk my father learned that the
Caterson, Brotz & Co., playing card
stamp had been printed but no copies
had ever been delivered to the firm. At
the time when the revenue stamp re-
mainders were destroyed there was a
very large number of the Caterson, Brotz
stamp on hand in the vault. My father
immediately sensed the opportunity and
as the clerk cared very little for the col-
lection and had made no additions to the
single copies he had taken from the
sheets before they were destroyed he of-
fered the collection to my father for
\$25. In addition he gave my father a
written guarantee that the copy of the
Caterson, Brotz stamp was the only spec-
imen of this variety then in existence.

"My father communicated these facts to
Mr. Hatcher and Hatcher offered him
\$50 for the Caterson, Brotz stamp. My
father then bought the collection and
sold the Caterson, Brotz stamp to
Hatcher. I presume he also gave Hatcher
the clerk's guarantee and this guarantee
may possibly be in existence some-
where today.

"Later on my father obtained a J. W.
Scott revenue stamp album—1874 edi-
tion—and mounted most of the stamps
in it, placing them in their allotted places
as far as possible and the others on the
many blank leaves. This album con-
tained printed spaces for only about
two-thirds of the present known vari-
eties.

"My father made a fair collection of
the document stamps and added them to
the collection, together with a few
tobacco stamps. In those days only
two varieties of paper were gen-
erally collected—white and pink. My re-
collection is my father told me I could
have this collection, but knowing that
I probably had all the varieties in it he
did not send it to me.

"Along about 1890 I had a very good
collection of revenue stamps which in-
cluded most of the commoner varieties
and a few of the scarcer ones that were
then known about. In 1891, I visited

Washington and my father told me to
take the stamp collection home with me
when I went back to Worcester if I
wanted it. At that time I was begin-
ning to be more critical about the condi-
tion of my stamps and whenever oppor-
tunity offered I exchanged those of
mine which were torn or stained for bet-
ter copies.

"The match and medicine stamps that
came from the sheets which had been de-
stroyed were all unused but only half
of them had original gum. This shows
that sheets of the later stamps issued
were only gummed as ordered. Most of
the stamps on silk and pink paper were
gummed but many of those on water-
marked paper were ungummed.

"Taking the collection home with me
I had an idea some of the copies in it
might be finer than those in my own col-
lection which was then mounted in a
National album but there was nothing
in the old Scott album I did not already
have except varieties of paper and a fine
specimen of the 8 cent Wm. Swaim un-
cut on watermarked. In the National
album there were places for only two
varieties of paper—white and pink—and
not caring enough about the different
varieties of white paper to take them
out, except in the case of a few of the
rarer varieties, I put the book away and
gave it no further thought.

"In 1892 I came to Boston and soon
joined the Boston Philatelic Society.
Later on during the discussion of the
project of publishing a history of the
U. S. revenue stamps I took an active
interest. By that time I had amassed
one of the finest and most complete col-
lections of U. S. Revenues, Match and
Medicine stamps in existence and being
personally acquainted with all the mem-
bers of the publication committee and
especially friendly with George L. Top-
pan, who was the chief editor of the
work, my collection was frequently con-
sulted and I had many conferences with
Mr. Toppan in regard to the subject
matter of the work.

"In 1899, the Historical Reference
List of U. S. Revenue Stamps—the so-
called 'Boston Revenue Book'—was pub-
lished and from time to time as I had
opportunity I looked over the book. As
I now remember it was about a year
after the volume was published that one
evening I happened to come across the
page in the addenda where the issue of
the Maryland Match Co. stamp on
watermarked paper is mentioned. The
thought immediately came to me that in
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Washington, there probably was one of
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having seen in the old Scott album a

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800t on 400M brown, 800t on 1000M* .25
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2 million on 500M*15
250t on 400M, 250t on 500M vermillion,
400t on 25pf, 400t on 30pf, 800t on
10pf, 800t on 200M*20
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100, 300, 500 million on 10t ultramarine* .25
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161A STRAND

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very fine specimen of the Maryland stamp which was slightly better than the copy in my National album.

"I lost no time in getting out the old collection which my father had made in Washington and there in the old Scott album true to life was the Maryland Match stamp on watermarked paper—the only copy which, so far as I know, has ever been found. The stamp was indeed a fine specimen. The centering was quite good and except for a slight discoloration on the back where the mucilage my father used in affixing the hinge to the stamp had left a stain the stamp was perfectly sound.

"My collection of U. S. Revenue stamps was sold at auction in New York City, in November, 1906, and the Match & Medicine were undoubtedly as fine a collection of these as had ever been sold. Many of the rarer stamps have not been offered at public sale since. Sixteen years after the sale took place I was informed by the dealer who disposed of my collection that in changing the stamps from my album to the auction sheets the watermarked Maryland Match stamp was quite badly torn by his assistant. The dealer told me of the great anxiety and trepidation he experienced lest he be called upon to make good for the damage done to this unique specimen.

"About 1904-06 a collector who may be called Mr. H., made various attempts to purchase many of my stamps including the watermarked Maryland Match, the J. C. Ayer & Co. 4c lilac and the horizontal pair of 70c Foreign Exchange imperforate. I turned down all his offers and do not now recall the exact amounts but through another source am informed that his offer for the Maryland Match was \$60 or thereabouts.

"One evening a few days before my collection was sold I was in New York at the house of a very enthusiastic collector of U. S. Revenues and Match & Medicine with whom I had enjoyed an intimate acquaintance for many years. This gentleman, who I may call Mr. G., had amassed a very fine collection, not so complete perhaps as that of Mr. H., but considerably more extensive. I distinctly recollect Mr. G. had a very inferior specimen of the Fleming Bros. Liver Pills 1c black which is one of the very rarest of the medicine stamps in any condition. I had a very fine specimen of this rarity that I obtained from

the Castle collection. I don't believe its peer existed.

"I told Mr. G. he ought to get my copy. Looking at his catalog of the sale he told me he was obliged to 'keep away' from that stamp. I then learned that by pre-arrangement many, if not all, of the rarer specimens in my collection which were to be sold had been divided, principally, as I recollect, between Mr. H. and himself. In talking with Mr. H. on the afternoon previous to the sale he told me with some gusto that I should have taken his offers for the stamps he had previously tried to buy as I would not realize as much at the sale as the prices he had offered for them. This statement confirmed in my mind what Mr. G. had told me the previous night. There was always considerable rivalry between Mr. G. and Mr. H. in their Match & Medicine collecting and they were too suspicious of each other to be very good friends.

"It seems that previous to the sale Mr. H. had made secret arrangements with certain other people to bid in for him some of the stamps he wanted that had been allotted to others in the 'gentlemen's agreement' and on the night of the sale his arrangements for a 'division of the spoils' were complete. The sale of the revenue section had progressed but little however when Mr. G. perceived he was meeting stiff competition from unexpected quarters for stamps that by the 'gentlemen's agreement' were allotted to him and his suspicion of Mr. H. convinced him he was being double crossed. He immediately decided to take a free hand in the game himself and being a man of considerable means he bid strongly on whatever stamps he wanted. The final result was that many stamps sold for prices that were high for that period."

The present writer might add that the black Fleming Brothers stamp which Mr. Phelps had previously recommended to him was purchased by Mr. G. for \$76.00, a record price. Two stamps that Mr. H. specially wanted and had expected to obtain for about \$100.00 cost him considerably over \$500.00. The Maryland Match on watermarked paper did not go to Mr. H. at \$60.00. The bidding for it did not even hesitate at that figure. The price mounted up and up and up and was still going strongly at \$160.00. Not until \$200.00 had been

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reached and passed did this unique rarity become the property of Mr. H.

The 1902 edition of the Scott Catalog quoted this stamp at \$200.00, which price was maintained in 1903 and 1904. The editions for 1906 and 1907 reduced the price to \$100.00. In view of the facts previously stated it is difficult to understand why this reduction was made. The present quotation of \$225.00 was established in 1909.

Until another copy is found—if that most unlikely event ever happens—the Maryland Match stamp on watermarked paper will be as rare as any stamp in existence can be—not excepting a much less attractive adhesive listed in the Standard Catalog as British Guiana, No. 13.

THE BUFFALO COLLECTOR'S CLUB.

The Buffalo Collector's Club has affiliated with the American Philatelic Society. Within a comparatively brief space of time the club has become one of the live wire stamp organizations of the country and is looking forward to increased activities during 1924.

The following is the present membership roll: Dr. R. C. Fisher, L. H. Gardner, J. H. Bell, H. E. Klotzbach, M. B. Bennett, John Aldred (dealer), A. Creed, H. C. Flierl, G. B. Graham, T. J. Gundlach, F. L. Koepf, Warner Bates, A. Steeg, H. D. Davis and J. Lehman, all of Buffalo, and J. W. Schaefer, Hamburg, N. Y., F. P. James, Lancaster, M. W. Hoover, Lockport, H. K. Leaworthy, Dunkirk, F. J. Atwater, Lockport—20 in all.

Meetings are held on the first and third Fridays of each month. Matt Hoover has invited the club to meet at his palatial residence in Lockport during January and the invitation has been accepted. W. W. MacLaren of Cleveland has agreed to exhibit some of his wonderful covers, accompanied by a lecture on finding stamps at a future meeting of the club and arrangements are being made at this meeting.

Arrangements have been made for a joint exhibition by the Bison City Stamp Club and the Buffalo Collectors' Club to be shown in the windows of Otto Ulbrich & Company, one of the largest of the downtown stationery stores.

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The first "annual" meeting of the four-month-old Toronto Stamp Collectors Club was held at the Empress Hotel, 337 Yonge Street, Toronto, with a gathering of 21, which was slightly below the average attendance.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Gordon H. Crouch; Vice-President, Milton Ritter; Secretary-Treasurer, F. R. Saunders, 116 Concord Avenue (re-elected); Executive Committee, B. A. Turner and William Butler. An Auctioneer, Exchange Superintendent, and a Publicity Manager will be selected at a later date, the appointees automatically becoming members of the Committee. Eight new members were admitted and a number of applications were received.

A summary of the first four months' work revealed the club to be in a very flourishing condition, numerically and otherwise, and it is expected that at the conclusion of the present season some 60 members will have been enrolled. Auctions, displays, and talks on stamps are given, and undoubtedly these are a vital factor in the success of the organization.

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Due to the courtesy of Leon A. Thompson, 41 Granite Street, Cambridge, 39, Mass., the editor has had the privilege of examining a fine double print of the three cent 1879 issue. The overprinting of the normal stamp is somewhat light but nevertheless distinct and the two printings are about ½ millimeter out of line with each other vertically and nearly a full millimeter horizontally.

Perhaps the plainest showing of this important minor variety is at the top of the stamp where the entire top frame line of the overprinting shows outside the normal design together with a clear defining of the letters, "U. S. Postage" showing partly outside the design and partly against the shaded background and top label of the stamp. In some places in the white oval surrounding the vignette the shaded background of the vignette shows at the left and at the right, the heavy shading at the right side of the oval encroaching upon the white space surrounding the oval. Also, the lines along the right side of the design show clearly about one millimeter in on the design at the right in the upper portion of the stamp. At the left the left part of the design is shunted out into the white space of the margin. The figure and letters at the bottom are badly mixed up, double lines showing in most of them and also above them, as this is a fairly complete overprinting. There being so solid a design containing so many elements at the bottom the overprinting gives this portion of the stamp a somewhat mussy appearance. Washington's shoulder is clearly doubled upward and to the left and there are traces of the double printing on the lines of shading of his face and hair, although here the doubling is not so prominent as elsewhere.

The tails below the label THREE 3 CENTS at the bottom do not seem to be much affected. The ornaments above the "S" of "U. S." and above the "G"

of "POSTAGE" are clearly doubled against the background lines.

Although this double printing is apparently a trifle lighter at the bottom than at the top so that there are places on the stamp where it does not show as clearly as others, there nevertheless is enough of the doubling present to indicate that it is a double print and not a shifted transfer. Also, the appearance of the lines that are doubled is more like that of a second and lighter printing. Were this merely a fairly complete shifted transfer it would seem to the Editor that the doubled lines would be of about the same depth of color as the lines of the normal stamp, which is not the case with this stamp.

Who else has a copy of this double printing or of any other?

Mr. Thompson also encloses some cancellations on the three cent green of 1873 and '79. There are three with numerals approximately 10 or 11 millimeters high, "78", "79", and "80." The numerals of the first two are very thick and those of the last comparatively thin. There is also a magenta "N" within a circle on the three cent 1873 that the Editor believes was used in connection with some railroad cancellation. Also a "Paid 3" within a circle and an orange quartering in which the quarterings are outlined rather than solid.

Walter C. White, Jr., 223 Lowell Street, Reading, Mass., has submitted for inspection some three cent greens showing dots in various locations.

One copy (1879), shows a dot in the base of the foliate ornament just above the "S" of "U. S." Another shows a dot directly under the shield above the "T" of "THREE" (1870). A third (1879) shows the dot underneath the "3" at the bottom outside the design of the stamp.

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The covers were first shown in Berlin. and the dealers quickly saw that the covers and singles were legitimate, as the balance of the correspondence proved. All the other covers of that issue were franked with the ordinary stamp, 6kr green. It was evident that the stamps had not been scrutinized, but merely bought and pasted on the letters by color. Even today the average business man or even stamp collector would not bother to look further than the color in addressing a letter.

One copy found its way into the Ferrary Sale finally, the single off cover found its way into the hands of M. Champion, and due to the astuteness of the well known Oberlandesgerichts-president, Dr. Carl Lindenberg, the other copy on cover was procured for the Berlin Museum. I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Lindenberg this summer in Berlin, and he is not only important as a jurist, but also a charming and well informed man philatelically. In fact most of the glory of the Berlin Postal Museum's collection is due to Dr. Lindenberg, who is also Editor of *Der Deutsche Philatelist*.

SCIENCE AND POSTAGE STAMPS.

By WILLIAM BUTLER, Toronto, Can.

The recent discovery of Insulin, a cure for Diabetes, by the young Canadian Scientist and winner of the 1923 Nobel prize for Medicine, Captain Frederick G. Banting, M.D., D. Sc., LL.D., B. A., M. C., reminds us that there is more than a remote relation between science and the postage stamp; for while Dr. Banting's status as a British subject has prevented his portrait from appearing on the stamps of Canada, a different precedent has been the case in other countries.

In the new issues of the past few months we see reflected the achievements of Louis Pasteur, Nicolaus Kopernicus, and Prince Albert of Monaco, all scientists of repute, who, in their various ways, have done valuable work in the advancement of scientific knowledge. They have, at the same time, covered themselves with a renown which the postage stamp perpetuates, and makes known in the four corners of the earth. Then, again, this is a marked testimony to the efficacy of philately, the name by which the science of stamp collecting is known, as an educational factor, a point which savants of educational tendencies are slow to take cognizance.

The name of Pasteur is of an international significance, for France's famous chemist, born over one hundred years ago, and the discoverer of the process which bears his name, made more than one important discovery, and his research-work and personal life were such that Louis Pasteur well deserves the honor which his country has conferred upon him in creating a messenger which will carry his name and fame to every part of the civilized, and uncivilized world.

The Pasteur stamp is one of a series of three all of the same design, being

surface printed on white wove paper and perforated 14x13½ at the French Government Printing Works at Paris. The set consists of three denominations as follows: 10 centimes, green; 30c, scarlet; 50c, blue; the central design of the stamp is an excellent likeness of the world famous scientist's strong, intelligent face.

A new stamp of the denomination of one thousand marks from Poland bears a portrait of Nicolaus Kopernicus, a noted Polish astronomer, who was born in 1473, exactly 450 years ago. Shortly before his death, in 1543, he published his experiments demonstrating that the sun is the centre of the planetary system, and that the earth and the planets revolve around it; and was, of course, laughed at for his trouble. Since, however, astronomers have confirmed the experiments, and 1923 marks the 450th anniversary of his birth.

Yet another great scientist is commemorated on the postage stamp, namely, Prince Albert I, of Monaco, who died recently. His likeness appeared on the regular issues of Monaco, a small principality situated between France and Italy, while on the 50 centimes denomination of the new issue appears the Oceanograph Museum; on the 60c value a view of Monaco from the Observatory is seen; and on the other values the Royal Palace is shown, and the likeness of Prince Louis, who succeeds.

Prince Albert was a man of culture, held many degrees, honorary and otherwise, and made extensive efforts to investigate the mysteries of the deep sea, upon which form of research he spent much money. The Oceanograph Museum stands as a monument to the memory of his zeal.

Thus the humble postage stamp "carries on," conveying messages of joy and sorrow, and also of commerce, to every corner of the world as it has done for over three-quarters of a century.

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- ☞ This is a good motto!
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- ☞ Bills are payable when presented.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—One of our advertisers submits for our inspection an order for a packet of 3,000 varieties, "all stamps to be well centered and in fine condition." The dealer's comment is:—"This party does not want to be careless with his money."

—A meeting of the stamp collectors of Binghamton, N. Y., was held at the Y. M. C. A., Jan. 15. Collectors in this city and surrounding communities are invited to write A. H. Pike, 21 Moeller St., Binghamton, N. Y., for particulars of the new club.

—"I have pleasure in sending you my check for \$90 for advertising. In doing so I am also pleased to state that the results have been very satisfactory and have placed me in contact with a number of new and important buyers. I shall prepare another advertisement as soon as I can get time."—CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

—F. F. Wills sends us an interesting cancellation now in use at St. John's, Newfoundland. It consists of a representation of a clock face in that it is numbered from 1 to 12, with a quartering of the hours. In the middle of the design are the words "Newfoundland Post Office, St. John's, East," with the date Dec. 22, 1923, and an arrowhead pointing to the numeral indicating the hour of mailing. It has a diameter of an inch and a half.

—Frank A. Goldsmith has shown us a new advertising cancellation from Sidney, Mont., reading as follows in four lines:—"U. S. Project Lower Yellowstone 60,000 Fertile Acres Irrigated."

—R. C. M. Hartmann informs us that the 3 brown, 5 green, 10 red and 20 blue of the rentmark type have appeared in Germany. They are sold upon the basis of both paper and gold. Will Mr. Hart-

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AUCTION DEPARTMENT

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

mann accept the suggestion that items regarding new issues should be sent to Mr. Smith, who has charge of the new issues department?

—A subscriber, Frank C. Benham, has located a complete sheet of one hundred of the 1c blue imperforate, 1851 issue, Scott's No. 31. The sheet has original gum, marginal inscription, and is from plate 2. Our correspondent states that a block of twelve is supposed to be the largest in existence, and at an auction ten years ago it brought a hundred times catalog price. This sheet must be a rarity of great value.

—We have received from A. P. Myers of El Paso, Texas, an interesting letter dealing with the activities of the local stamp club. He informs us that the club meets the first and third Fridays of each month and interested parties should communicate with him. The interest in the club is well sustained.

—"The Jewish Branch of the Big Brother Movement in Toronto, Can., has organized a stamp club for some of their boys about 14 years of age, which comprises about 12 members and growing strong. I am surprised at the interest taken and the enthusiasm displayed. I make out a series of about ten to fifteen questions. These questions are multi-graphed and given to the boys every two weeks, with instructions to have them answered by the following week. The two boys having the most marks are given some suitable little philatelic prize. At the end of the year, about September, a prize will be given to the boy having the most marks. This prize will probably be a couple of good stamps and a Certificate presented by the Internacia Ligo, at the Broadview Boy's Fall Fair (Y. M. C. A.). I think it a good idea for collectors in other cities to organize such groups. It will do a lot of good to popularize Philately, and create new collectors."—J. ALBERT HUROWITZ.

—In the near future Buffalo collectors will be favored with a stamp exhibition in that city through the combined strength of the Collectors Club and the Bison City Stamp Club. Information may be obtained from Harry D. Davis, 481 Broadway, Buffalo, N. Y.

—We have received a wholesale price-list from O. J. Richardson, Pinellas Park, Florida. It prices lots per ten and will be furnished free of charge to any dealer wishing to procure a copy.

—K. N. W.—We answer your query in this manner for the public good. Mr. Ritchie never got any farther than the first pages on the great work on U. S. cancellations that was announced in the WEEKLY. His health broke down and he was compelled to abandon his ambitious plan. No one has come forward to carry on the work contemplated.

—William Butler, 137 Gillard Avenue, Toronto, Canada, has been appointed as one of the North American Secretaries for the Globus Correspondence and Exchange Club of Holland, and he will be glad to hear from interested parties. The club has a particularly strong new-European list.

—An error occurred in the ad of Herbert H. A. Fox on page 5 of our Jan. 7 issue. The cat. price was given as \$10.00 instead of \$1.00 and net price 55c, caused by poor marking of copy. The error was so absurd that we feel no one was misled.

—"For the information of the collectors of State Revenues I would like to herald a set of Cigarette and Cigar tax stamps for the State of Georgia. They will go in use on Jan. 1, 1924, and are described as follows by the Ga. tax dept.:—Seven denominations, 1/2c, 1c, 1 1/2c, 2c, 2 1/2c, 25c, 50c. All alike in design but vary in color and numerals with each denomination. These stamps will be affixed to cigarette and cigar containers same as the I. C. Stamps."—R. M. TRIBBLE.

NEW ORLEANS—PILOTTOWN, LA., HYDROPLANE MAIL SERVICE, APR. 9, 1923

By HARRY A. TRUBY.

Postmaster-General authorized the transportation of mail by Hydroplane from New Orleans to Pilottown, La., about eighty miles, and back, in close connection at Pilottown with outgoing Central American and Havana Cuba steamers; and at Pilottown or Quarantine, with the same incoming steamers daily except Sunday and Holidays.

On April 9th at 4.27 P. M., the service was inaugurated as directed under the supervision of Charles Janvier, Postmaster, who personally delivered the mail to Captain Merrill K. Riddick, Aviator, who piloted the Hydroplane "MABY" carrying four sacks of mail destined for Belize, British Honduras and Puerto Barrios, Guatemala. The flight was made in one hour and forty-five minutes under adverse atmospheric conditions which impeded the progress of the flight.

At Pilottown the mail was transferred to the S. S. Coppename "en route" for South America, expediting the mail from five to six days, indicating that the inauguration of this service by the Postmaster-General rendered invaluable service to Central American Countries in the transmission of mail by Hydroplane to and from steamers at Pilottown.

The service has been in operation since the initial flight without interruption or incident, a feat remarkable in itself and an honor to our Air Service and Postal Authorities. This again demonstrates the efficiency and practicability of the Aeroplane for the rapid transmission of mail when put to the actual test.

All mail matter transmitted by Hydroplane on the initial flight bore the regular electric machine cancellation. Letters and post cards, however, received a special oval cancellation with the following legend impressed in carmine ink:—"VIA HYDROPLANE MAIL" at the top "FIRST TRIP" occupying the centre and "NEW ORLEANS-PILOTTOWN, LA." at the bottom. This cancellation was not official but creates a souvenir of great historical value commemorative of the occasion.—Aero News Letter.

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CHINESE DOLLARS ARE NOT "2 FOR 1."

An old subscriber in Shanghai, China, comes along with a grievance against the customs obtaining in America of calculating exchange between America and China at the rate of two Chinese dollars for one American dollar, he says:—"It seems to be a rooted opinion with all stamp dealers' in America that their dollar will buy two Chinese ones and they always calculate on that basis when figuring out the bills for stuff sent to them from China. Where they got the idea I don't know unless it is because during the war when silver rose to record prices the Chinese dollar touched that mark and even better. But why do they remember that fact only and not the one that exchange on China varies according to the silver market because China has no gold standard. The fluctuations in exchange between two countries one with a silver standard and the other with a gold one are more mercurial than those between two countries each with a gold standard.

Dealers frequently mention in their letters to China that their supplier is charging an excessive percentage on, say, unused Commemoratives and then go on to show how they arrive at their figures by working on a basis of two for one.

At the moment of writing the American dollar in Shanghai exchanges for only \$1.83 Mexican with expert predictions that silver will be still dearer. Although the Mexican dollar is still used to some considerable extent in Shanghai and some other parts of China it does not follow that it always exchanges here at the same rate as, for instance, between San Diego and Tiahuanca. At this time of the year millions of dollars go into the interior to pay for produce and there is a premium on them in addition to their silver value.

I have a wad of American greenbacks in my safe and I would treat myself to a vacation if I could get \$2.00 Mexican for each of them. American stamp dealers should also remember that a stamp dealer who bills his stuff in American currency is taking a chance on the exchange and has to allow for this in his prices. It's different with a greenback on its way to Germany. In this case it generally gains a few billions of marks in value during its trip across the Atlantic.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF HAYTI.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

CHAPTER XIV.

The Second 1898 Issue.

In May, 1898, before any of the 1c, 3c,
 7c and 20c values of the last issue were
 required the full set of stamps ordered
 from the American Bank Note Company
 arrived in Hayti and were at once placed
 in circulation. The set consisted of
 twelve different values ranging from 1
 centime to 1 gourde, and there were two
 designs.

The 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 7c, 20c, 50c and 1g
 stamps show a full face portrait of Presi-
 dent Simon Sam who succeeded the
 notorious and bloodthirsty Hippolyte.
 The portrait shows the President in the
 "General's" uniform beloved of all Hay-
 tian notabilities. *En passant*, it may be
 noted that to obtain a generalship in
 Hayti it was not, and probably still is
 not, necessary to have been in the army
 at all. The honor is conferred for "em-
 inent services to the State" and its be-
 stowal at one time was a matter of such
 frequent occurrence that it used to be a
 standing joke that Hayti's army con-
 sisted of more generals than privates.

Above the portrait "REPUBLIQUE D'
 HAITI" is shown on a semicircular band,
 while underneath are the cannon, piles of
 cannon-balls, anchors, drum and other
 paraphernalia that constitute Hayti's coat
 -of-arms. In each corner are numerals of
 value and between those in the lower
 angles is a straight tablet inscribed
 "CENTIME", etc.

President Tiresias Augustin Simon
 Sam, to give him his full name, seems
 to have been a cut above the usual run
 of Haytian Presidents, and the follow-
 ing short pen-picture by Mr. Hesketh
 Pritchard gives an admirable description
 of his personal appearance and general
 character:—

"When I passed the white palace the
 President was sitting on the balcony
 playing draughts. He is a full-blooded
 negro, with heavy face and huge negro
 mouth, set between a grey beard and
 grey hair brushed up from his forehead.
 He must weigh close upon eighteen stone
 (252 lbs.). He is a superlative specimen
 of his race, and the black faction in
 Hayti have at least secured an admir-
 ably representative figurehead. To make
 this clear it must be explained that Hayti
 for the black, as differentiated from the
 mulatto or colored man, is the watch-
 word of the great majority in the Re-
 public. . . . There is in the con-
 stitution a law abolishing the penalty of
 death for political misdemeanors, but it
 was ignored by every President without
 exception who has held power in the is-
 land until General Sam, who is now at
 the head of the Government came into
 office. To his credit be it said that he
 usually sends his political enemies to
 prison instead of shooting them out of
 hand against the crumbling arsenal wall,
 after the immortal principles of his pre-

decessors, Salomon and Hippolyte."

The centerpiece on the 4c, 8c, 10c and
 15c stamps is a representation of the
 Arm of Hayti with the motto "L'UNION
 FAIT LA FORCE" (Union is Strength)
 underneath. At the top is curved "RE-
 PUBLIQUE D'HAITI," numerals of
 value are in all four corners, and between
 those in the lower angles "CENTIMES"
 is shown on an arched ornamental tablet.

The stamps were all printed in sheets
 of 100 arranged in ten rows of ten, and
 in the centre of each margin on all four
 sides of the sheets the imprint "American
 Bank Note Co., New York" is shown
 in white letters on a tablet of solid color.
 This imprint too, appears below the
 lower frame line of every one of the
 hundred stamps in each sheet with the
 difference that the letters "N. Y." are
 used to represent New York and that
 all the lettering is in minute capitals.

The paper is white wove and fairly
 thick, while the gum is decidedly brown
 and does not extend to the edges of the
 sheets. The stamps were perforated by
 single-line machines, the gauge being the
 usual 12, one always associates with the
 productions of this concern.

There are no imperforate or other er-
 rors and variation in shade are few and
 not very pronounced. Until the advent
 of this series 20 centimes represented
 the highest value, but 50 centimes and 1
 gourde stamps now appear for the first
 time as well as several additional low
 denominations.

CHAPTER XV.

The 1899 Issue.

In 1899 the 1c, 2c and 5c stamps bear-
 ing President Sam's portrait were re-
 placed by corresponding values in the
 "Arms" type, and at the same time the
 opportunity was taken of issuing these
 denominations in Postal Union colors.
 All three values were printed by the
 American Bank Note Company, and the
 size of the sheets, imprints, perforation,
 paper, etc., are exactly similar to those
 of the last issue. These three stamps
 were first mentioned in the *Monthly
 Journal* for August, 1899, so that they
 were probably issued some time in July
 of that year.

While in transit from the printers to
 Hayti some of the 5c denomination were
 stolen as shown by the following quota-
 tion from a letter published in the
 WEEKLY at the time:—

"On opening the five cases of stamps
 received from the American Bank Note
 Company it was discovered that one of
 the cases had been opened, the inner tin
 case cut open, and 287 sheets of 100
 stamps each of the 5 centimes value had
 been extracted therefrom. Notice of this
 fact was sent to the American Bank
 Note Company. A few days before the
 issue was placed on sale at the Post
 Office the Director-General of Posts

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 *Upper Volta 1920, 17 Var. (Nos. 1-17) 1.25
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 401-421) 3.00
 Turkey 1914, 7 Var. (Nos. 278-284) ... 5.25
 *Western Ukraine 1919, 19 Var. (Nos.
 85-103) 2.25
 Indo-China, Chapti, 1918, 6 Var. (Nos.
 309-314) 1.25
 *Memel 1920, 17 Var. (Nos. 15-32) 2.40
 *Saar 1920, 17 Var. (Nos. 1-17) 4.50
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 Grenada, 2 1/2d Script...ea. 30; per 10 2.25
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 U.S.A. 1923, 14, 15, 20, 25c. just out...per 10 .75
 China, Nos. 191-192, 193, \$1.
 \$2, \$5Cat. 2.52; per 10 3.50
 P. L., 1, 2, 4, 10 Peso ...Cat. 5.40; per 10 5.00
 Russia 1923, 5 var., 3, 4, 5,
 10, 20R, usedper 10 2.00
Cortlandt Stamp Co., 5 Cortlandt St., N.Y.C.

NEWFOUNDLAND

1897, 1c green25 net .12
 3c brown85 .40
 1890, 3c slate, No. 5110 .05
 1896, 3c violet brown, No. 6085 .45
 1897, 1c Cabot 20 .10
 2c Cabot 20 .10
 3c Cabot 10 .05
 4c Cabot 20 .10
 Plenty of earlier issues in stock. Send
 want-list and reference.
A. C. DOUGLAS, HAWKESBURY, ONT.

CYPRUS

1882, 30pa violet, No. 2022
 2pi blue, No. 2209
 1896, 1/2pi green & carmine, No. 3104
 2pi ult. and maroon, No. 3407
 1903, 1/2pi green & rose, No. 3805
 30pa violet & green, No. 3906
 1904, *30pa violet & green, No. 4906
 1pi rose & ult., No. 5004
 1912, 30pa violet & green, No. 6303
 2pi ult. & maroon, No. 6703
W. F. Ferguson, 280 Fourth Av., New York

learned that some of these stamps had
 been offered and sold to a commercial
 house by a relative of a clerk employed
 in the Steamship Company's office and,
 on enquiry and search being made, some
 of these stamps were found in the pos-
 session of the party accused and were
 seized. In the meanwhile the steamer,
 having left here for other ports in the
 island, reached Jacmel; a letter was
 given to the Jacmel courier but, as the
 couriers are forbidden to deliver letters
 received outside office direct, he handed
 it over to the Director-General. This
 letter proved to be from the aforemen-
 tioned clerk, and addressed to the purser
 of the steamer, informing him that the
 theft had been discovered, and advising
 him not to return here.

A preliminary hearing of the case took
 place before the examining judge (Juge
 d'Instruction), whose function corre-
 sponds in a measure with that of the
 grand jury in the United States; but it
 seems sufficient proof was wanting to
 have the parties implicated here held for
 trial. However, the clerk has been dis-
 missed by the agent of the Steamship
 Company, and I am told the agents in
 New York have done the same for the
 purser."

(To be continued.)

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*458 1912, same used (.12), pair	.30
*481 1916, 1c (pair .05), block 4	.10
*481 1916, same used (pair .02), block 4	.05
*482 1916, 2c imperf. (pair .08), block 4	.20
*482 1916, same used (pair .02), block 4	.05
*483 1916, 3c pair	.12
*483 1916, same used (pair .04), block 4	.10
*487 1916, 2c pair	.04
*490 1916, 1c coil (pair .02), strip 5	.10
*491 1916, 2c pair	.03
*491 1916, 2c Shermack perf. pair	.08
*491 1916, same used	.06
*493 1916, 3c (pair .10), strip 5	.25
*493 1916, same (pair .04), strip 5	.12
*493 1916, same Shermack perf. pair	.05
*493 1916, same Shermack perf. strip 5	.30
*495 1916, 4c (pair .16), strip 5	.40
*495 1916, same, used pair	.08
*496 1916, 5c pair	.12
*531 1916, 1c (pair .04), block 4	.12
*535 1916, 3c (pair .06), block 4	.20
*538 1916, 1c 11x10 (pair .06), block 4	.16
*538 1916, same used (pair .06), block 4	.16
*541 1916, 3c 11x10 (pair .35), block 4	.75
*543 1916, 1c 10x11 (pair .08), block 4	.20
*543 1916, same (pair .04), block 4	.10
*544 1916, 1c perf. 10 (pair .04), block 4	.12

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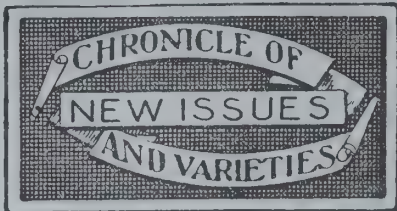
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UNITED STATES.—

Private Postal Cards for Transpolar Flight.

Under date of December 29, 1923, Paul Henderson, Second Assistant Postmaster-General, advised postmasters as follows:—"In accordance with arrangement made with the Norwegian postal administration private post cards, issued in commemoration of the proposed flight of Capt. Roald Amundsen's airplane over the North Pole, will be accepted in this service when postage paid 2 cents by a United States stamp affixed even though Norwegian postage stamps to pay the postage from Christiania to the United States by the North Pole route may, in some instances, also be affixed.

These private post cards bear on the front a printed address: 'The Transpolar Flight Expedition, Christiania, Norway,' and the upper right hand corner there is a space in which should be placed the United States 2 cent stamp. The reverse bears a space for the address of the person for whom the card is ultimately intended in the United States, and care must be taken in distributing the cards to see that they are dispatched to Norway, via New York, prior to the time when they may be received in this country over the North Pole route, probably through the post-office at Seattle.

No provision has been made for the registration of the private post cards as herein described."

The New York Times of January 16th carried an advertisement of the *Aeronautical Digest*, 1 Madison Square, New York, spread over two columns, five inches deep, headed "Send a Post Card Over the North Pole by Airplane." The advertisement explains that they have made arrangements with Capt. Amundsen to carry a limited number of lithographed post cards on his flight over the North Pole and that an opportunity is extended to the public to send a post card from any city in the country to your friend or yourself. The card will require a 2 cent stamp, which will carry it to Norway, and the special stamp on the card has been validated by the Norwegian Government, which will carry the card over the North Pole and to the party to whom addressed. The validating marks we are told will be surcharged by the Norwegian Government at the time of affixing the "North Pole Mail

Cancellation."

The cost of the card obtainable from *The Aeronautical Digest* is \$1 and the card when stamped may be deposited in any mail box. The proceeds will be used to help defray the expense of the expedition which will be strictly scientific and to solve the last great geographic problems by exploring the million square miles of unknown territory in the Arctic between the North Pole and Alaska.

The Secretary of the Navy has appointed Lieut. Ralph E. Davidson of the U. S. Navy to represent this country on the flight. Lieut. Davidson will have command of one of the three seaplanes to be used on this expedition.

Official Post Office Exhibit.

Mrs. H. C. Workman sends me a clipping from the *Washington Star* of January 2nd stating that on that day the Post Office Department placed on exhibition at Woodward & Lothrop, the largest department store in Washington, the frame of stamps that was awarded a medal at the International Philatelic Exhibition held in London last May. The frame had just been received from Baltimore where it had been on view for a number of days. If your city has not had the good fortune of seeing this frame have your postmaster write the Third Assistant Postmaster-General. It is not only a very attractive exhibit for the collector but in passing it around it will produce philatelic results among non-collectors.

A Stamp for the 1926 International Philatelic Exhibition.

Our editorials of recent date have made mention of the fact that we should have a special stamp, dedicated to the goddess of philately and issued during 1926, at the time of the contemplated international philatelic exhibition to be held in Philadelphia in 1926. The idea is excellent and with proper support from the philatelic public it is possible that such a variety will be issued. It must be remembered that in order to have such a special design, an Act of Congress is necessary and I am sure that if a proper bill was sponsored by the collectors and dealers generally that the Post Office Department would raise no objection. The recent A. P. S. Convention in Washington had they cared to make the effort could have possibly had the Department turn out a small sheet with special notations in the margin of some current variety, for the Department would have authority to do this providing the stamp was of the approved design, but the local members did not seem interested in the subject. Our readers may be assured that Philadelphia will not allow such an opportunity to pass and when the local committee has made final arrangements to carry on this project every effort will be made to have a special Act passed by Congress and if we fail in this we will see if the Department cannot be induced to issue something commemorative of the science of Philately.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. R. Roberts sends the recently issued ½d orange, a new color, watermarked single A and Crown. Mr. Roberts adds that

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BAHAMAS.—The current ½d, 4d and 5s are expected shortly on Script paper. —Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 50c, Nyasaland type, in blue and lilac on blue, script watermarked paper, has been placed on sale. Also the 1c black on white, script watermarked, postage due stamp.

COLOMBIA.—The 20 centavos grey semi-official aerial adhesive (chronicled in *Stamp Collecting* for August 4th last) has been surcharged "30" in red, over the numerals in both lower corners. Mr. Denton Hepworth shows us a used copy, obliterated with concentric circles in red. Provisional Air Mail Stamp ("Servicio de Transportes Aereos en Colombia—S. C. A. D. T. A."). 30 on 20 centavos grey.—*Stamp Collecting*.

DANZIG.—A new type of Postage Due has appeared, having the Arms of the Free City, with the usual Lion supporters, over a transverse oval frame containing numerals of denomination. The inscription, reading "VOM EMPFANGER EINZUZIEHEN," is in two lines at foot. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us the following values, uniform in design and colour (blue), with numerals in black; they are in the new pfennig currency (1pf=1/10d, as in Germany), though this is not expressed on the stamps. Honeycomb. Perf. 14:—5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 100 (pfennig), blue.—*Stamp Collecting*.

GERMANY.—Mr. Erwin Strasser has shown us the following current issues with the surcharge "Dienstmarke" in black: 2,000,000,000m, 5,000,000,000m and 10,000,000,000m. Also the following Official stamps overprinted "5 Tausend" on 5mk; "20 Tausend" on 30pf; "75 Tausend" on 50mk; "100 Tausend" on 15pf; "250 Tausend" on 10pf; "400 Tausend" on 15pf; "800 Tausend" on 10pf, orange; "1 Million" on 75pf; "2 Million" on 10pf, carmine rose; "5 Millionen" on 100mk, rose red.

Mr. R. Roberts sends for Chronicle these four values of stamps based on the Renten mark; 3pf brown, 5pf green, 10pf red, 20pf blue.

HONG KONG.—Latest official advice point to the early issue of the 50c on Script paper.—Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal.

MESOPOTAMIA.—Iraq. Instead of coming, as formerly, by Baghdad-Cairo Air Mail, most letters received from Iraq are now endorsed "Overland Mail, Baghdad-Haifa," the service, we understand, being carried on by motor transport.

A reader writes that the 1½a pictorial is practically exhausted, and he understands that no more will be printed. The 2r, ordinary and Service is also understood to be going obsolete as soon as present stocks are exhausted. Our correspondent suggests the numbers printed of the latter as 100,000 ordinary, and 40,000 Service.—Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal.

NETHERLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 7½c carmine in the new Jubilee series.

NIUE.—We have received the following from Messrs. Bright & Son:—"We have found the following very prominent varieties in the stamp of Niue overprinted on New Zealand issue of 1917, with the word NIUE only. In the 5th

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row the 3rd stamp has a much thicker N, or probably an inverted Z for N. The 9th stamp in the same row has the whole word 'Niue' in thicker type and is quite noticeable from the fact that the letters being in thicker type make the spaces between the letters less than in the normal type. We have found these varieties on the 2½d, 3d, 6d and 1sh values."

NORWAY.—Mr. A. N. Jorstad states that 10 öre and 25 öre stamps of the new Lion type, have been printed in green and carmine respectively, and will probably be issued shortly. A 20 öre, violet Postage Due, in the current type, is also expected.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal.*

CURRENT PHILATELIC RESEARCH.

Modena.—An investigation on the two plates of the stamps of the first issue of Modena by Dr. Floyd certainly deserves much fuller consideration than he was able to give it in a "five-minute" paper read before the Royal Philatelic Society on the 31st May last, which is printed in the September number of the *London Philatelist*. As is generally known, two plates, each containing four panes of 60 stamps, were used for printing the stamps, and it has been generally supposed that these two plates were used for the stamps (a) with stop after value and (b) without stop respectively, but Dr. Floyd finds this was not the case. Instead of this, one plate was used for:—

- 5c All five printings.
- 10c Second printing "no stop."
- 10c Third printing "with stop."
- 15c First printing.
- 40c Third printing.
- 1 lira.
- 9c Small B.G. } Newspaper.
- 9c Without B.G. }
- and the other for:—
- 10c First printing, "no stop."
- 15c Second, third, and fourth printings.
- 25c All five printings.
- 40c First printing, pale blue (sky blue).
- 40c Second printing, deep blue, "no stop."
- 10c Newspaper.

The 9c large B. G. seems to have been printed from an entirely different plate, or possibly a different single pane. Dr. Floyd has established the very remarkable fact that by the help of distinctive flaws, which are sometimes very numerous, one can recognize each individual cliché and trace its use for the different values and its varying position in the plate from time to time. It can be readily understood that a flaw in the body of the cliché is not affected by the insertion of the value, which was in loose type, held in place by a short piece of rule at its base, so that the same cliché can be

recognized whatever the value may be.

The two plates were kept separate all the time they were in use and no cliché used in one plate was ever transferred to the other, though, in a few instances, damaged clichés were replaced from a reserve store. Dr. Floyd ingeniously shows that the distribution of the plates among the different values, as given in the list above, is accounted for by the way in which the different coloured papers were delivered, and the whole research brings out many points of interest with regard to these stamps which have never yet been realized. Some of these are mentioned in the paper to which we refer our readers for the details.

St. Helena.—In the same number of the *London Philatelist* Mr. Bacon gives some particulars respecting the very interesting stamp No. 18h in the Catalogue, which should read "6d" instead of 4d rose-carmine. It is a specimen which has missed the usual black surcharge of "FOUR PENCE" and a black bar, and is in all probability a variety of the 4d with "short, thick bar" issued about 1865. This stamp is also known with double surcharge and both varieties can be readily accounted for on the supposition that the printer missed a row of stamps in applying the surcharge. The uncharged stamp happens to be easily identifiable as No. 1 of the 11th row of the sheet as it shows the marked re-entry found on this stamp and one at least of the copies known with double surcharge has been identified as No. 11 in the 16th row. It is known that the setting for the surcharge for this issue was arranged in five horizontal rows of twelve stamps each, so that four impressions of this setting covered the sheet of two hundred and forty stamps. If the printer happened to miss row 11 it is readily seen that the next impression would carry him to row 16. As there were only four rows below this the next impression would cause this row to be doubly surcharged. It is remarkable that fortuitous circumstances have so happily combined to enable us to establish with practical certainty how the two errors arose.

Those to whom the romance of stamp collecting appeals and who like to hear of lucky finds, will be interested to learn that this stamp was found in an old Oppen's Album belonging to a lady living in the country. The collection contained no other stamps of any value except a triangular Cape. The lady knew nothing of its rarity or how she obtained it. The specimen was offered for sale in Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's Auction of October 12, 1921, and was purchased for the King.

Victoria.—Mr. P. T. Berry, in a letter to the Editor of the *Victorian Philatelic Record* of August last, announces the discovery of a hitherto unchronicled retouch on a 3d of Ham's second printing of the "Half-length." The variety was submitted to Mr. Pack who confirms it as an altogether new retouch in addition to those already listed. His description is as follows: At right of crown there is a circular defective area about 1½mm across, which has been retouched by five or six long and short slightly oblique strokes of colour. The right end of the base of the crown has been strengthened by a new nearly horizontal line of colour.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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Chas. F. Schell, Braintree, Mass.

Arthur W. Reum writes us as follows:—"I enjoyed a recent article by Bill Bloss that I am making sure not to miss any copies of your publication for the next five years. Herewith you will find my check for \$5 for the renewal of my subscription. You have my best wishes for the coming year." The "best wishes" of Mr. Reum take a very tangible form and we appreciate the same. He is the senior partner of the Guadalupe Drug Co., and an old friend of our publication.

"I have been a subscriber for the past ten years and find your paper interesting and almost indispensable." These are the words of an old-time friend of the WEEKLY, C. W. McAllister, of Chillicothe, Mo. Mr. McAllister is cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, in that city, and now becomes a full-fledged member of the Five-Year Club.

W. R. Parker in making his remittance in connection with membership in the Five-Year Honor Club writes a most interesting letter. It is not intended for publication but we take the liberty of reproducing a portion of it:—"I am getting together every town express handstamp used in California and as many as I can from Oregon, Washington, Nevada, etc., and when these covers are somewhere near complete I shall exhibit the same in the California State Library at Sacramento. Requests have been made by high school and other students for information as to stage and express companies, their routes, dates, etc., and very little or no information could be given by our state and city libraries. A great many express companies operated in California alone, and the romance of Jackass Hill, Poker Flat, Rattlesnake Gulch, Port Wine, City of Six, Yankee Jims, Orleans Bar and many others long since vanished with the exit of the express companies would have a most interesting story. I hope those who are interested in compiling data on western franks will get their material in shape to print and have copies furnished the state libraries, particularly of California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Arizona. Philately would receive no end of advertising and it would prove one of the biggest boosts philately could have. It would be constructive and historical, but furnish just the opportunity to play up our hobby." Mr. Parker is a member of the A. P. S., No. 6795, and we thank him for his acceptance of membership in our Honor Club.

We are indebted to Beverly S. King, a New York architect with offices at 18 E. 41st Street, for membership in the Honor Club with a five-year renewal of subscription.

Chas. F. Schell in his application for membership writes us a real chatty letter from which we can make a good quotation. Let us make the Honor Club a forum for the giving of personal experiences. If you are on the roster and write this office just sign up "member of the Honor Club." Writes Mr. Schell:—

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for myself I can't see anything but a general collection. I also gather U. S. precancels on the side. I have been subscribing to MEKEEL'S for about eight or ten years, and wouldn't want to be without it. Last June I received the degree of Bachelor of Science from M. I. T., and in spite of the demands of my work there for a time, I always kept my collection active. Now I am engaged in the practice of chemical engineering, and I find even more time for the greatest of Hobbies.

I was rather interested to read in the *Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, that Dr. William Francis Hillebrand, probably the greatest analytical chemist in America was for many years deeply interested in philately. The article conveyed the impression that the interest was in the past. Perhaps the writer was wrong; deep interest in philately is rarely a thing that passes."

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AIR MAIL NOTBS AND NEWS.

(From Aero News Letter.)

China—The two air-mail routes which were operating since last Summer have again been withdrawn. No more air stamps are being supplied at the Post Offices, and those to be used next Summer on the Pekin—Pei-taiho line will be in altered colours.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

Russia—Far Eastern Republic—This little known State, in an endeavour to keep up with the philatelic times, has overprinted certain of its stamps with the device of an aeroplane and surcharge approximately as under:

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It appears that these are not air mail stamps, for so far there is no aerial post in the territory of the Far Eastern Republic, and the avowed object of the authorities in issuing these provisionals is to collect funds through their aid for the foundation of an air fleet!

Provisionals for Air Mail Fund.

20k on 15k purple and blue.
20k on 20k blue and carmine.
20k on 35k on 2k green.
20k on 50k purple and green.

—*Stamp Collecting.*

Brazil—A committee of the Brazilian Senate has reported favorably, according to the United States Naval Attaché in Rio Janeiro, upon a bill proposing the establishment of two aviation lines for mail, express and passenger service, between Rio de Janeiro and Porto Alegre, which are to be started before June of 1924. One of the routes will be laid out along the coast, carried by hydroplanes and maintained and directed by the Ministry of Marine; the other will traverse the interior of the country to the West of the coast range of mountains, and will be carried out by airplanes under the direction of the Ministry of War. The routes will pass through the most important political, industrial and commercial centers wherever possible. A series of special air mail stamps will be prepared.

Syria—Mr. Francis J. Field sent me for inspection a new semi-official 1 piastre air mail stamp, of oblong shape, with an outline map of the Lebanon and the crude representation of an aeroplane flying over an extremely crude sea towards the Syrian Coast. The inscriptions are as follows:—Syrian-Libau—Aviation Civile—Piastres Syrienne.

Canada—A clipping from the *Montreal Weekly Star* reads:—"Air mail service has been proposed for the Magdalen Islands and Prince Edward Island. Major Shearer, Officer Commanding the Royal Canadian Force at Halifax, N. S., has made the round trip between Halifax and the Magdalen Islands in his seaplane, and one hour and five minutes was consumed going and one hour fifteen minutes for the return trip, the distance being about ninety miles. Major Shearer interviewed many residents regarding a monthly aerial mail service during the Winter in connection with the daily service between Prince Edward Island and the mainland. They were enthusiastic regarding the feasibility of the project, but the Major could say nothing for publication until he had made his report to headquarters." It is not likely that special stamps would be issued should such a service be inaugurated, for the Department has already made known its opinion on this matter.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Army Airplanes to Visit Central American Countries—Shortly after the new year a flight of Army Airplanes will proceed from France Field, Panama Canal Zone, on a visit of courtesy to the various capital cities of Central America, with the object of interesting our southern neighbors in American aviation and giving added impetus to commercial aviation. An Air Mail route, for instance, connecting the countries of Central America with the U. S. Air Mail would be a tremendous step forward in the development of an international air mail system.—*Air Service Newsletter*.

THE RATES ON USED ENTIRES.

By A. H. PIKE.

Referring to page 673 of the WEEKLY (1923) on which you published a letter from Third Asst. Postmaster-General Glover, would say that this is a literal translation of the orders contained in the Postal Laws and Regulations. Still the section 398 was inserted with an entirely different interpretation than the view point maintained by collectors.

For the past fifteen years I have received and shipped many thousands of packages containing entire covers and 2x4 specimens of the upper right hand corner to include stamp and postmark. On many of these latter parts of the name and address would show. For years I paid postage due without protest covering the difference from third and fourth class rates to first class rates especially on packages that reached me in a damaged condition which allowed the postal clerks to examine the contents.

Quite a number of years ago I took this matter up direct with Postmasters and Supt. of Mails in many of the larger cities and explained the matter something along these lines. The law as intended was to eliminate from third and fourth class mail any and all communications of any nature. Collectors send entire covers for the stamps and postmarks. This material to any one outside of a stamp collector is nothing more than waste basket material. Stamps and postmarks are strictly printed matter and nothing else. We are not even dealing in the names to whom the envelopes were addressed or the names on the corner cards, as this information is of no use to us whatever.

We might send only the stamps and postmarks which would be strictly within the law, but our hobby demands that we obey the rules and we of necessity have to include more of the envelope. This fact in no way implies that we have any intent to defraud the government or to disobey the rules of the P. O. Dept. Stamp collectors as a class are better posted on the Rules and Regulations than any other class of individuals and for that reason there is less possibility of a stamp collector intentionally putting in any communication in these packages than any one else. I have requested postmasters and mail superintendents to bring this matter to the attention of their clerks. In every city so far that I have explained the situation they have discontinued charging letter rates on these shipments.

It always pays to make the acquaintance of your local postmaster and his assistants, curb your enthusiasm and your temper and secure their friendship by giving them some good reasons why they should respect the feelings of philatelists. The Stamp Agency at Washington and Ottawa, Canada, furnish fine examples of the government's recognition of philately and their willingness to cooperate as well as their understanding of our needs. When mailing packages containing entire covers show the clerk at the stamp window the contents. If he refuses to accept them at third or fourth class rates go direct to the postmaster or his assistant and reason it out with them and have it settled once and for all.

THE OVERTHROW OF AN EMPIRE.

By W. GARDNER.

In February, 1912, China became a Republic, and to celebrate this great change two sets of stamps, each of twelve denominations were issued nine months later.

The designs of both series are similar, but one set bears a portrait of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the organizer of the rebellion against the strong-willed and brutal Emperor. These stamps are inscribed "In commemoration of the Revolution." The framework is composed of ears of rice to show that Sun Yat Sen came from the South of China.

The other set bears a portrait of Yuan Shi Kai, China's first President. These stamps are inscribed "In commemoration of the Republic." The framework is

GERMAN SURCHARGES—15 var. unused	\$.25
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GERMAN NEW DESIGN—1, 2, 5, 10 & 20 Billions, 5 var.	.25
GERMAN—5 Bill. on 2 Mill., 5 Bill. on 4 Mill., 5 Bill. on 10 Mill., 10 Bill. on 20 Mill. & 10 Bill. on 100 Mill., 5 var.	.40
GERMAN OFFICIALS—800,000 on 15pf, 1,000,000 on 75pf, 400,000 on 15pf Official, perf., brown, 800,000 on 30pf Official, perf., orange on buff, 1,000,000 on 75pf Official, perf., ultram., 2,000,000 on 10pf Official, perf., red, 5,000,000 on 100mk Official, red on pink, 5 var.	.40
GERMAN—100 and 200 Millions surcharged "DIENSTMARKE", 2 var.	.18

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composed of ripe ears of wheat, for Yuan Shi Kai came from the North of China.

Both portraits are within oval bands, inscribed in English and Chinese, "The Republic of China." The stamps are of large size and beautifully engraved. All the sheets bear the imprint, "Chinese Bureau of Engraving and Printing."

Yuan Shi Kai, China's first President, died on June 6, 1916. His life is one of the greatest romances the world has known. Born in 1859, the son of a provincial magistrate, he became in 1912 ruler over 450,000,000 people. As a youth, he failed to pass the examination which would have obtained for him recommendation for office, but, joining the army, he rose steadily and came to the notice of Li Hung Chang, who in 1882 sent him as President to Korea. He spent thirteen busy years there, after which the Chinese were driven out by the Japanese. The result of this was that Yuan spent two years in exile in Turkestan. He returned just before the Chinese Reformers were successful in obtaining a number of reforms from the young Emperor Kwang Hsu.

Yuan had contrived to reorganise the army on European lines, and soon had a fine body of disciplined troops under his orders. A plot was formed, and the Emperor was made prisoner in his own palace. Yuan was made Governor of Shantung. After the death of the Emperor, Yuan was dismissed on account of disloyalty to the new Emperor. In 1911 the Republican Rebellion broke out, and he was recalled. Yuan was made Prime Minister, and, the Republicans becoming stronger, he went over to them.

In February, 1912, the child Emperor Hsuen Lung was forced to abdicate, and a Republic came into being with Yuan Shi Kai as President.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who had collected the funds by which a revolution was made possible, had been set up as President at Nanking, but retired in order to unite the country under Yuan. Sun Yat Sen, distrusting Yuan, however, raised a second rebellion, which was easily crushed, and Dr. Sun Yat Sen had to flee.

Towards the end of 1915, Yuan proclaimed himself Emperor, but it was not until February 25, 1916, that an official decree definitely postponed the enthronement of Yuan owing to rebellious actions of the south and west provinces.

These stamps were valid until July 31, 1913, when the remainders were burnt. There is a curious story about this burning, and the following cutting, taken from the *China Times* of June 14, 1914, will perhaps shed a little light on this strange "destruction."

SHANGHAI, June 13th.

A remarkable story was related yesterday in the Mixed Court, when a shopkeeper was charged with unlawfully possessing stamps. It appears, from the evidence, that last March the authorities decided to destroy a large number of the Yuan Shi Kai and Sun Yat Sen commemorative stamps, which were accordingly burnt in a furnace, the Postal Commissioner superintending the work. The furnace was of an automatic type, the fuel being carried forward on rollers. Apparently the stamps were thrown at the back of the furnace, the rollers, on being put into motion, precipitating the stamps into an ash bin. It is believed that tens of thousands of dollars' worth thus escaped destruction.—*Postage Stamp*.

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3gr, No. 8	.65	2 1/2pi, No. 6	4.75	1917, 1/4pi green, No. 5	.10	1922, 1pi on 1pa lilac, No. 29	.25
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2gr, No. 11	.30	No. 8	8.50	1917-18, 1pa to 2pi, complete set,	1.85	Nos. 103-105	1.40
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HANOVER, 10gr, No. 24	20.50	*CHINA, Nos. 198-201, O. G.	25	Nos. 8-10 and 12-13	1.25	* 1922, Postage Due, 1pi and 2pi,	.50
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THE PRECANCEL REVIEW.

Edited by FRED'K W. ALLEN,
312 Walnut St., Minneapolis, Minn.

New Issue Notes—The latest of the new stamps to appear precancelled is the eight cent. New York takes the palm away from Chicago this time. I have neglected to mention the 3 cent Lincoln. Chicago has been out of this for over six weeks with normal, inverted, and double normal varieties. San Francisco, Boston Type X (nor. and inv.), Caldwell, N. J., Seguin, Texas, were also early users of this denomination. The circulation should, very shortly, become quite general. The handsome twenty cent has sprung into usage with a bound. A list of cities would be too lengthy to incorporate in this column. The cancellations as a general rule read up and down, although I notice horizontal overprints from Tulsa, Okla., and Flint, Mich. Bureau printed precancels have been issued for Omaha, Sioux City, and quite a few others which have not been mentioned before. City type precancellations are on the one cent also appearing in profusion. Woodsboro, Md., Corning, N. Y., South Weymouth, Mass., Fargo, N. D., Corning, N. Y., Clay Center, Nebr., and Gerrard, Kansas, are a few of these I have run across. The Hardings seem to be very popular and many are building a small collection of these precancels exclusively. The demand is brisk, so they fetch good prices. Although an immense quantity were printed, it is likely that the precancelled ones will be scarce. The *Philatelic Gossip* announces a special album for them which is to be issued in several months. Leon, Kansas, Clay Center, Nebr., Davenport, Iowa, Lock Haven, Pa., Rockford, Mich., East Alton, Ill., Provo, Utah, Warren, R. I., Zarephath, N. J., Geneva, N. Y., Santa Monica, Calif., Los Gatos, Calif., Orange, Texas, Waco, Texas, and Leesburg, Fla., are some new Harding precancels.

Albuquerque, N. Mex.—The name is difficult to spell ("N'est pas?") so one wonders little that the party who made the handstamp slipped up on several of the subjects. "Alburquerque" and "Aburquerque" are two errors in spelling seldom seen but nevertheless existing.

Blunt, S. D.—Handstamped letters of medium size and fancy font between bars describes the precancels for this small town. An 8 cent Perf. 11 is the sole variety to chronicle.

Brookings, S. D.—This city precancelled Christmas, 1923, for the first time in its history. The impression was type set, being very striking. The six cent is the single item which came into my possession and it is prized highly.

Charles City, Iowa—Two types are currently employed. The handstamped precancels are scarcer than the printed varieties. Watch for them.

Clay Center, Nebr.—The U-3 electroplate still monopolizes the overprinting for this office. Throughout the year the one cent is carried in precancelled condition but the other values are found only



FREDERICK W. ALLEN.
Above is pictured the editor of the Precancel Department. Mr. Allen is without doubt one of the greatest authorities on precanceled stamps in the United States. He has endeared himself to hosts of readers of the WEEKLY through this department and we take pleasure in presenting him to them a little more closely.

time, all of which will be good property: 1917 issue, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 20, 50, 1.00 Special Delivery—all normal and 2, 6, 10, 13, 10 cent Special—inverted; 1923 issue 2 cent nor. and inv., 2 cent Harding nor. and inv., 20 and 25 cent up. Some items which have just come to light that were used over a year ago are: 3 cent Victory normal, inverted, up, and down, 16 cent and 24 cent Aeroplanes both reading horizontal. I am indebted to Mr. John L. Parker for this information.

Churubusco, Ind.—The 1 cent Perf. 11 and Perf. 10x10 is out from this third class office in type similar to U-18. The name is a bit odd which if nothing else, makes a precancel from here quite desirable.

Cincinnati, Ohio—A quantity of the 16 cent Aero were precancelled with the U-3 plate. All the copies seen have the impression reading down.

Grand Forks, N. Dak.—The post-office received just in time for the holiday season a new plate similar to those of Salisbury and Hickory, N. C. The overprint is clean cut and a great improvement over the former handstamped type. Of the old series the 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 20 and perf. 10 Rotary have been precancelled. Also 2, 4, 5, 7, 10 new series They will be in use throughout the year.

Hudson Falls, N. Y.—A large block of the 3 cent surface overprinted with the U-16 handstamp brought me the first from this town.

Huntsville, Ala.—Hunt for them. They are very scarce. Mr. R. E. Sharp

sends for inspection several values bearing the U-3 overprint, handstamped.

Kankakee, Ill.—Mr. S. Altman has found a Victory stamp with inverted cancellation from this city. As good as a five dollar bill, I should say, for it is possibly unique. No doubt the post-office precancelled a small quantity in the holiday season to get rid of them.

Middletown, N. Y.—A small number of these are now coming through. The latest I have seen are 10 cent up, 20 and 25 cent horizontal, 1923 series.

Moultrie, Ga.—A real southern flavor to this one. Handstamped in rather large letters between bars. The 5 and 10 cents new issue are the first to be noted. It may be well to mention Sumter, Ala., along with Moultrie as being a new addition. Sort of recall the history of the Revolutionary Days, don't they?

Odell, Ill.—Small thin caps reading diagonally up and down truly describes a couple of rare items in my collection, the 6 and 8 cent Perf. 11.

Parsons, Kans.—Still another addition to the offices possessing a U-18 plate. This will be Type II, as a handstamp similar to U-23 has been employed for several years.

Sabinal, Texas—The U-3 handstamp has just been received. I am able to chronicle the 6 and 8 old and 2, 4, 5, 10 new issue.

Sanford, Me.—The plate which has no counterpart to my knowledge has been recently used on the Perf. 11 issues. The precancels are attractive to behold and quite desirable.

Seneca, S. C.—Mr. Robert Tribble informs me that Seneca has precancelled the 2 cent to 10 cent values during the Christmas rush for the past three years. The 1 cent is precancelled the year around for the circular mail of business houses. A four at a time rubber stamp is used, a proof of which is enclosed in Mr. Tribble's communication. SENECA, S. C., appears in two lines without bars.

Xenia, Ohio—It may interest a few readers to know that this office is the only one beginning with the letter "X" which uses precancels. They are difficult to obtain.

Miscellaneous—A number of U. S. specialists have started small precancel collections for entertainment and relief. It is an admirable side line to choose if you seek relaxation. The educational features are not lacking nor the possibilities for investment. To all readers who are interested I shall be glad to forward sample copies of "The Precancel Gazette" and various information upon request.

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Notwithstanding the holiday season the returns for December are impressive. W. J. Zink with 47, the Fennell Stamp Co. with 40 and the Pike's Peak Co. with 37, show how closely contested is the race for first place. The work done by some other friends is well worth mentioning. The Kansas City Stamp Co. jumps from 6 to 26 and space will not permit the mention of numerous others whose co-operation is certainly appreciated. Those who have sent in more than ten during the month of December, are the following:—

W. J. Zink, Cleveland, O.	47
Fennell Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	40
Pikes Peak Co., Colo. Springs, Colo.	37
Kansas City Co., Kansas City, Mo.	30
L. B. Dover, St. Louis, Mo.	18
Paul F. Cornish, Schenectady, N. Y.	13
Wm. G. Klemt, Jersey City, N. J.	13

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W. J. Zink, Cleveland, O.	170
Fennell Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	122
Pikes Peak Co., Colo. Springs, Colo.	101
L. B. Dover, St. Louis, Mo.	55
Paul F. Cornish, Schenectady, N. Y.	40
Wm. G. Klemt, Jersey City, N. J.	38
D. B. Nagle Co., Reading, Pa.	29
C. E. Hussman Co., St. Louis, Mo.	24
Kansas City Stamp Co., Kans. City	26
Hiawatha Shop, Syracuse, N. Y.	23
Eugene Klein, Phila., Pa.	22
W. F. Cannon Co., Davenport, Ia.	22
Joseph Gallant, Hempstead, N. Y.	21
Midwest Stamp Co., Kans. C., Mo.	20
Hawkeye Co., Cedar Rapids, Ia.	20
R. Lamprecht, Valparaiso, Ind.	18
J. C. Matthews, Olympia, Wash.	15
Liberty Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	13
E. P. Seebohm, San Fran., Cal.	13
H. A. Keigwin, Middletown, N. Y.	12
Buckey Stamp Co., Dayton, O.	12
C. E. Nickles, Washington, D. C.	12
N. Joseph, Boston, Mass.	12
Covert Stamp Co., Rochester, N. Y.	12
Adolph Gunesch, Chicago, Ill.	12
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EASTER ISLAND.

By JOHN N. LUFF.

Some months ago Mr. G. P. Young, Dayton, Ohio, sent me a stamp which he said came from Easter Island and had been given him by Captain Bradley Jones, U. S. Army Air Service. Captain Jones had obtained the stamp in December, 1916, when he visited the island as a member of an expedition on the non-magnetic yacht "Carnegie." An interesting account of this voyage and of places visited, including Easter Island, was published in the *National Geographic Magazine* for December, 1922.

According to the encyclopedias, Easter Island is a small island (area about 45 square miles) situated in the South Pacific Ocean, 1,400 miles east of Pitcairn Island and 2,000 miles from the South American coast. It is celebrated for remarkable images and structures erected by a vanished race. On many of the bluffs are found immense platforms, built of large cut stones, laid without cement. These platforms are usually placed where the land slopes toward the sea, on which side they are sometimes 30 feet high. Some of them are 200 to 300 feet long and 30 feet wide. On these platforms formerly stood huge stone images, some of them nearly 40 feet high, but averaging about 15 feet. Most of these images are now overthrown. In another part of the island there are remains of houses built of large flat stones, the roofs being of overlapping stones, and the interiors painted with pictures of animals, etc. A very interesting description of these archaeological remains will be found in the *National Geographic Magazine* for December, 1921.

The stamp shown by Mr. Young was a Chilean stamp of the 1915-20 issue, the 1 centavo gray green, typographed. It was overprinted diagonally, in dull blue, "Rapa-Nui," reading downward, from upper left to lower right. Apparently the overprint was set up from rubber type, inked on an ink-pad, and then struck by hand on the stamp. The stamp was unused and with full gum. As I wished to know more about it, Mr. Young kindly supplied the address of Captain Bradley Jones, to whom I wrote as follows:

"I have received your address from Mr. G. P. Young of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Young has been writing me about a stamp which he received from you and which you purchased at Easter Island in December, 1916.

"I find myself at a loss to understand how it can be used in Easter Island, or why it should have been overprinted with the native name 'Rapa-Nui.' I should greatly appreciate any information you can give me on the history of this stamp and the way it is used.

"My understanding is that this island has no regular connections with any part of the world, but is dependent upon passing ships to take letters, and in that case I would suppose that the postage on such letters would have to be paid in cash, so that the captain taking them could purchase stamps at the port where he proposed to mail them. In the next place, I cannot see what possible use they could have in this island for 1 centavo stamps, as letter postage would be 10 centavos and the rate for a postal card 2 centavos, or probably 4 centavos.

"If you can give me any information as to the postal service of Easter Island and the connections with the outside world, also why they have overprinted these stamps 'Rapa-Nui,' I shall greatly appreciate the assistance. It seems possible that the overprint is merely a form of cancellation."

To this letter I received the following interesting reply:

"I have just returned from a short trip and find your letter of the 9th awaiting me.

"Rapa-Nui belongs to Chile. The name of Easter Island (or its Dutch equivalent) was given by Roggewien, who first sighted it on Easter day, 1722. Cook, the English navigator, was the next visitor (in 1774) and he used the name Easter Island to describe it. The Spanish name of Isla de Basma is used by

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Chile interchangeable with the native name of Rapa-Nui. The natives seem to use Rapa-Nui exclusively, but, of course, they have few occasions to mention the name, as, due to isolation, they are in a world by themselves. They probably came from the Marquesas—that is, their ancestors did—and it is reasonable to believe that some, at least, came from the island of Rapa; whence Rapa-Nui, meaning New Rapa.

"At my visit in December, 1916, there were roughly 250 inhabitants; all Kankanas except two, the Chilean Governor and a Portuguese. The Portuguese was sole survivor of a shipwreck some years before; he had gone native, and had no desire to leave, being quite comfortable. The Chilean was sent out by his government as representative. I believe he was supposed to make record of the weather, but, due to ships never calling, his meteorological observations were of little value.

"Chile leases the island 'en toto' to an English company for exploitation. This company has a herd of some 1,500 cattle, which roams over the island. The natives kill an animal whenever desired for food, the skin being preserved. Whenever the schooner comes over from Chile a general slaughter takes place, the natives gorging themselves with meat, and what they do not eat lies on the ground and rots. Only hides are taken away. The company had a representative, a Mr. Edmunds, formerly, but he had been gone eighteen months before I touched there. The schooner is supposed to come once a year for hides. Sometimes it is a year and a half or two years or more. When we arrived it had been eighteen months since the schooner's visit. The natives wanted matches and soap.

"The Chilean 'Governor' had a supply of 1 centavo stamps overprinted with 'Rapa-Nui.' As we were on a wooden sailing ship bound around the Horn, which is always risky, I purchased stamps and affixed them to several letters, advising relatives and friends in the United States and New Zealand of my safe arrival. My companions did likewise. The trading schooner (coming for hides) was then six months overdue, and the Governor promised that, as his suc-

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"So far as I know, except for the trading schooner which is manned by a nondescript Chilean crew, the only visitors in recent years was an English expedition of Mr. Scoresby Routledge, an archæologist, who studied the stone images there in 1913-14, and the German cruiser 'Eitel Friedrich,' who stopped and 'lifted' cattle in 1914, on her way to the Falklands, where she took part in the battle there. My visit was on the survey yacht 'Carnegie.' There is a persistent rumor that the island sank in an earthquake a year ago, but I cannot get authentic information."

In answer to a request for permission to publish the information he had given me, Captain Jones wrote further:

"You are entirely welcome to use any part of my letter for your journal."

"Supplementing my previous letter, the post of representative of the Chilean government is somewhat unique. Sr. Solar called himself 'Gobernador' or governor, and in so far as he was politically the ruler of the island, he was quite right in so terming himself. Ordinarily there are no crimes to be judged or punished. It is a community; if there is no food everyone starves, if there is food everyone gets an equal share. The marriage ceremony, which civilization uses to force the male to provide for his offspring, is not so essential in a land where a child can stop at any hut

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"So the 'Gobernador,' while having the power of judge, is rarely called upon to act as such. He would be in charge of the police or militia, if there were any, but there is not. He is Governor of the Port, only vessels never call. He has charge of customs, only the sole exports are the hides, on which any tariff is as agreed upon in the English concession, over which he has no jurisdiction. There is no immigration, but if there were, he would act as Commissioner of Immigration.

"In short, the 'Gobernador' is a Pooh-Bah, having many possible functions or jobs, only he scarcely is called upon to act. Perhaps I might express it better by simply repeating that he is the sole representative of the Chilean government on the island and must represent his country's various bureaus or departments when necessary. Thus he represents the Chilean postal department as well as the weather bureau. Since the natives do not write, he himself would be the only user of a mail service, except in the rare cases when vessels like that on which I served touch at the island.

"It is to be remembered that the supply boat, which visits the island more or less regularly every couple of years, only goes from Valparaiso to the island and return, and naturally its mariners would have no use for a post-office on the island. To my knowledge, the 'Mana,' belonging to Scoresby Routledge, and ourselves, were the only visitants within recent years.

"Senor Solar, as representative of the Chilean post-office, sold us the stamps and received our letters which we desired to mail. The actual mechanism of whether he cancelled the stamps before delivering the mail to the Chilean post-office at Valparaiso, I do not know. That is sort of an academic matter, it seems to me, as practically he never delivered the letters out of his possession, in my opinion (they never having arrived at their destination).

"It seems to me that the stamps must have been overprinted in Chile, as I do not recollect seeing any rubber stamp in the Governor's 'palace,' which was a wooden shack, with only the bare necessities of life."

To sum up: In 1916 there were Chilean stamps of 1 centavo on Easter Island. At some time these stamps had received the overprint "Rapa-Nui." They were sold with the understanding that they would pay the postage on letters. They were affixed to letters, which were delivered to the Post Master, who promised that they would be posted at a Chilean port. Had these letters been delivered to the Chilean postal officials, it is safe to assume that they would have been duly forwarded through the international mails and would have reached the persons to whom they were addressed.

But, even had the letters been duly transported and delivered, could the stamps be regarded as an issue of an independent postal administration? Is the overprint anything more than a control mark, indicating that the letter came from an outlying postal station? As the overprint had been applied to the stamps before they were sold, was it a form of per-cancellation?

If any of Mr. Jones' letters had reached their destination, we would, at least, know how the overprint was regarded by the Chilean post-office clerks. If they cancelled the stamps it would indicate that they regarded the overprint as a control mark. It could not be anything else, if the stamps were to be accepted as paying postage in a Chilean post-office. And, if they did not apply a Chilean cancellation, yet passed the letters along, then we could only conclude that they regarded the overprint as a postmark. However, the letters never came through. So we are back where we started and there I must leave you, for the present at least.—
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LIBERIA.

By EARL D. EMERY.

Liberia, a country which is despised by so many collectors and dealers on account of its cancelled-to-order stamps, has always held an attraction for me. About eight months ago I started specializing on this country, collecting only mint and postally used copies.

Recently I secured a 24 cent green, No. 15, postally used with a blue Harper cancellation, in superb condition. Another interesting item is the 2 cent red and black, No. 116, with a German Steamship cancellation. A postally used triangular block of four, No. 127, looks very nice.

A few of the prizes I recently obtained are No. 178, two copies, one with an italic "2" in 1920, and the other with the "2" missing, both copies postally used. Another is the triangular Red Cross, No. 251, postally used. One dealer had the nerve to inform me that the Red Cross issues were positively never used for postage. A double surcharge on No. 421, one surcharge inverted, and a double on No. 438, are two more, the former postally used, the latter mint.

The two most recent additions I have are No. 459, hand-stamped and postally used, and No. 396 in an imperforate pair, postally used. This last is not in Scott's 1924, catalogue. A Chicago dealer said he would buy it for \$20.00, but I refused to part with it.

Besides these few I have a great number of mint and postally used in singles, blocks, strips, and pairs, both old and recent issues. Also a number of genuine covers and envelopes. Mint and postally used copies are very hard to obtain, some of them coming at two and three times their catalogue value.

BATA.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

In the fifth of the Ferrary sales a lot comprising forty-five of the rare Bata overprints on Fernando Poo stamps fetched, along with some other comparatively unimportant items the sum of £92. Bata does not figure in the Gibbons Catalogue, nor in the latest Yvert & Tellier, nor is there any reference to it in Mr. Alexander Bunger's "Grosses Lexikon der Philatelie." There may be some references in the Spanish philatelic journals of the period, but the only Spanish record known to me is in Señor Galvez's new specialised catalogue of the stamps of Spain and Colonies (1923, pp. 298, 299), and while the stamps are listed fully there no explanation is offered concerning them.

Bata appears to be an island in the Gulf of Guinea, and here in 1901 the stamps of Fernando Poo were overprinted with a heavy Script hand-stamp "Bata," the whole set of fifteen of the 1901 issue. The overprint is in black or blue-black, Señor Narcisco Diez, Marine Officer and First Sub-Governor of the island, seems to have been responsible for their issue, and they are all obliterated by hand, the date and signature being applied by Señor Diez. It has been supposed that this manuscript cancellation indicated a fiscal use, and this may have misled some of the contemporary chroniclers as to their status. The overprint on the copies I have seen is diagonal reading downwards from the top left corner, and the date "26 Julio 1901" has been written diagonally upwards from the bottom left corner, crossing the "Bata" overprint. The initials N. D. appear below the date.

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The full list of the first issue is as follows:

- 1 centimo, black, surch. Bata.
- 2 centimos chestnut, surch. Bata.
- 3 centimos indigo-purple, surch. Bata.
- 4 centimos dull lilac, surch. Bata.
- 5 centimos vermilion, surch. Bata.
- 10 centimos brown, surch. Bata.
- 25 centimos blue, surch. Bata.
- 50 centimos claret, surch. Bata.
- 75 centimos sepia, surch. Bata.
- 1 peseta blue-green, surch. Bata.
- 2 pesetas red-brown, surch. Bata.
- 3 pesetas olive-green, surch. Bata.
- 4 pesetas red, surch. Bata.
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- 10 pesetas pale orange, surch. Bata.

In the course of a month or two traffic in the Post Office at Bata showed that many of these denominations were not needed or used by the public, but there was a comparatively extensive use for the denomination 10 centimos on postcards. The supply of the 10 centimos brown stamp had been rapidly exhausted, and on October 16, 1901, Señor D. E. Colombo, Sub-Governor of the Colony, sent the following notification to the Governor-General of Fernando Poo:

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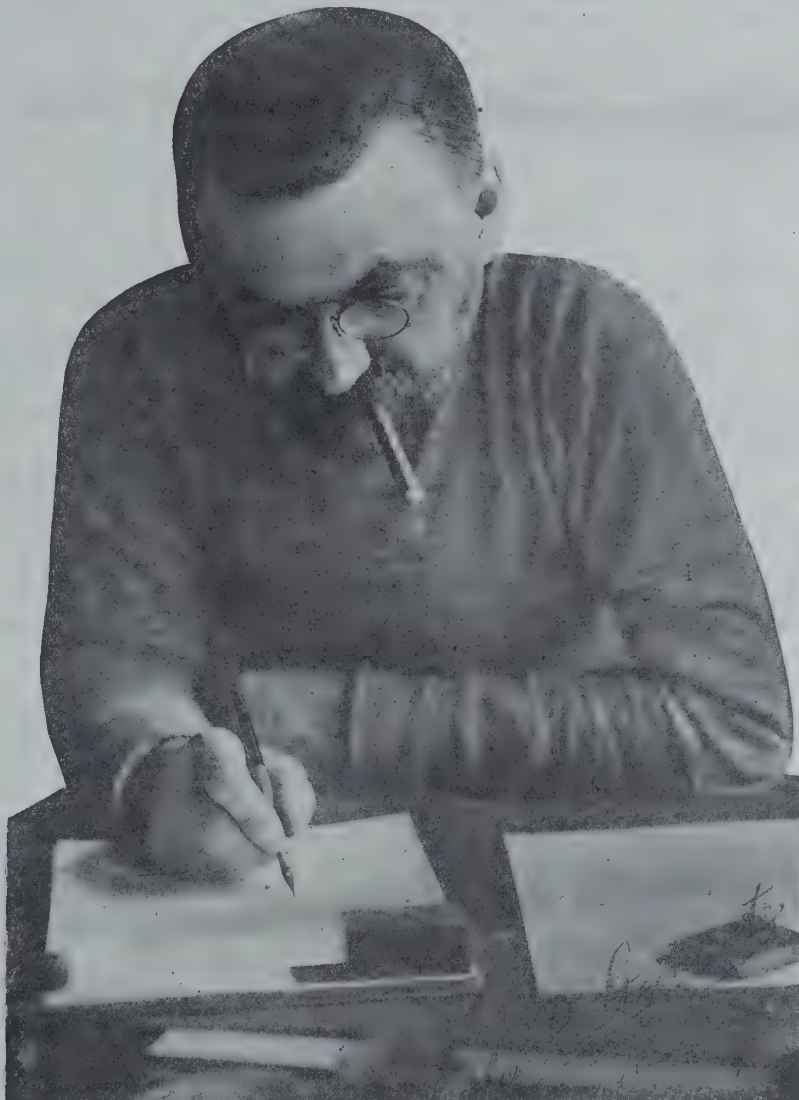
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Phil., 10 peso, No. 274, fine, cat. \$5	1.00
China, \$2 1913-18, fine, used	.10
\$5 1913-18, fine, used	.60
1923, 1, 3, 4, 10c, unused	.25
Ireland, 2 1/2d, new design	.06
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H. F. COLMAN

States. He preferred to buy indirectly thru the Hayden children. He told me once that he was afraid that the stamps would take up too much of his time, he seemed to fear that dealers would pester him with approvals. I think the only reason he consented to see me was the fact that I am a member of the same fraternity as he, Phi Gamma Delta.

His collection was about 10,000 varieties, and largely the War Issues and Old German States. The latter were his favorites. He cared not a bit for condition, so long as the stamp looked well. He did not care for rarities and he did not seem to care much for investment. I remember a superb Oldenburg on cover which I sold him, and the next time I saw the stamp, there was no cover in sight. He said with a bit of a smile—"It looks better that way!"

He had collected a few scattering, "pretty" sets of British Colonials, but he did not care for completeness. He collected what he wanted to and when he felt that he had time. I have known him to leave his laboratory to see some stamps, and I have gone to see him only to hear him greet me with the excuse that he was "busy."

I have never known a more likeable man. He was the "wizard" of electricity, a philosopher, and one of the leading mathematicians in the country, but he was also very human. I never shall forget some of the talks we had, and how charming he was. Naturally the photograph herewith reproduced is one of my most cherished possessions. He was one of the world's great men and one that the world could ill afford to lose.

WATERBURY CLUB'S MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Waterbury, Conn., Stamp Club, the nominating committee, W. D. Pierson, J. P. Elton and J. V. Reed presented the following, who were elected officers for this year: President, Lamont A. Hall; Vice-President, Harry C. Upson; Secretary, Robert E. Platt; Treasurer, John P. Sawyer.

The following committees were named by the president for 1924: Entertainment, W. D. Pierson, R. W. Haddon and Robert S. Walker. Auction, Rev. A. T. Gesner, Alfred Baldwin, Earl Hart. Exhibition, Willis M. Hall, R. W. Haddon, Rev. A. T. Gesner. Membership, Frank Jones, John M. Murray, C. St. John. Sales Manager, T. W. Beard. Librarian, W. M. Hall.

The Club now has a membership of 62.

GEO. H. WORTHINGTON DEAD.

(Press Clipping.)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 10.—George H. Worthington, 74 years old, well-known business man and sportsman, died suddenly in his rooms at a downtown hotel late yesterday. He was President of the Underwriters Land Company of Missouri and was formerly head of the American Chicle Company.

Mr. Worthington was born in Toronto, Canada, and began his business career there in a wholesale grocery. Later he became manager for his father as contractor for building the Southern Central Railroad (now part of the Lehigh Valley System). He was a director of many corporations and member of various clubs in Cleveland.

Mr. Worthington was the owner, until a few years ago, of one of the largest stamp collections in the world. It was a hobby to which he devoted much of his time during the greater part of his life.

"I believe it was his stamp collection more than any other thing that kept him up in recent years." Alvin Good, his secretary for twenty-two years, said last night. "Busy as he was with the enterprises in which he was interested, he always found time to correspond with collectors and dealers in stamps, and to pore over his own collection."

Mr. Worthington disposed of his stamps a few years ago to a New York collector. "Who's who in Philately" has the following to say about the collection: "The finest gen. coll. in America, including a marvellous specialised coll. of United States. The latter includes: Alexandria, the two types on cover, and only known specimen of 5c on bluish. Baltimore, 10c black on white, of which only two other copies are known to exist. Eight copies of the Baltimore envelope, a Brattleboro, a Millbury, a New Haven 5c red, and completed reconstructed plates of St. Louis. Premier gravures complete unused, 3c and 10c in blocks of four; 5c and 30c grided all over; 1869, 15c and 30c inverted centres. Only known copy of the United States City Despatch Post 2c on 3c green. Other notable sections of the collection are the Hawaiian Numerals; (only known 2c on entire); Confederate States (10c Beaumont on pink; 10c Greenville, the Emory, Grove Hill, Helena, Goliads, and others); Ceylon, complete unused. Capes (block of four woodblocks on cover, including the error 4d); Dominican Republic (early issues in reconstructed sheets). Coll. of U.

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stamp friends.

—Mr. Allen Logan, of Kansas City,
Mo., whose interesting collection of
United States stamps was bought by Mr.
Eugene Klein some time ago, has been
elected to the presidency of the Kansas
City Board of Trade, a distinction that
we think is worth crowing about. Mr.
Logan, it may be added, is collecting
again and concentrating on early U. S.
With Mr. Logan at the head of the
Board of Trade and Mr. Michaels boss
of the bar association, the philatelists of
Kansas City are in the saddle.

—The Zumstein & Co., Special Cata-
logue and Handbook of the Swiss
Stamps that was reviewed in the issue
of January 7th is offered by its pub-
lishers for fifteen Swiss francs, postage
extra.

—It is with deep regret that we have
heard of the death of Frank R. Dem-
merly of Indianapolis, Indiana, to whom
we often had occasion to express thanks
for news favors shown us. Mr. Allan
P. Vestal, Indianapolis, writes: "Mr.
Demmerly had only been interested in
philately for five or six years but lo-
cally was reputed to be as well informed
on United States issues as any man in
this vicinity. He personally endeared
himself to his many friends here and his
death after such a short illness was a
very great shock." From an obituary
notice in the Indianapolis News, we learn
that pneumonia was the cause of Mr.
Demmerly's death at the age of forty-
one. He was secretary of the State Life
Insurance Company's medical depart-
ment.

—From Mr. Olaf J. Olson of St. Paul,
Minn., we have a clipping from the
Christian Science Monitor that tells of
the ingenuity of Captain Amundsen in fi-
nancing his North Pole expedition by
stamps.

—A recent departmental order informs
postmasters that the "only kind of ink
that it is permissible to use in the can-
cellation of mail matter is that furnished
by the department." One kind of ink
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stamps and another for those made of
steel.

—The Home of the Postage Stamp
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German stamps at 75c when the price
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—"At a meeting of the St. Louis
Stamp Collector's Society, held on Jan.
8, the subject of speculative stamps such
as have been lately issued by the European
countries or about to be sold in this
country was thoroughly discussed, and
upon resolution unanimously adopted.
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Coin Company ignore such stamps as are
printed and sold for other than legiti-
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best of their ability the collecting of
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—"I notice that a recent article men-
tions the Fordson Tractor as appearing
on one of the late Russian issues. If
this is Scott's type A-56, I would like to
have the author of that article advise
when Henry Ford started making this
one. I have been connected with the
Ford industry for about five years and
have yet to see a Fordson that looks
like this one. There are several other
makes of tractors which this resembles
more than the Fordson. The thought
struck me at the time I noticed the
tractor that it would have been a very
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appeared thereon."—W. C. BLACK.

—W. F. Ferguson, 280 Fourth Ave.,
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J., sends us a comparative list of old
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800t on 300M, 800t on 400M green,	
800t on 400M brown, 800t on 1000M*	.25
2 million on 200M, 2 million on 300M,	
2 million on 5000M*15
250t on 400M, 250t on 500M vermilion,	
100t on 25pf, 400t on 30pf, 800t on	
10pf, 800t on 200M*20
250t on 300M green, 800t on 500M green*	.18
2 million on 5000M red, rouletted*	.10
2 million on 500M rose, rouletted*	.10
2 million on 200M red, rouletted*	.10
1 billion on 100M violet*	.10
500t, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 million Marks*	.12
10 million Marks*, rouletted05
20, 30, 50, 100, 200, 500 million, 1 billion,	
2 billion Marks*18
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10 billion on 50 million green05
10 billion yellow green & dark green03
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5 billion orange & brown, rouletted10
5 billion on 2 million violet10
10 billion on 100 million gray20
50 billion blue and dark blue15
5 billion on 10 million red, rouletted10
10 billion on 20 million blue, rouletted10
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—Our European correspondent, Mr. Lowell J. Ragatz, has returned from abroad for a well-earned rest. He crossed on the Leviathan and having been delayed in the harbor missed a little party that had been arranged for him by old friends in Philadelphia. Mr. Ragatz will be at home at 126 North Butler Street, Madison, Wis., for a short time before leaving for Los Angeles.

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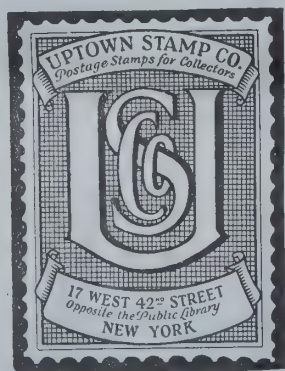
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George H. Worthington, Cleveland, Ohio, whose name for years has stood for philatelic achievement in a collecting sense, died suddenly in his quarters in a hotel in that city on January 9, 1924. While the news of his death comes as a shock to collectors generally, yet it was known by friends that in recent years Mr. Worthington's health had become impaired to a serious extent; withal, he reached the age of seventy-four years. Mr. Worthington enjoyed fame through his great stamp collection which he formed with characteristic energy in a comparatively short time, with the able assistance of Mr. Alvin Good, who was his philatelic mentor or aid. Of Mr. Worthington's affection for stamps there could be no doubt and in the hey-day of his business activities he found in philately a congenial foil to the grind of material affairs. He was always ready to identify himself publicly as a philatelist and he left no step unheeded for the promotion of collecting. He exhibited his great U. S. collection at the Chicago Art Institute, in 1911, paying all the insurance charges on it; and at the convention of the American Philatelic Society at Put-in-Bay, his co-operation made the entertainment of delegates particularly enjoyable. He was an enthusiastic yachtsman and his "Priscilla" was a beautiful craft. Some years ago business reverses made it advisable to dispose of the Worthington collection which in the public mind represented the maximum in philately as his collection was considered to be worth a million dollars. The sale became involved in entanglements to the extent that it is difficult to follow the ins and

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outs of the transaction. Readers of the WEEKLY are acquainted with some of the gems that were in the collection, as at different times they were pictured in our columns. Many biographies of Mr. Worthington have appeared in the philatelic and general press in years past and it suffices to say here that he was born in Canada and started in the wholesale grocery trade; and later became interested in railroad construction through his father who was a contractor for building a railroad in this country. Formerly, Mr. Worthington was president of the American Chic Company and at the time of his death was the head of the Underwriters' Land Company of Missouri. Among his club affiliations were the American Philatelic Society, No. 151, and the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland. The friends of this true collector will deplore his death and collectors who knew of him and his stamps only in print will hold Mr. Worthington in memory for a long time to come.

We are indebted to the newspapers in Chicago for a stamp story that concerns a bride imported from Vienna at a cost of one thousand dollars, who would not even kiss her husband. She is twenty-two and he fifty-nine years of age. The husband scorned told his story to the Chicago police and a judge is trying to give a decision warranted by the facts and the evidence. It seems that Richard Raikes Dodson, now a janitor in Beloit, Wisconsin, has seen better days, especially when he cut a swath at Monte Carlo while an inheritance of one hundred thousand dollars was melting away. While engaged in janitorial work in Beloit, "he found stamp collecting an interesting side-line until he began exchanging stamps with Prof. Ludwig Mahler, teacher of languages in Vienna." The kindly prof. digressed in one of his letters to say that he knew a beautiful girl who pined for one of those American husbands. That was Dodson's cue to buy a classy college-cut overcoat with fur collar, after sending a photograph of himself to the young lady, taken, incidentally, some time ago. He met his intended at New York and even though she shied when she beheld a much older edition of her wooer than the photograph showed, she married him rather than go back to Vienna. While she gave him her hand she withheld her kisses and hence, his tears. He says that she has made a mock of him and she says that she wants a divorce and a chance to go to work. If Dodson had stuck to his stamps and passed up the Shebas, think of the dollars and dolor that he would have saved. If he had contented himself with looking into the charming faces of

faithful stamp friends, he would have spared himself loss of money and peace of mind. Collectors with foreign correspondents should watch their steps.

In the Associated Press correspondence from Munich, mention is made of an effective protest by stamp collectors of that place against disfiguring cancellations on stamps. The postal authorities have instructed the employees to exercise care in applying the cancelling ink, in order that specimens may not be rendered valueless to philatelists, who, naturally, dislike the badly-smudged stamps. In this country, in years gone by, requests similar to the foregoing have been regarded with some suspicion by the department, but today more consideration would be given to the complaint of the collector here, we have no doubt.

The editor has been away on a vacation trip and was in Bermuda for a week or so; and while he had a pleasant outing he is unable to report any Bermudian philatelic developments. The post-office at Hamilton is a busy place and newspaper complaint is made that one window for stamp selling does not accommodate the buyers black and white. The shop people are very agreeable and while none of them that was visited had stamps for sale, in a collecting sense, the offer was usually made to get some. At St. George's we had a pleasant surprise. At the hotel there we bumped into Mr. L. A. Davenport of the Marks Stamp Company, Toronto, Canada, who was taking a vacation. Mr. Davenport was at the Washington convention last August. Just before we got to St. George's, a letter was received from Mr. C. F. Adams, Chicago, who has been in St. George's a few weeks before. We shall refrain from saying that obvious thing about the dimensions of this sphere.

An interesting precancelled specimen is shown us by Mr. Charles Love, in the shape of a block of six stamps, composing a booklet pane of the three cent purple, engraved, with the Cushing, Okla., surcharge. Mr. Love wrote to the postmaster, at Cushing about the stamps and received the following answer: "On December 1st we precancelled all the three cent books that we had. C. S. Brigham, P. M., Cushing, Okla., December 20, 1923."

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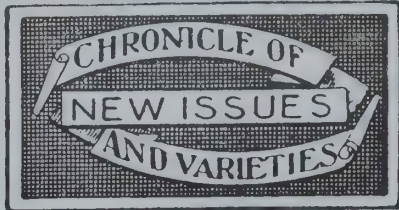
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UNITED STATES.—Mention was made in this column a few weeks back as to the locating of a wonderful correspondence in Philadelphia running from 1848 to 1851. Since my last notes appeared I have not only been able to learn more details as to this find but have acquired the balance which no doubt contain the finest lot of the 1847 issue that has ever changed hands in one transaction.

It seems that back in August the collector, who is the lucky finder of this correspondence noted a loose cover with two wonderful copies of the 10c 1847 upon it. His search at that time revealed nothing more. His wife however, an enthusiastic collector with her woman's intuition, felt that there must be more and as a result of her careful work, the largest find of the 10c ever made resulted.

In my previous remarks I covered in detail the early portion which had been disposed of by the lucky finder and I will now endeavor to mention some of the more important pieces which he retained and which I have acquired.

The lot consisted of a strip of four, eight strips of three, twenty-six pairs and a number of singles of the 10c; two wonderful strips of four, eight pairs and a number of singles of the 5c. The strip of four of the 10c was in very fine condition with sheet margins on the right and boardwalk margins on the other three sides. There was an unusually fine horizontal strip of three of the 10c with margins on all sides which had escaped cancellation and which has a very strong stitch watermark. A magnificent pair on cover showed one of the stamps with the well known shift in Post Office and a further pair in just as fine a condition shows the shift in X on each copy, being the only two copies in the plate with this variety. Another piece of the first water was a perfection single copy on cover showing the Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad cancellation in blue. There were possibly fifteen to twenty copies in

the singles, pairs and strips with short transfer. One cover had a steamboat postmark, there was a strip of three showing the double line at the bottom of the left stamp, and several single copies of the four shifts on the plate. Quite a number of the covers had the U. S. Express Mail Boston cancellation. Four covers showed a large blue "R" with manuscript number after each, proving conclusively that this indicated registration.

In the case of the 5c the outstanding piece was a perfection horizontal strip of four on cover with black Boston grid cancellation in addition to a red PAID which covered part stamp and part cover. This was mailed in Boston on June 18, and shows the red postmark of that day. There were two covers with Philadelphia Railroad cancellation and one strip of four with U. S. Express Mail postmark. The balance of the lot was in an unusually attractive condition, for the owner had retained the choice items.

It seems that this firm went out of business around 1851, for the correspondence stopped at that time and in the case of the latter issue only 10 copies of the 3c 1851, with none of the other values were found. There were some few covers without stamps, including those from St. Louis, which should have had the Postmaster's stamps upon them for they were used around that time. Practically the entire correspondence came from Boston, New York, Richmond and Charleston, and had the postmarks of those several cities.

While in Boston I not only had the pleasure of acquiring this lot, but attended the auction sale held by Mr. D. F. Kelleher, on Jan. 11th, at which time there were sold one of the choicest lots of early U. S., mostly singles, in mint condition, that have come upon the market for many days. There were several dealers from New York and Philadelphia as well as a strong representation from New England so that prices ruled firm. The New Haven second reprint signed sold at \$21.00, while the sheet of Providence, which a few years back could be purchased around \$60.00, changed hands at \$106.00. A wonderful copy of the 10c St. Louis gray lilac cataloguing \$200.00 found a new owner at \$316.00, while a damaged copy cataloguing the same, brought only \$27.50, helping to prove that it pays to be careful as to condition. A 10c '47 sold at \$45.00 while a 24c of the next issue in beautiful condition without gum sold at \$161.00. The reprints of the 1851 series all brought close to catalogue and in several cases more. The 24c August on cover came South at \$131.00. This, however, was an exceptionally attractive piece with a wonderful

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hard paper brought close to catalogue or more in practically all cases. The soft papers which were a wonderfully fine lot brought almost equally as much.

The later issues brought good figures and I more especially note choice items: a vertical pair of the 6c 1894, part perf., at \$38.00; a mint pair of the 8c 1895, with revenue watermark at \$111.00; 1c 1901, invert \$74.50; the 2c at \$630.00 and the 24c aeroplane invert at \$627.00. The 4 and 8c blue paper sold at \$104.00 and \$107.00 respectively, while the 5 and 13c brought \$47.00 and \$31.25. The outstanding piece of the Departments was a block of four of the \$20.00 State which went at a most reasonable figure of \$264.00. The purchaser, however, was prepared to go much higher than necessary.

The Specimen Departments reflected the new prices placed upon them in the catalogue, the Treasury set in wonderful condition sold at \$55.50, the Post Office at \$58.00 and the Interior at \$61.00. The \$2.00 State, of which twelve are known, brought \$77.00 while the 30c Agriculture "Specimen," possibly unique, changed hands at \$181.00. Newspaper varieties as usual approached catalogue in but very few cases.

BELGIUM.—Mr. Henry Hooreman has shown us the 20c brown in the new type.

CANADA.—Our valued Special Correspondent, Mr. William Butler, confirms the information recently published regarding the impending change of colour of the 3 cents stamp, and states that this denomination in red will be placed on sale on or about Tuesday, January 1st, when the brown stamp will be retired. Officials at Ottawa deny the rumor that an entirely new pictorial series is to be issued and say that this idea is a mere invention.—Stamp Collecting.

GERMANY.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the new 100pf stamp in a purple color with the information that its face value is 100 new renton pfennig or 1 renton mark which is equivalent to 1 billion paper marks.

GOLD COAST.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us for chronicle the 1sh old watermark on emerald paper and the 2sh on new script watermark paper.

HOLLAND.—Examples of the two denominations of "Charity" (save the mark!) stamps, described in advance in our issue for December 8th, are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. and L. M. Sharp.—Charity stamps, Perf. 11 1/2: 2ct. plus 5 cents, and 10ct. plus 5 cents.—Stamp Collecting.

HONG-KONG.—We understand the new "Postage Due" labels, summarized in Stamp Collecting for July 28th last, are now available, comprising the following values:—1 cent brown, 2 cents green, 4 cents red, 6 cents orange and 10 cents blue.—Stamp Collecting.

IRELAND.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 6d lilac, Sword of Light type, has been placed on sale.

ITALY.—For the first time for nearly forty-four years, this country has issued an ordinary postage stamp of the denomination of 2 lire. It is in the type of the current 1 and 5 lire (1901), having the value expressed in words as usual (in this case "DUE" in the lower right-hand corner). Mr. Denton Hepworth shows us a postally used copy. Wmk. Crown, Perf. 14: 2 lire blue and rose. It will be remembered that this new denomination formed one of the Corfu series of provisionals.—Stamp Collecting.

LATVIA.—Mr. Karl Koslowski advises us that a 1 lats, superseding Scott's No. 111, 50 rubles, size, shape, color, etc., as the No. 111 but perforated 11.

SWEDEN.—Mr. Fred A. Jekel calls our attention to the 30c blue, type of Scott's A20, which has been issued perf. 10 vertically.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts copies of 1d carmine and black, 2d violet and black and 6d grey and black of the postage due series. All are perforated 14 and no watermark. Mr. Roberts adds that they were printed and perforated locally.

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* 9p	139	25	13
* 1sh	140	30	15
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* 6p	151	30	15
* 1sh	155	12	06
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* 8c	113	20	10
* 1906-07, 4c	121	20	10
* 8c	122	18	10
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* 3c	125	200	95
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* 4c	127	45	20
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BUFFALO'S PHILATELIC LIFE.

(The following article appeared in the "Buffalo Express" of Sunday, January 13, and we consider it of sufficient interest to reprint in the WEEKLY. It appears in a department "Strolling on the Avenue", and we are indebted to Roscoe B. Martin for the article.—W. O. W.)

Have you any old love letters in your attic? If so, please produce them. We promise to take away only the envelope, leaving the tender contents with you. An advertisement running something to this effect has been appearing lately in various rural publications and causing no end of wonderment.

It all comes about because W. H. MacLaren, editor of the *Cleveland Press*, is a philatelic fan, or to be more readily understood, a stamp collector. Many of the wonderful examples of what the faddists call covers, or envelopes, bearing valuable stamp and cancellation, which Mr. MacLaren possesses and which he will exhibit in Buffalo next month, for the benefit of the local collectors, were first acquired in this way. Old trunks were opened and forgotten treasures in the form of yellowing packets of letters unearthed.

Allen F. Daggett, a Buffalo collector, advises all who contemplate a really worth while collection to take a motor trip through the byways of New England where every other farmhouse, he believes, contains its bit of gold for the philatelist. Mr. Daggett's own collection of three-cent '57's, was started by finding a handful of old correspondence with the prized specimens in excellent condition on the cover in a family garret in Holyoke. Mr. Daggett specializes in British colonies and in the interesting occupation issues, so called, of the war ridden countries of the old world, struck off after the Armistice. Many of these bear surcharges, another philatelic detail that greatly intrigues the knowing, and the genuineness of which often taxes their utmost cunning to detect. The victory issues show another phase of the great historic epoch, as indeed do most of the issues of all lands, stressing the great educational value of the stamp which is not the least of its recommendations.

Warner Bates, another collector of standing, and president of the Buffalo Collector's Club, No. 37, a branch of the American Philatelic society, says he believes that collecting, and particularly specialized collecting, is the ideal vent for scientific and esthetic inclinations, that it forms an avocation from the cares of business and professional life that is priceless for the hard pressed modern

man of affairs. Every one is looking for an escape, for that matter, and stamps are the open sesame to the wonderland of history, legend, geography and the study of mankind.

The Buffalo Collectors organized this fall and elected, beside Mr. Bates, Laurence H. Gardner as vice-president, Harry C. Flierl as treasurer-secretary, and Fred L. Koepf as auctioneer. This last office suggests the bartering that forms a large part of stamp collecting, a good trade being considered altogether satisfying by most enthusiasts.

The collectors are planning among their winter activities a dinner on the 25th at the home of Matthew W. Hoover of Lockport, the lecture and exhibit by MacLaren in February, and a public showing of their stamps at Ulbrich's bookstore, also next month. Fortnightly meetings, always well attended at the clubrooms in West Eagle street, and a membership of 25, connote a growing concern. There is another stamp group in the city, too, the Bison City Club, of which Theodore Steeg is president, who represents the dilettante equally enthusiastic element, and founded by Harry Klotzbach a year or two ago.

Of the big local collectors whose stamps are nationally known, perhaps Laurence Gardner is the first to be mentioned. His stamps, which number about 40,000 and represent a good sized fortune, are contained in 45 big albums and locked in a special safe. Mr. Gardner is what is termed a general collector, aiming to make his collection cover something of all varieties, of which, by the way, there are 30,000; whereas, the specialists, like Mr. Bates, concentrate on the varieties of certain issues, or on the stamps of some particular period or country, some devoting their attention to only two or three special stamps, of which they aim to acquire as many specimens as possible. Mr. Bates' specialty is the three-cent green Franklin of '73. Others, like A. H. Pike, confine themselves to cancellations; and some will have nothing to do with anything but blocks of four uncanceled stamps, as the late Mrs. Halliday, who at one time had at her home in Delaware avenue what is known as the Worthington collection, one of the most highly valued in the country.

To return to Mr. Gardner's collection, which contains something of interest to every type of hobbyist, one of the rarest and most costly of his stamps is what is known as a 24-cent airplane invert, exhibiting one of the freaks of the impressing process. Perhaps Mr. Gardner's choicest stamp is his Brattleboro local. These locals, of postmasters' semi-official issues, represent the method by which mail was sent before the United States postal department decided in 1847 to issue a uniform, regular stamp; and are the most interesting of all types to the collector. Great Britain was the first, by the way, to issue a postage stamp, seven years before this.

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Stamps have always been a favorite pastime with boys and girls; and the great increase in interesting specimens since the war, which altered the map and consequently the postage of the world, has made collecting more fascinating than ever. Abroad, collecting is gaining in interest among all ages and classes and in the Eastern cities of the United States the same thing is happening. Bartlett Wright, or Bobby, as he is known to his staunch friends, is a veritable whiz of a collector, owning about 8,000 stamps of his own and having an accurate mental picture of each of his father's (Parke Wright's) 30,000 and more album entries.

Up in the garret of the old Richmond mansion in Batavia is still tucked away one of the earliest and most noted collections in this part of the country, begun by the late Dean Richmond, president of the New York Central and grandfather of Eugene Richmond, whose little daughter, Mary, is an avid gatherer of choice stamps. William Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford B. Nichols, has a collection of 13,000 that commands adult respect. The children in the Langdon Albright, Charles W. Goodyear, Maxwell Wheeler, Parton Swift and Shirley Taylor families are all addicts of this amiable weakness.

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Allen Logan, the well known philatelist, and also well known as a crop statistician, has been elected president of the Kansas City Board of Trade, defeating Oliver Denton by a vote of 109 to 68. The Kansas City Times of Jan. 9, published a picture of Mr. Logan with an extended account of his many activities. We quote from the Times as follows:—

The new president has established a wide reputation as a crop reporter and statistician. Requests for his crop data and other information have come from many industries in this country and from grain concerns in a large number of foreign countries. He also is well known as a stamp collector.

Mr. Logan was born in Stanford, Ky., January 27, 1871, and is the son of Dr. P. W. Logan, who was chief surgeon in the Union army during the Civil War. After graduating from Centre College, Danville, Ky., Mr. Logan came to Kansas City where he became associated with the Metropolitan National Bank and the National Bank of Commerce. He entered the grain business in 1897, starting as the junior member of the firm of Paxton & Logan. He later organized the Central Granaries Company and in 1903 established the Logan Bros. Grain Company, his present organization. He has been second and first vice-president and has served on the directorate.

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A. B. Thacher, New York Telephone Co., 321 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, submits an interesting orange cancellation on the one cent blue, issue of 1879. The cancellation seems to be shaped like a football or watermelon, about one and one-quarter inches long by one inch high, and is composed of small dashes, with the date in the center.

The following quotations from a letter written by the Editor of this department to a correspondent who had favored him with specimens of some interest to the specialist may have in them something of interest and help to those who read this department:—

"The 'Paid 10' in blue on the 1873, three cent green is a dandy. I have it in black on two or three issues, but I could not tell without looking it up whether I have it in blue. I know I have some of the 'Paid's' in blue on various issues and I regard them as nice property.

The copy you submit which you term 'seeming to be printed on both sides' is a strong offset copy. I do not think it is an offset from a stamp showing a broken plate. The line you see which runs across Washington's forehead and upward towards the left of the reversed design, ends at the edge of the design and then picks up again where the design of the next stamp cuts in. If this were a broken plate a green line would show in the white space between the designs of the two stamps.

These stamps were printed by the recess process. That is, the lines were engraved downward into the plate, rather than raised, the ink was supplied to the plate and allowed to gather in the sunken lines and then the print was made from a plate in this condition. For this reason, when a plate became scratched or broken, ink would gather in the line made by the scratch or break and this would be printed on the stamp paper, usually showing just about as strong as the engraved lines of the stamp.

I am not exactly sure that I can always tell the difference between a scratch and a break, except that it is my opinion that a break or cracked plate is usually of some length whereas a scratch may be very short. At least I cannot imagine a crack or cleavage occurring for a distance of three or four millimeters and not going further. I think the plate would keep on cracking for a distance of from half an inch to two or three inches. Do I make my point clear? Also a scratch or damaged plate may show a line that is very thick, or thick in the middle and thin on the ends, or thick on one end and tapering to a fine line at the other end, depending on the uneven pressure brought to bear on the engraver's tool or edge of another plate or whatever it was that might have been dragged over the plate which becomes damaged.

Another difference, I believe, would sometimes be found in the direction taken by the line or mark in question. Generally speaking, it is my belief that scratches usually run quite straight, whereas, cracks or breaks in a plate often bend and twist in a freakish manner, depending upon the texture of the steel, flaws in the metal, etc. Of course, either a scratch or a crack may bend or twist, but there is a difference that can generally be detected by the eye, if you grasp my exact meaning.

Now, returning to the stamp showing strong offset, that you submit. After all this digression you would probably like to know what it is that caused this diagonal line to show right across the stamp design and extending up into the edge of the design of the next stamp that shows slightly. In my opinion, the stamp that made the offset was a copy creased or folded after printing. That the stamp was folded after printing is indicated by the fact that the part of the design showing above the fold is out of line with part showing below the fold. Were it a copy folded before printing, the two parts of the design would 'plumb up' until after the fold was ironed out, when they would become 'out of plumb' and there would be a wide white space of color through the design of the stamp.

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H. F. COLMAN

that the offset was made by a freshly gummed sheet being laid on another sheet of stamps, part of the design coming off with the gum. If the offset remains, it is a true offset, made by laying the back side of a sheet of stamps on the wet ink surface of a freshly printed sheet and these things are of collectible interest.

The other sample which I am returning, which you thought to be No. 207b, eight small holes in a circle, is unfortunately not that variety. The 'eight-small-holes-in-a-circle' stamp comes on double paper. The holes are punched through the upper layer of paper and not through the lower, so that when stamps are printed from this paper part of the printed design shows in eight places on the under half of the double paper. Have I made that clear? In other words, if you separate the double papers, one of them would show blank excepting that there would be eight small circles of design. This was a crazy device of some inventor to prevent cleaning off the cancellations, or something of that sort, but it failed to work in a practical manner and was discontinued so quickly that the stamps are quite rare. I have never seen it except in unused form and these may be essays, but even if they are they are very collectible for the specialist.

Now I hope I haven't taken away from you any of the pleasure of specialization by explaining away some of the rarity of the two copies mentioned. The real rarities in the three cent green and other stamps of the early issues of U. S. come so infrequently to the searcher that when one is found he is entitled to a real thrill. For example, one of the collectors here in Buffalo two or three weeks ago in going over an accumulation of several thousand two cent vermilion, 1875-79, found a real double print on the 1875 stamp. I have examined it for at least thirty minutes, such was the pleasure that it gave me to look at this stamp. But I know that the little cotiere of Buffalo collectors who are searching for such items on the one, two, three, five and six cent stamps of 1870 to 1881 inclusive, have gone over hundreds of thousands (yes, millions) of these stamps and to my knowledge no other one has ever turned up a double print on any value of any issue. An eastern collector recently sent me for inspection a real double print on the three cent green that

he found in a lot he dug out of his attic—so there you are. It's the luck of the game. And part of the pleasure of the pastime is that one is likely to turn up something real at any time.

Last evening in going over 500 copies of the three cent 1869, I turned up a double grill, and the stamp was a fine looking copy. But that is the first time I have ever found the double grill on this stamp. Out of all the accumulations that I have gone over during the last few years I have found one double grill on the three cent 1861 and two on the three cent 1870-71. These, too, are rare birds. And then, when they happen to be split, as the one I found last night was, they are just a little bit rarer than the normal, I should say."

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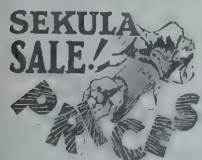
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By ALBIN H. WARTH.

(The following article is taken from the
"Quarterly Bulletin" of the Maryland Acad-
emy of Sciences. We are indebted to C. Lat.
Wilhelm for the same and for an annual guest
card for the meetings of the philatelic section.
—W. O. W.)

By the color of a postage stamp, we
mean the appearance other than shape
and design that it presents to the eye.
There are a number of terms used in
describing a color. A hue is a color
tint. A tint is a slight coloring distinct
from the principal color. We speak of
a color as having a brilliant hue, or a
grayish tint.

The philatelist often refers to a shade
of a definite color in a postage stamp
when the words tint or tone would bet-
ter describe the color. A shade is simply
a gradation of light. A tone is a de-
finite shade of color rather than a slight
gradation. To tone is to bring to the
required shade of color; this is often
accomplished by adding small amounts
of white to the pigment or ink used in
printing. A shade, on the other hand,
may be due to the degree of impression
on the paper in printing, or the nature
of the paper itself.

To describe a color accurately, we
must keep these synonyms in mind and
apply them correctly. The word tone is
broad in its sense, as it may include the
undertone of another primary color, or
it may also imply overtone. An ultra-
marine is a blue with a red undertone
sufficiently strong to give it a name that
is distinctive. Prussian blue has similarly
a strong yellow undertone. An under-
tone of color is always a subordinate
tone to the principal color. Equivalent
amounts of color produce secondary
colors. Thus from the primary colors—
blue, red and yellow—we get the second-
ary colors—violet, green and orange.
Any preponderance of a primary color
in a secondary color gives the latter an
undertone.

We can speak of blue violet, red violet,
yellow green or blue green, red orange
or yellow orange, etc. We can also
speak of violet blue, violet red, greenish
yellow, greenish blue, orange red, or or-
ange yellow, etc. The prefix designates
the undertone. Colors may also be more
complex, consisting of all three primary
colors. If all the primary colors are
present in fairly large proportion we get
the grays; and if in great intensity, the
blacks. When there are two principal
primary colors and a small amount of
a third we get an odd color. Olive con-
sists of yellow and blue with a tinge of
red. Maroon consists of red and blue
with a tinge of yellow. There are in-
numerable odd colors of which these two

serve as illustrations.

The components of color can be mea-
sured in their intensity by a color com-
parator. In such an analysis the primary
colors take their position in a permanent
color scale, and may be registered for
reproduction at any time. In other
words, one can get a numerical expres-
sion of considerable value. One of the
earliest comparators, and still a standard
today, is "Lovibond's Tintometer." It
has been in use for many years for the
laboratory examination of the depth of
color in liquids and solids where it is
necessary to measure the depth of color
in degrees. It has also been used by the
U. S. Bureau of Engraving and Print-
ing. Its use in the analysis of color
of postage stamps has, perhaps, not been
fully appreciated.

Lovibond's Tintometer consists of a
graded series of standards made of col-
ored glasses numbered according to their
depth of color, and an instrument for
holding the glasses and the object to
be measured. In the set which
I have there are about 450 glasses,
ranging from .01 to 20. The .01 glasses
are almost colorless. To be exact, there
are 155 glasses of each of the three
primary colors.

To illustrate the numerical expression
of color by the Lovibond Scale, we will
take at random the postage stamps of
the Jean Cabot issue of Newfoundland.
The colors are given in Scott's catalog,
page 860, of the 1924 edition. We will
secure numerical expressions, without
any attempt to go into second-decimal
places, so as to simplify our illustrations:
1-Cent Deep Green—5.0 Blue plus 5.0
Yellow: Equal parts of blue and yel-
low show that this is a "true" green, but
not of great depth.

2-Cent Carmine Lake—15.0 Red plus
1.0 Blue: This is a red with a blue
undertone characteristic of the coal-tar
color used in printing this stamp.

3-Cent Ultramarine—5.0 Blue plus 0.5
Red: This is a blue with red under-
tone, probably printed from an irides-
cent blue. It might be called ultrama-
rine blue. Ultramarine shows a larger
proportion of red, as in the 4-cent U. S.
Columbian issue.

4-Cent Olive Green—8.0 Blue plus 2.0
Yellow plus 0.3 Red: A tinge of red
always produces a shade of olive when
added to green.

5-Cent Violet—5.0 Blue plus 5.0 Red:
This is a true violet.

6-Cent Red Brown—10.4 Red plus 1.0
Yellow plus 0.5 Blue: A yellow orange
tinged with blue produces brown. The
color is really brown red. You will find
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dull red of U. S. issues.

8-Cent Red Orange—6.0 Red plus 3.0
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800t on 300M, 800t on 400M green,	
800t on 400M brown, 800t on 1000M*	.25
2 million on 200M, 2 million on 300M,	
2 million on 5000M*	.15
250t on 400M, 250t on 500M vermillion,	
400t on 25pf, 400t on 30pf, 800t on	
10pf, 800t on 200M*	.20
250t on 300M green, 800t on 500M green*	.18
2 million on 5000M red, rouletted*	.10
2 million on 500M rose, rouletted*	.10
2 million on 200M red, rouletted*	.10
1 billion on 100M violet*	.10
500t, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 million Marks*	.12
10 million Marks*, rouletted	.05
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50 million, 1 billion, rouletted	.10
5 billion on 10 million	.03
10 billion on 50 million green	.05
10 billion yellow green & dark green	.03
5 billion orange & brown	.05
5 billion orange & brown, rouletted	.10
5 billion on 2 million violet	.10
10 billion on 100 million gray	.20
50 billion blue and dark blue	.15
5 billion on 10 million red, rouletted	.10
10 billion on 20 million blue rouletted	.10
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If one were to group all the stamps listed in a catalogue together as red, rose, carmine, vermilion, orange, etc., one would find many discrepancies. However, this can all be readily straightened out by using a color comparator. The colors themselves are often defined from the pigment which produces them, e. g.: vermilion is mercuric sulfide, and its tone of color is quite characteristic. Chrome yellow, lemon yellow, prussian blue, ultramarine, lake red, Nile green, etc., are definite dry colors which, when mixed with varnish, give characteristic printing inks. Certain colors, like cerulean blue, are highly expensive and are not used extensively. Such colors are aniline colors and are superb in their undertones, e. g., some of the Bavarian issues. The same degree of beauty is not obtainable by simply mixing the primary colors, as the primary colors available are not sufficiently brilliant and cannot be intimately mixed.

Collectors would do well to select authentic type colors as a guide in judging colors of postage stamps and not place too much reliance on the present-day catalogue descriptions. They are often wrong. It is the purpose of this paper to encourage the study of color not only of postage stamps, but the objects that surround us. There are undoubtedly different viewpoints in attacking the same problem. The use of the Lovibond scale cannot help be of considerable service where one is available. Its drawbacks are the expense of the color glasses and a limit to the vividness of the colors in the glasses.

THE MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS.
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An American writer has recently been claiming pride of place, as the rarest stamp issued with the new Script watermark, for the 1sh Turks and Caicos old type. Presumably he excludes the very high values issued in small quantity only, because of the slight demand, for postal purposes at least. It now appears that of this Turks Is. stamp, less than 2,000 were issued in the Colony, but at least another thousand were sold by the Crown Agents in Europe, which would make the stamp about as scarce as the 1sh orange of Cayman Is. on Single CA paper, of which 3240 were printed and all except the "Specimen" stamps sold in the Colony. Readers of the *Philatelic Magazine* may remember that this stamp of 1921, with certain others of the set, was recommended as one with distinct possibilities, many months ago when obtainable at 1sh6d.

In Cayman Is., the 3d Georgian stamps in both types and on all three papers, are well worth acquiring on the basis of current catalogue prices. The last type on pale yellow old CA is distinctly scarce.

Reference was recently made to a stock of the 1912 issue being sold off. Prices are therefore at present very reasonable, and sets should be completed while they last. It was noteworthy that certain values were missing from these stocks, notably the 5sh. This seems likely to be a good stamp, and will certainly show a substantial rise in the next catalogue as already it is priced at 25sh in some dealers' lists. The present Georgian stamp of this popular Colony is, of course, the 10sh on surface-tinted paper, which had a still shorter life.

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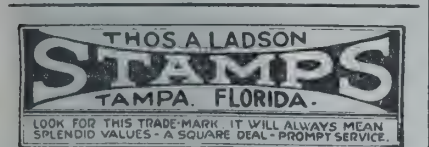
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Mr. George H. Jaeger of Libau, Latvia, submits testimony to the effect that the Eleja provisionals do exist and are catalogued by Senf, Zumstein and Michel.

—Germany has given notice to our post-office department "that the authority temporarily granted in that country to indicate the prepayment of correspondence for foreign countries by means of the note 'Taxe percue' or 'Gebuehr Bezahlt' is no longer effective and therefore correspondence hereafter received from Germany should bear German postage stamps as formerly." The notice is dated January 19th, by Washington.

—A holiday card that was received from Mr. Douglas McCormick, Grand Rapids, Mich., showed two birds, holding a ribbon to which was attached five bells, the birds and bells having been neatly cut out of U. S. stamps of different colors. Mr. McCormick says that "the proprietors are French but whether collectors or not, I do not know."

—On January 14, 1924, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boker Sterling, Trenton, New Jersey, celebrated their fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The *State Gazette*, of Trenton, shows a large picture of the Sterling family which is accompanied by a long article telling of the achievements of Mr. Sterling in the fields of philately and other sciences. Mr. Sterling's philatelic exploits have been such as to write his name indelibly in philatelic history and his catalogues of U. S., including revenues, were exhaustive compilations when collecting was comparatively uncharted. Hearty congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Sterling.

—The "Philatelics" of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society convened on January 15, 1924, after a lively two weeks of electioneering and elected new officers for the coming year. Dr. F. A. Kraft was continued in office as president of the society, and Messrs. William J. Uihlein and W. O. Staab as vice-presidents. Dr. S. G. Keller assumed the duties of secretary and treasurer, succeeding F. W. Noske, who has successfully promoted the society for many years, including Milwaukee's Convention Year. Dr. W. H. Linke will continue collecting auction catalogs and bargain lists as librarian of the Society. The report of the Secretary for 1923, showed a marked increase in members and redoubled activities in the way of payment of dues. Dr. Kraft addressed the members on "Philately and Publicity," clearly indicating that publicity has promoted an increasing interest in philately in the past

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few years. An exhibition of pre-cancels by Robert Bachmann followed the talk.

—"In your issue of Jan. 14, page 30, you published an article by H. W. Moffat headed 'The Balloon Post of 1870-71 from Paris to Metz.' This has been transcribed from the *Philatelic Magazine* and in setting it up you have made a very serious error by making the title read 'From Paris to Metz,' whereas, the original print read correctly 'from Paris and Metz.' This as you can easily see is very misleading, although the printed article itself somewhat corrects this idea."—GEO. W. ANGERS.

—In your issue of December 17, is an item relative to a party who had an envelope with 125 billion marks. He thinks he has topped the record. He is far from it. I have an envelope with 750 billion marks. The back is covered with stamps, and so is the front with the exception of a small space left for the address.—JOHN KAY.

—"You reported about five years ago that I had a copy of the 6c U. S. imperf., and that Mr. Ward subsequently declared that it was only a wide copy that had been clipped. Mr. Power had previously declared that it was O. K., and when the two experts disagreed, I tried to get the Washington authorities to investigate their records to ascertain whether or no that roll of 500 originally made for the Economist Co. had actually been destroyed. Finally I made a visit when in Washington, and saw Mr. Wilmarth at B. E. and P., the then 3rd Asst. P. M. Gen. and the man whose name I have forgotten, who I learned had been in charge of the matter, at the head of the Division of Stamps. They never reached the end of their investigations as they stated they could only give it attention when "More important matters were not pressing." However, I have always been convinced that this stamp is O. K., and the recent arrest of one of the employees of the Bureau, charged with having surrepti-

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2	Antigua, 1d rose	.95	
20	Bermuda, 1d rose	.05	.02
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42	1d carmine	.04	.01
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101	War Tax, used	.20	.10
*102	War Tax, o. g.	.08	.03
10	Br. Bechuanaland, 1/2d verm.	.12	.06
33	1d lilac	.15	.07
34	2d green and carmine	.25	.12
35	4d green and brown	.40	.20
38	6d violet	.50	.25
*69	1/2d vermilion	.15	.06
70	1d lilac	.25	.12
71	2d green and carmine	.25	.12
77	1d carmine	.15	.07
107	Br. Guiana, 1c slate, CA	.08	.03
108	2c orange, CA	.08	.03
143-6	1c on \$1 to 1c on \$4.		
	Set of 4	1.60	.23
166	24c green and red	.75	.35
105	Caymans, War, 1/2d orange	.12	.05
103	War, 1/2d blue	.15	.06
106	War, 1/2d gray	.20	.08
*4	Dominica, 1/2d bistre (fine)	1.50	.75
*16	1/2d bistre (fine)	1.50	.75
*19	1d carmine	.15	.08
*15	Falkland Ids., 2d, CA	.50	.22
*16	1/2d, CA	.75	.35
*22	1/2d, Edw., green	.15	.07
*23	1d Edw., red	.25	.12
*202	Malta, 3d War	.20	.10
*7	Niue, 2 1/2d blue	.25	.12
*11	Papua, 1d on 1/2d green	.10	.05
*2	Penrhyn, 1d black schg.	.12	.06
*1	1/2d red schg.	.20	.10
*6	2 1/2d blue	.20	.10
60	Rhodesia, 2d brown	.08	.04
69	2 1/2d blue	.10	.05
84	1d red (schgd.)	.05	.02
120d	1 1/2d bistre (Geo.)	.06	.02
*27	St. Vincent, War, 1d	.30	.15
*3	Negri Sembilan, 2c rose	.40	.15
*25	Pahang, 4c on 8c	.50	.20
*20	Perak, 1c on 2c rose	.25	.10
42	1c green	.08	.03
*45	2c orange	.20	.08
*46	3c on 5c rose	.25	.10
*48	2c lilac and brown	.15	.05
*50	5c lilac and olive	.30	.12
*51	8c lilac and blue	.40	.16
*60	4c lilac and rose	.35	.15
*62	1c on 2c	.20	.08
*63	1c on 4c	.30	.12
*64	1c on 5c	.30	.12
24	Selangor, 1c green	.05	.02
*33	S. Ujong, 1c on 5c green	.25	.10
*52	Turks Ids., 2 1/2d blue, CA	.50	.25
*55	5d carmine & green	.75	.35
*3	Turks & Caicos Ids., 2d brown	.30	.15
*4	2 1/2d blue	.75	.35
*5	4d orange	.75	.35
*6	6d lilac	.60	.30
121	Zanzibar, 3c grn., flower wmk.	.06	.02
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tiously sold stamps they had been ordered destroyed, confirms my opinion that my stamps also got out in some similar matter. I intend to try the department again. Possibly the new administration, which seems to have a keener interest in things philatelic, will reopen the matter and press the investigation of the records still further."—G. E. RICHTER.

—The following are the new officers of the Washington, D. C., Society:—President, William A. Johnson; vice-presidents, James F. Duhamel and Gen. John L. Clem; secretary, A. E. Gorham; treasurer, H. B. Mason; sales manager, J. T. Clemens; auctioneer, J. D. K. Smoot; board of governors, W. N. Sahm, W. Hayden Collins and W. J. Wilson. It is now nearly thirty years since a club was started and the society has been so successful of late that it had to seek larger quarters for the accommodation of its members.

—We have received from P. J. Drossos a detailed list of the number of stamps issued of the many varieties of the Greek Revolutionary set of 1922. We hardly think it necessary to take the space needed to go into all the details. The smallest number issued of any one variety was 4,300 of the 10 lepta on Crete 1905 20 lepta, Yvert & Tellier No. 27. From that the number ranged as high as 636,000. Mr. Drossos states that the Yvert-Tellier catalog quotes the prices on these stamps altogether too low, but that the Zumstein catalog is a much better authority.

—Professor Masaryk, familiar to collectors from his portrait on the stamps of Czecho-Slovakia, exhibited his collection at the recent Philatelic Exhibition at Brunn.

—Just as we go to press, we receive a dissenting vote against the editorial suggestion that we petition the authorities to issue a special stamp in commemoration of philately in 1926, from Mr. Hubert Lyman Clark of Cambridge, Mass. Our worthy correspondent's words are entitled to consideration; and he says:

"I most devoutly hope and pray we shall not do anything of the kind. Personally, I shall do all in my power to prevent it. To me, it would cheapen the post-office department, the U. S. government and the whole body of American collectors. It would tend to put us on a par with Italy and some other countries which subordinate the postal service to money-making desire and prostitute their stamps. I am surprised and grieved that the WEEKLY, which has always held such high standards of philatelic conduct, should frankly advocate so unworthy a cause!" Mr. Clark has presented his views with a sincerity of feeling that leads us to review the motives that prompted us to make our suggestion. Frankly, the objection that he presents had not occurred to us and the thought was to regard a special stamp as an honorable tribute to philately much in the way that a medal is struck to commemorate an event. Have we in a moment of enthusiasm for an ideal means of bringing philately to the fore in an intimate way to the public lost sight of a sordid side to the proposal? Now is the time to discuss the propriety of the measure before definite plans are put in operation and we invite opinions from readers on the subject with leave to print their words.

—An advertiser who used "blox" in his announcement, received a card on which was written: "What do you mean by 'blox'?" There is no such word in the Dictionary. Don't be absurd," or words to that effect.

—The annual dinner of the Chicago Philatelic Society will be held at the Hotel Morrison on February 15, 1924. The meetings of the society have been very well attended for some time past and the fifty mark in attendance is sometimes reached.

—A correspondent in Mexico says that he expects that there will be a philatelic eruption before long and another reader in Sonora says that the only indication of rebellion is an irregularity of the mail service.

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—Poole's album for U. S. revenue stamps to conform with his United States album is announced to appear in March.

—Zero weather has its compensations for the collector as philately is the best indoor sport of them all.

—We are rather tardy in acknowledging a New Year's remembrance from the C. S. Watson Co., Boston, Mass. It is called the Alladin Repeat Card, and is a very handy pad for desk use.

—A few weeks ago the New York Times published a full page reproduction of the Duplessis portrait of Benjamin Franklin, the one of special interest to philatelists. Someone bought up the surplus issue of the Times and advertised to sell copies of the famous Duplessis at \$2 each. The current Literary Digest has as a cover design an ex-

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—One of our subscribers, A. Ledinski Belgrade, calls our attention to an error in the issue of the WEEKLY for Nov. 26. Reference was made to the structure of a building as being a cathedral, when the Parliament Building at Budapest is shown.

—A new pricelist has just been issued by Wm. M. Stadler, 437 Beach Ave., Bronx, N. Y. City. It is of more than ordinary interest and we recommend our readers to send for the same.

—At a meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Branch No. 30, A. P. S., held Friday, Jan. 18, resolutions were passed in connection with the death of George H. Worthington, which was noted last week's issue. The resolutions called attention to his interest in the stamp club, his standing as a foremost

philatelist, his success in the business and social world, and recorded the love and esteem in which he was generally held.

—Our old friend Samuel C. Dawson of San Salvador sends us a specimen copy of the new 5c blue with picture of J. Simeon Canas as the chief feature. Mr. Dawson states that the stamp was issued to commemorate the centenary of the abolition of slavery in Central America. 150,000 were printed and the plates destroyed.

—A subscriber wants information concerning the wrapper illustrating postage stamps and used upon a confection known as "Marshmallow Bar." It has been noted in the WEEKLY previously. The cover in question shows some twenty-five stamps pictured in their original colors and enclosed with the candy is a package of foreign stamps. All in all it is a good publicity stunt. Br. Francis of St. Michael's College, Quebec, submits the outfit for our inspection.

—Frank R. Demmerly of Indianapolis died recently after a brief illness, with pneumonia. He had been secretary of the medical department of the State Life Insurance Co. for twenty years. He was a member of various fraternal organizations and we quote from Philip H. Ward, Jr., as to his interest in philately:—"I am enclosing herewith a little clipping from the Indianapolis paper regarding Mr. F. R. Demmerly's death, a well known stamp collector of that city. Mr. Demmerly was extremely

active and was interested in the stamps of the United States. I had the pleasure of corresponding with him for upward of five or six years, and the Chronicle lost a friend in his death for he was enthusiastic in his work, and through his efforts many items of interest were brought to my attention."

AIR MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN BARRANQUILLA AND INTERIOR POINTS OF COLOMBIA, SOUTH AMERICA.

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EDITORIAL.

It is not surprising that in the chorus of approval of our suggestion that a special stamp be issued by the department in celebration of the international stamp exhibition at Philadelphia in 1926, there is no discordant note. During the past three weeks a number of readers have assured us that they pledge their services in behalf of the plan and that they are in readiness to bring to bear any influence that they may possess in furtherance of it. It seems that Philadelphia realizes just what steps are to be taken to accomplish the result desired and it is indicated that at the proper time a bill will be prepared, authorizing the post-office department to issue the stamp, for congressional action. The patronage by collectors of the stamp agency at Washington does not pass unnoticed at Washington and this support considered in its relation to the co-operation that philatelists are glad to give in a stamp or postal sense gives a foundation to our claim for recognition. The road to the consummation of our desire will not be the smoothest one that could be imagined but if we ride carefully, there is reason to believe that we shall not come a cropper.

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We do not recall of any issue of postage stamps that may be said to truly commemorate philately. This circumstance is somewhat strange when the debt of gratitude to philatelists is openly avowed by some countries. The tribute that many countries pay to the collector of issuing unnecessary stamps for his collecting approval is a left-handed one and of dubious compliment, to say the least. The chance for the United States

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A bit of statistical study has been done by Mr. Ted J. Tyrrell, who submits the following table of "values of used United States, by the 1923 Standard stamp catalogue." From the '40's into the '80's, there are 175 stamps at one dollar each or over. From the '40's to the '70's, there are 120 stamps at five dollars each or more; 103 stamps at ten dollars each or over; 85 stamps at \$25 or more; 71 at \$50 or higher; 60 at one hundred dollars or over and '40's to '60's, eighteen stamps at \$1,000 each or better. In the '40's one 5c stamp lists used at \$12,000.

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From Mr. Clarence J. West, we have received the quarterly of the Maryland Academy of Sciences for January, 1924, and in this *Bulletin* we find a remarkable article, "Color Analysis of Postage Stamps by Lovibond Scale," with Albin H. Warth, as author. It may be said here that the Maryland Academy of Sciences shows an encouraging attitude and in nearly every number of the quarterly, there is a stamp article. Mr. Warth says that Lovibond's Tintometer makes it possible to determine accurately what color components enter into the unusual stamp colors and he submits examples of color analysis that are convincing. With the Tintometer which is a graded series of standards made of colored glasses that are numbered to correspond to their depth of color, together with a holder for the glasses, the collector could master the color problem. It is known, however, that the cataloguers will have to use the scale if they are to match the collectors in knowledge as catalogue descriptions often are wrong. Mr. Warth's article is a valuable one and we must reprint it. We forgot to say that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has used the scale in question.

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A copy of the *Philadelphia Photographer* of October, 1864, has been received from Mr. Benjamin Cadbury, Philadelphia, who writes, "In the past issues of the WEEKLY, I have seen refer-

ences to the Philadelphia Sanitary Fair held back in the '60's. In going through some of my father's papers, the *Philadelphia Photographer* turned up showing a picture of the Sanitary Fair and a brief article about it." The frontispiece is a good reproduction of the Newell photograph showing an interior view of "Union Avenue" in the magnificent structure, Logan Square, in which the Great Central Sanitary Fair was held in August, 1864. A spirited description of this Fair accompanies the picture. Incidentally, an experience of Mr. Cadbury the other evening proves that the day of finds is still with us. In looking through a package of papers that apparently had not been opened for many years, Mr. Cadbury had a thrill in discovering a five cent New York cover, addressed to his grandfather. Certainly, there is a fine sentiment in a New York cover in excellent condition, that was once the property of one's grandfather.

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Philately takes the stage again and in the Highwayman, Joseph Schildkraut, the leading man uses stamp collecting to loan point to a comparison. He has a tendresse for the ladies and when rallied on his penchant, he says that it is as easy to collect a flock of the fair as it is to collect postage stamps and not so expensive. Not so bad, Joe, but you must have United States in mind when you speak of the cost as one may obtain nowadays ten thousand varieties for a modest sum, if one takes to foreign stamps. Then, too, you must consider not only the original price but the upkeep as well. In a review of the Talking Parrot, the play that we have spoken of before, a New York paper says: "The husband, forgetting jealousy on hearing of a rare stamp in Newfoundland goes after it and drowns his sorrows in stamps. Meanwhile the artist and a novelist friend remain behind and get the wife to explain." We like the expression, drown his sorrow in stamps, and it must be allowed that stamps are better than the flowing bowl as a sorrow eradicator.

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The January number of the *Collectors Club Philatelist* is an issue to conjure with and is a realization of the fondest hopes of those who have the publication in charge. The editor, H. L. Lindquist, still is at the helm and adds further laurels to his crown. The reading matter is purely philatelic and balanced to a nicety; and all in all, the number reflects philately at its acme in this country. The annual dinner was a memorable occasion and it was at the table that the Permanent Fund of the Collectors Club had its inception and such

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1880, 2sh brown (77).
Lagos 1884, 10sh brown violet (25).
Newfoundland 1860, 6p orange (13).
Philippine 1863, 1 real violet (16).
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1851, 2 real red (8).
1851, 10 real green (11).
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THE PUZZLE CONTEST

By STEPHEN G. RICH.

The responses in the contest came from all over the country: one from Texas, one from California, one from Ontario, and so forth—even including one from the next county in this state. Some of the sets of answers were remarkably interesting—especially the three or four from the very careful ones who put in every possible alternative answer. I have enjoyed immensely going through the answers.

Mr. Frederic De Puy, of Boston, Mass., wins the first prize. He sent in 8 correct answers, and was the only contestant to give an entirely correct answer to question 9. Mr. Horace C. Adams, of Gelndora, California, wins second prize, with a set of 7 correct answers and one partly correct. Mr. W. L. Turnbull, of Dundas, Ont., and Mr. Richard H. Goeltz, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., turned in sets of answers of exactly equal merit, and next in merit to those of the prize winners. It would occupy space beyond what the Editor is likely to allow if I were to mention the other contributors. Therefore, let this be a general "Thank You" for their co-operation.

The following is a list of correct answers to the questions. The name of the contestant whose answer is quoted is given at the end of the answer in each case. It will be noticed that nobody answered question 10 correctly.

1. On all the stamps of what country are two fishes shown?

Ans. Stellaland. (De Puy.)

2. On what stamp is a train shown coming out of a tunnel?

Ans. Transvaal Type A17, No. 165, and Type A24, No. 245. Also a train is shown coming out of a tunnel on Russia, No. 338, Type C17, 1922 issue. (Adams.) (Transvaal, No. 165, alone, is sufficient for a correct answer.—Rich.)

3. What animals and birds are shown on the 2 1/2 Union of South Africa, Scott No. 1?

Ans. Lions, antelopes, elands, oxen, and an eagle are shown. (De Puy.) (Also a wild dog or fox.—Rich.)

4. On the Canada Map Stamp of 1898, Scott Nos. 82 and 83, what 3 parts of the world were not parts of the British Empire, although shown as such on that stamp?

Ans. Transvaal, Orange Free State, German S. W. Africa; or if different parts of world must be named: Trans-

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vaal, large part of Hejaz, lower part of Alaska in which Juneau and Sitka are situated. (Goeltz.) (Several contestants mention Tahiti, Siam, Indo-China—and one gives Hawaii! There are at least 9 "land-grabs" in this stamp, and I counted any three as correct.—Rich.)

5. What country issued two stamps with Queen Victoria's head on them, although it was not part of the British Empire at the time?

Ans. Transvaal. Nos. 138 and 139. (De Puy.)

6. What boat is shown on the stamps of the former German colonies?

Ans. The Ex-Kaiser's yacht, "Hohenzollern." (De Puy.)

7. What does the view on the 1d Cape of Good Hope, 1900, Scott No. 61, represent?

Ans. It is a view of Table Mountain, Cape Town, from the harbor. (Adams.)

8. What stamp of any country has had the longest period of use without change other than watermark, shade or perforation—that is, without change noticeable to the general public?

Ans. New South Wales, 5d, A11, 1854-1913. 59 years. I presume it was current until the Commonwealth set appeared. (De Puy.) Norway, Type Ay, I, and 10—3 ore orange, from 1877 to date. (Turnbull.) (Even if the N. S. W. was used up some ten years earlier, it had the longest use of any stamp by at least five years. No other stamp cited has over 44 years except the Norway 3 ore—to which philatelists might take exception, since there are shaded and unshaded posthorns, serif and block type variations within its 46 years.—Rich.)

9. What countries other than the United States have issued precancelled stamps?

Ans. Belgium, Canada, Luxemburg. (De Puy.)

10. What country has an issue of revenue stamps often found with postal cancellations, yet never used for postage?

Ans. (U. S. Tenth Issue, Documentary, 1917, Scott Nos. 4225 ff., used on parcel post up to the end of 1921. I know of no other case except some British colonials, which are doubtful.—Rich.)

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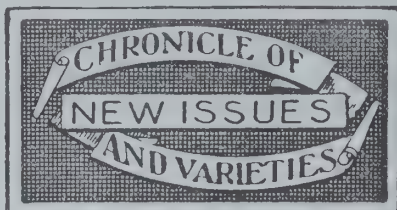
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UNITED STATES. 10c 1923 Imperforate Horizontally.—Mr. Eugene Klein has located one of the most interesting varieties of late United States that has been found for some months, namely, the upper right pane from sheet 14816 of the 10c orange, portrait of Monroe, perforated 11 vertically and imperforate horizontally.

From an examination of the sheet I am under the impression that it occurred about in the following manner. After the sheet of four hundred stamps had been printed something happened to damage it at the right side, about at the arrow position, so that quite a portion of the sheet was torn. It was seen that the two right panes could be completed and made into a saleable stock so that this damaged portion was patched up with a dark kraft paper. The sheet was then perforated vertically and in this operation the sheet of four hundred stamps was cut into two panes of two hundred each. When the girl started to run the damaged pane through the perforating machine the other way, the paper adhering on the back caught and the horizontal perforations started in an upward diagonal course. These diagonal perforations only ran for a few inches when the sheet was removed and was heavily blue penciled across the lower

right portion of the pane, which was a signal for the one counting the sheets to remove it and destroy it. Through error it was not noticed, and got into the regular stock.

Unfortunately, the greater portion of the sheet was either blue penciled or damaged and patched and as a result as far as I could count only twenty-three first class pairs are available.

Supplementary Mail.

Mr. B. K. Miller, who recently sailed for England, writes a very interesting letter aboard the Steamship "Cedric" of the White Star Line, regarding the supplementary mail: "When I got to the White Star Pier, No. 60, foot of 19th St., at 10 A. M.; the supplementary mail office was open. Double postage was charged. There were several cancelling stamps, perhaps five, in use, and all were No. 1. The man in charge told me that this number was always used for White Star Ships, No. 2, for Cunard Line and No. 3 for the French Line. This information is extremely interesting, in view of the fact that quite a little study has been given to the subject of supplementary mails here of late.

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Provisional Envelopes.

Mr. R. H. Mason has located an extremely interesting variety of the surcharged provisional envelope, namely, the 2c on 1c on 5c with Ithaca overprint. This is size 5, die H, Wmk. 19. Mr. Mason informs me that 12 in all were located. Similar varieties were originally found in San Antonio and later they cropped up in other cities in very small quantities.

This column loses one of its best friends in the recent death in Indianapolis of Mr. F. R. Demmerly. Mr. LeGrand Payne writes that Mr. Demmerly was one of their most active members and died with pneumonia in his fortieth year. We counted him one of our most valued correspondents for he watched the local Post Office carefully and through his efforts and many friends was often in a position to give us much information of interest. Our deepest sympathy is extended his wife and son.
BERMUDA.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 2d grey on script watermarked paper.

CHINA.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. report receipt of the following new colours (current type):—\$10 green and claret and \$20 purple and blue.—Stamp Collecting.

Mr. R. Roberts sends us a copy of the \$2 stamp from the re-engraved printing. He adds that "the main differences in a re-engraved stamp of this type being that the scroll underneath the Chinese characters is composed of a single line bisected with a dot in the centre and finished off with a ball at each end. The single bisected line above the word "republic" is finished with a ball at each end. The shading immediately in front of the steps is dark right across the design instead of light. I

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WARNER BATES
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have also received the \$10 and \$20 same color as before of the re-engraved type."

CHINESE TURKESTAN.—Mr. R. Roberts has called our attention to the recently issued Constitution Commemorative set that has just appeared with surcharges on the right and left sides, for use in this territory.

COCHIN.—Our Trivandrum correspondent, Mr. B. Venkachalam, reports the issue of a new value, 8 pies grey-black, in the type of the current series.—Stamp Collecting.

COLOMBIA.—A fortnight ago we chronicled a 30 on 20c grey (semi-official) air mail provisional. Mr. John Heywood, the well known Manchester dealer, shows us a copy, together with the 60 centavos orange (inscribed "SERVICIO POSTAL AEREO DE COLOMBIA: S. C. A. D. T. A.") overprinted PROVISIONAL diagonally upwards in blue and surcharged "30" over the numerals of original denomination in both lower corners.

The specimens shown are both used on piece with an ordinary 10c blue adhesive, the red postmark (obliterating both stamps) reading "SERVICIO POSTAL AEREO, SCADTA, BOGOTA," in concentric circles, around the date (22.x.1923 in these instances).—Stamp Collecting.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—We may expect a new series from here as soon as no further supplies of the current issue are to be printed. The reason for this appears to be that owing to the poor workmanship shown, this series has been easily and extensively forged.—Philatelic Magazine.

DANZIG.—Messrs. Whitfield King send us a set of new postage dues from here. Key-plate type with Arms above large oval, upon which the value appears in figures only and representative of the new currency: 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 100pf blue and black.—Philatelic Magazine.

NIGERIA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 3d on white script watermarked paper of a blue purple color. Mr. Roberts raises the question whether this is an error of shade or not.

PALESTINE.—The public are invited to submit photographs of local subjects to serve as designs for the proposed new issue, and the Postmaster-General emphasizes the point that general views are particularly required.—Philatelic Magazine.

POLAND.—Mr. G. S. Dills has shown us a cover mailed from Poland on Dec. 2nd last, with a strip of four 25m stamps of the 1921-23 issue each bearing the surcharge "10" in the centre and at the base "Tysiecy."

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts has submitted for chronicle the 3d overprinted stamp of the Union of South Africa with the lines 14mm apart. Also the following values overprinted in like manner: 1d, 2d, 4d, 1sh, 1s3d, 2s6d, 5sh and 10sh. The 1/2d and 1d postage due have also appeared printed in sheets of 60 on local type, the 1/2d being perforated 14mm and the 1d rouletted.

Mr. Stanley G. Rich sends us the following information:
"You may be interested, for the Chronicle in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, to know of the new 6d postage due of the Union of South Africa. I received a block of four of these about ten days ago. They are perf. 14, unwatermarked, lithographed by the Government Printer, Pretoria. Border in gray, figures in black. Same type as all preceding dues of same country.

I have the new Southwest Africa surcharge upon Union of South Africa 6d, with a pair which shows both the English and the Dutch surcharge on stamps with plate-defect so that the surcharged stamp reads 'Union OR South Africa.'

I also have the 6d Union of South Africa with border doubled-printed, medalion regular. This variety is earlier than 1922."

SYRIA.—Further values in the provisional series for the Lebanon are to hand

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10 3c, Pair On Cover, Boston, Mass., black cancel
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22 1917-19, 3c, O. G. block of 4, Double Impression	3.00
23 1918, \$2 used pair
24 Bahamas, 5p Special Delivery, No. 101, used on cover	5.00
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33 No. 12, unused	12.00
34 No. 2	7.00
35 Dominican Rep., 1c on 10c, No. 126, blk. of 4 used on pc. of cover	3.00
36 E. Africa & Uganda 1912, 3r, O. G. France 1917-19, 1fr, Charity, used pair	1.00
37 German E. Africa, 1p, N. F., used block of 4	2.00
38 Gt. Britain 1840, 1p, good used copy	1.50
39 1867, 5sh, used	4.00
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41 Offices in Turkey, Nos. 11, 12, O. G.	5.50
42 Guatemala 1919, 3p, used blk. of 4	3.00
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44 1919, 2s 6d, used, good copy	3.00
45 1899, 10sh, fiscal cancellation	4.00
46 1914-18, 5sh, nice used copy	20.30
47 Self-Government, 1921-22, Nos. 77-85, inclusive, O. G.	1.05
48 Netherlands 1864, 10c, Pair and Single on Cover	1.05
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from our Ipswich correspondents, viz.:—50c on 10c green, 1pi on 20c claret, 1.50pi on 30c orange, and 2pi on 40c red and blue.—Stamp Collecting.

THE LONDON STAMP CLUB PROGRAM.

Feb. 21.—7.30. Lantern Lecture "Stamps and Stamp Collectors," Mr. F. Hugh Vallancey.

March 6.—7.30. Display: "Pot Pourri," Mr. Frank Godden.

March 20.—7.30. Members' Competition (with Notes): "My Twelve Most Interesting Pieces." Prizes will be awarded.

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April 10.—7.30. Open Meeting and Discussions.

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L. C. Duckworth, Worcester, Mass.
Samuel Newberry, Chicago, Ill.
F. A. Thornton, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Henry A. Kiehl, Hamilton, Canada.

Our first entry for membership in the Five-Year Honor Club this week is A. M. Davis of Williamsport, Pa. We are greatly obliged to Mr. Davis for the confidence that he has in connection with the **WEEKLY** making good during the next five years.

Upon the same day that Mr. Davis' application was received that of Don C. Minnick of Toledo, Ohio, also came to hand with check for \$5. Mr. Minnick is A. P. S. 6133 and expresses his great satisfaction in the regular perusal of the **WEEKLY**. He writes that it always contains some "good dope" about stamps.

In sending us his renewal for five years George L. Gilmore of Lexington, Mass., writes us that he has a complete file of the **WEEKLY** from No. 1. He feels that he has got the "habit" to that extent that the best thing for him to do is enclose a check for the next five years and have no more worry. One can get an idea of Mr. Gilmore's interest in philately from the fact that he is Charter Member No. 1 of the Boston Philatelic Society and Charter Member No. 42 of the American Philatelic Society. We recall how in company with Fred. J. Melville some years ago we paid a visit to the Gilmore homestead in Lexington and were entertained in royal philatelic manner.

Leslie C. Duckworth of Worcester, Mass., takes his place as a member of our Honor Club by renewing for five years. Mr. Duckworth is desirous that we shall interview the Portland postmaster and have him put the Worcester papers into the letter pouch. This is asking considerable, and we commend the enthusiasm of our subscriber in securing the early receipt of the **WEEKLY**. As the **WEEKLY** is now mailed our subscribers all receive the paper at approximately the same time. The western papers are mailed first and the New England papers are the last to go into the mail. The new plan is equitable and we hope will be acceptable.

Not content with merely contributing to the columns of the **WEEKLY** from both the literary and advertising standpoints Charles J. Phillips is helping to promote the prosperity of our Honor Club. Through him we receive the five-year subscription of Samuel Newberry, of the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill. We thank both Mr. Phillips and Mr. Newberry for their part in increasing the strength of the Honor Club.

Frank A. Thornton sends in his application for membership in our Honor Club with the terse comment, "We want all the honor we can get." This is absolutely true but not everyone is willing to pay for it as is Mr. Thornton. Thanks, Mr. Thornton, for this evidence of your interest in the **WEEKLY**.

We feel in duty bound to add the name of Henry A. Kiehl of Hamilton, Canada, to the membership list of our Club. True, he remits only for a four-year renewal, but the amount of his remittance is necessarily \$6, which should be considered an ample entrance fee to our Honor Club. We therefore place Mr. Kiehl's name in our list of "immortals." Total, seven for this week.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

A TURPIN PURCHASE.

Mr. F. B. Turpin has just purchased a very fine collection at approximately \$18,000.00 and a series of advertisements beginning with this issue will give evidence of the merit of the purchase. Mr. Turpin writes:—"As my advertisements in your paper have been so successful I have decided to give you as a trial some larger and more important announcements. The enclosed advertisement will be followed by others and I hope that your readers will appreciate the very fine stamps that I shall offer." We congratulate Mr. Turpin upon his purchase.

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81 .10	.70	6.00	
82 .03	.20	1.50	
83 .03	.20	1.50	
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86 .01	.05	.12	1.21
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88 .12			

Scott 1.	10.	100.	1000
74 to 88, Set 3.00			
89 .01	.03	.08	.6
90 .01	.03	.05	.4
90a .05	.45	4.00	\$3
91 .01	.06	.35	2.5
92 .03	.15	1.00	8.0
93 .04	.20	1.75	
94 .12	.75		
95 .45	4.25		

Scott 1.	10.	100.	1000
89 to 94, Set 90c			
96 .03	.20	1.50	
97 .03	.15	1.20	
98 .01	.05	.45	4.0
99 .12	.90		
100 .12	.90		
101 .30	2.25		
102 .30	2.50		
103 .40	3.25		

Scott 1.	10.	100.	1000
96 to 103, Set 1.35			
104 .01	.03	.05	.4
104a .08			
104b .05			
104c .05			
105 .01	.03	.05	.4
105a .05			
105b .05			
105d .08			
106 .01	.05	.18	1.5
107 .01	.07	.50	
108 .02	.08	.50	4.0
109 .04	.20	1.00	
110 .08	.40	3.50	
111 .01	.06	.45	4.0
112 .01	.04	.08	.5

Scott 1.	10.	100.	1000
112a .15			
112b .08			
112c .			
113a .02			
114a .04			
115 .01	.07	.65	
116 .01	.05	.15	
117 .01	.05	.20	
104 to 117, Set 75c			
226 .02	.07	.50	
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306d .08	.60	4.50	
307 .01	.05	.15	1.2
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307b .07	.45	3.00	20.0
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By W. C. SMITH.

My large collection of Soviet Russian stamps on cover, none of which were canceled to order, show that the stamps were issued for postal purposes and not merely to adorn the albums of philatelists. Is this the case with the 69 varieties issued in the past three years by Liberia, ranging from one cent to five dollars in franking value and ostensibly printed for the use of millions of natives who never saw a stamp in their lives and their few thousand rulers who may be called literate only by stretching the term? Or the 45 varieties of Nyassa, or the 26 stamps of Togo that run up to the value of five francs? If, as some express a wish, there should be a ban on the stamps of Soviet Russia, why collect French colonials, Portuguese colonials, Spanish colonials, or even many of the colonial and protectorate issues of staid old Britain? What standing should be given the stamps of Iraq, 24 in number, running from ½ anna to 10 rupees, when one knows that the country was made to order as a protection to British oil interests? "Obviously these stamps have not been used for postal purposes (and were never so intended)," to quote a portion of the letter of Mr. Konwiser to the

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NOTES ON "G. R. I." OVERPRINTS.

By ROWLAND E. ROBERTS.

Since my collection of these elusive and interesting varieties of postage stamps is as yet in the elementary stages of its formation, I shall refrain from entering into a detailed account of the separate issues, leaving that to the hand-books dealing specifically with them, and to specialists better qualified to write upon them than I. If, however, this attempt serves to encourage any would-be devotees to this fascinating field, I shall feel well repaid for my efforts.

About a year ago I sacrificed my small general collection to a dealer, saving from it what few common specimens of "G. R. I.'s" I was fortunate enough to possess, invested in a Scott "Ne Plus Ultra" Style A Album, a few new "overprints," and went to it.

The surcharged ex-German Colonial stamps used during the British occupation of the Cameroons, New Britain, Samoa, and the combined British and French occupation of Togoland, during the late war—that's the extent of my endeavors. I am fully aware that I am moving in a more or less millionaire's field and that the chances for obtaining even a nearly complete collection are well nigh nil, but the mere hope of some day being a possible proud possessor of perhaps a Togo mark value is stimulating in itself. I admit I am stretching my imagination.

Scott's "Ne Plus Ultra" Album is, it seems to me, the most acceptable one for housing this sort of a collection. Because of its pleasing appearance, it is in every way worthy of containing rare stamps, while its size makes it readily adaptable to the specialist along such lines.

My album is arranged in conventional fashion with ink-ruled spaces for the adhesives, perforation, watermark and date of issue, etc., written in in each case. The page opposite is reserved for notes, clippings from hand-books, and the check-list from Scott, Field's War Stamp and other catalogues. The quotations make interesting comparisons. What minor varieties, pairs, blocks, I am fortunate enough to acquire are mounted on pages immediately following the issue of which they form a part.

To a true lover of stamps there is no reason that I can see why this branch of philately can not become extremely interesting. True, it is not the least expensive form of specialism, but I find that the thrill I feel from putting a small savings into purchasing even a single "overprint" far outweighs the former thrill received when a score or more expensive stamps were mounted in my old general collection. Besides this, the fact that they are not found on every blackberry bush keeps one's interest piqued in hunting around trying to locate them. I find that, as a whole, I spend less money on these stamps than I did formerly on my other collection since the opportunities for buying them are far less than for purchasing a general collection. For the man who only has an occasional leisure hour to devote to his hobby, collecting of this sort should prove thoroughly acceptable; while from the investment point of view—one which I personally dislike to see associated

with any hobby—the owner of a good collection of these war stamps can look with pride upon a tidy little savings and one that is bound to increase.

Apart from philatelic reasons, these stamps are historically unique; while handling them can not fail to bring to their owner not only an appreciation of the stamps themselves, but an attitude of proper care and respect for fine things generally.

In closing, I take the liberty of quoting from Mr. Charles H. Greenwood's excellent hand book on "Togo—The stamp of the British and French Occupations" regarding the rare 3 and 5 mark value in the second setting of the overprint, of which only two of each exist, "When their great historic interest is coupled with their rarity, it will be seen that their philatelic importance can hardly be overestimated." This might almost be made to apply to all of the overprinted stamp I have in mind.

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Disregarding the well-known Hawaiians—for Oceania in its entirety is too wide a field for our present purpose—we find that twenty-nine of the 1,188 slide-out frames are devoted to the issues of New South Wales (plus one of envelopes, in which is a specimen of the Sydney letter-sheet issued for local postage in 1838), eleven are representatives of New Zealand, nineteen of Victoria, six of Western Australia, six of Queensland, thirteen of South Australia, nine of Tasmania, four of Fiji, one of Samoa, and one of Tonga.

The collection, as bequeathed, includes nothing issued since 1890, but it is encouraging to know that efforts are now being made to supplement it with examples of subsequent issues of various Colonies. Mr. Edward Denny Bacon, C.V.O., the Curator of the King's Stamp Collections and the painstaking arranger and annotator of the Tapling Collection, has already received many specimens of this nature, which he is mounting on loose sheets for public display when new frames are obtained.

Sad to relate, not a single Commonwealth stamp has yet been contributed to the Supplementary Collection, nor any examples of the Australian States or Pacific Islands subsequent to 1890, with the exception of a few Naurus and some odds and ends of war stamps. Imagine the disappointment of the youngster who eagerly scans the frames of New Zealand issues and finds that they are lacking in the beautiful pictorials which are his prime favorites! Imagine the same as regards the pictorials of Tasmania! And no Penny Universals!

It does not require the munificence of Mr. H. L. White to make up these—to the tyro—glaring deficiencies; the gaps could be speedily filled if only an official invitation were extended. Now that a Supplementary Collection has been inaugurated, the time is surely ripe for the inclusion of examples of all those attractive issues with which the youthful visitor has grown up. To this desirable end, an appeal from the Trustees would undoubtedly meet with an instant and generous response.

But it is a far cry from the sherry of post-1890 philately to the Hiedsieck of Sydney Views and other patrician gems. Mr. Tapling's enthusiasm for the latter is common history to philatelists. In his wonderful bequest are many reconstructed plates of the Views, which fill seven of the frames. There are in this wonderful collection five copies of the 1d red, Plate 1, on yellowish, and a block of four, unused, in addition to eight unused on bluish and a fine block of eight used, another of four, a strip of three and four pairs.

Plate II of the 1d red View is represented by eight unused on yellowish, a block of nine unused and five singles on bluish paper.

The 2d, Plate I, is illustrated by four unused copies in the early state of the plate and three showing wear, while there is a block of nine among the used examples of this. Of the retouch, two are unused and eighteen used, with used pairs showing retouch and original *se tenant*. Plate II has six unused and thirty-nine used specimens, Plate III five unused and twenty-one used, Plate IV twelve unused (including a block of four) and nine used, and Plate V, a strip of three and four singles unused and twenty-five used.

Of the 3d View there are nine unused and twenty-five used.

The Laureated New South Wales are also extremely fine. In this grand National Collection there are examples of the 1d, Plate 1, on laid paper, a reconstructed plate, nearly all unused, of the 3d on blue paper, the 6d "Walls" error, seven unused copies of the 8d, six unused of the 2d Stars in corners, and seven unused of the 6d Plate II. These and subsequent issues of the same Colony occupy seventeen frames, in addition to which two are set apart for the

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Like the New South Wales, the Taping "plums" of New Zealand are warranted to gladden the heart of philatelic man. Where else, for instance, will you see a complete sheet (240) of the 2d vermilion, full face, retouched? Where else will you see such beautiful specimens of the early 1d and 2d on slightly blued paper? Of the first 1sh green there are two unused singles and an unused pair. There are four unused copies of the 1d red, Colonial print, no wmk., imperf., of 1855, a pair and three singles of the 2d blue and 1sh green, all unused, and unused copies of all values of the 1857-59 series on white paper, with many roulette and perforation varieties, chiefly used.

The Supplementary Collection includes die proofs in colour on white glazed card of the 1d orange, 2d pale blue, 3d mauve, 4d rose, 6d brown and 1sh green of 1874-92.

Victoria also has its Taping pearls, including three reconstructed sheets of the Campbell and Fergusson lithographs of the Queen on Throne, each sheet showing a different stage in the use of the plate. There is also a reconstructed sheet of fifty of the 2d reddish brown of December, 1852, a dozen copies of the 2d Half Length, fine background (1850)—including two unused—a block of four of the 2d coarse border, unused, and two unused 3d, perf. 12. Here, also, we have an exquisite strip of three mint 2sh imperf., six beaded oval, orange, unused, four unused 5sh blue on yellow, six unused "Registered," four unused "Too Late." Two frames are devoted to fiscal stamps used postally, two to official franks and one to reprints, while among the recent gifts are die proofs in colour on white card of the De La Rue printing of the 1d red-brown and 6d purple of 1856-58.

The first gem to meet the eye in the Taping Collection of Western Australia is, of course, the 4d inverted swan—an extremely rare bird. Unfortunately, it is a poor specimen. There are four mint copies of the 1d black of 1854, in different shades, and nine of the 2d black on red, in addition to four singles and a pair used and the variety printed on both sides, also used. Of the 4d 1854 there is an unused block of four, a pair and fourteen singles, also one used and eight varieties of lettering. Here, also, there are nine unused and three used 6d black-bronze (1855), eighteen unused 1sh, 1854, five used ditto, and superb examples of roulette varieties, seven unused 6d sage green, local print, 1860, four unused 1sh green rough perf. 14 to 16 1/2 (1861), and one unused and one used of the 1879 2d (1865 type) error in colour of the 6d mauve.

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Queensland is not particularly outstanding, but of Tasmania there are fully twenty of the first 1d unused, including a block of four, and two used copies of the 4d octagon on narrow ribbed paper, with a single specimen of the same denomination on vertical laid paper. There is also a reconstructed sheet of used copies of the first 1d blue, showing the 24 types, and reconstructed sheets of both plates of the 4d orange-red, with unused and used single copies also. The unwatermarked 1856-57 specimens include a strip of three unused 4d blue.

The "Fiji Times Express" and Samoa Express labels are all strongly represented in the Taping Collection, the former by singles and a vertical strip of four showing each value, 1d, 3d, 6d, and 1sh, *se tenant*. The "V.R." provisionals of 1874-75 for Fiji include numerous unused examples, a vertical pair of the 12c rose showing the fancy and Roman overprints *se tenant* being a conspicuous item. So far, no examples of Fiji or Samoa have been contributed to the Supplementary Collection.

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—Here comes Guest's *Sales Department News* with a picture of P. M. Wolsieffer, headed "Let's Draft 'P. M.'" We predict that Mr. Wolsieffer will crack under the demand that he stand for the presidency of the American Philatelic Society.

—We learn from *Madrid Filatelico* that the 75th anniversary of the postage stamp in Belgium will be celebrated by a philatelic international exhibition in Brussels, from the 24th of May to June 1, 1924, "under the high patronage of his Serene Majesty, the King." The jury will consist of eleven members, ten of whom have been appointed and the member representing the United States will be named soon.

—From Mr. Charles Love we have a clipping from a newspaper in which a correspondent solicits stamps from the generous public for use in saving the heathen in India. Mr. Love says that he wishes he was a little savage so that he might be saved by stamps. In the early '60's the stamp papers started to reprint clippings from the newspapers of the day telling of the purchase of babies with foreign stamps that otherwise would be thrown into the Ganges; and there were a dozen variations of the tale.

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The next meeting, in February, will be held in our new meeting rooms at the N. Y. Philatelic Society, 20 E. 125th St., New York City. Meetings held fourth Tuesday in every month. Visitors always welcome.

I ran across this the other day in Anatole France's *L'île des Pingouins*, Book VII, Chapter 7,—(the Minister of Postes was very much distracted) "Son activité brûlante dévorait les dossiers; il changea en huit jours quatorze fois la couleur des timbre-poste." "It might be translated: 'His burning activity ate up the files; he changed the color of the postage stamps fourteen times in a week.' Stamps are certainly getting before the eye of the public."—JAS. LEWIS HOWE.

"I am trying to locate a cheap bound album for U. S. stamps such as the average schoolboy could afford and mostly fill. I have received a negative answer from a dozen or more firms.

About 20 years ago I had such an album that cost me 75c and the name of it, if I remember correctly, was the "Favorite." The other day down at our city museum, I saw an old collection of stamps in an old Mekeel album, about the same age. Since you were contemporaneous, I thought you might remember the "Favorite" and give me some information about it. If not, will you kindly try to locate it thru the columns of the paper?"—J. L. SLOANAKER, Spokane, Wn. Who will favor our subscriber?

—Carl Young's store in Philadelphia was closed four days the week of Jan. 20, on account of the death of his father, who passed away Wednesday evening, Jan. 23, while Mr. Young was attending a Wolsieffer sale.

—Hugh C. Argenbright is sending out an artistic folder printed in colors and advertising in an effective way the merits of his approval service.

—Will Earl D. Emery please send his address to this office? We are compelled to make this request as his address is desired by one of our readers, and our mailing list is not arranged alphabetically.

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—"Have you read Hugh Lofting's 'Doctor Dolittle's Post-Office?' If not, you will greatly enjoy his philatelic satires. At first I thought I would copy a few lines for you, but there is too

much of it and it is too good to be taken from context. My little grandson from Birmingham has just been here on a visit and had the book with him. Perhaps like myself you will read the whole book thru, even if it is for children. For many years our professor of Physics always carried a copy of Alice in Wonderland with him on his travels!

—B. J. Bodnar calls our attention to the fact that in the December issue of the *Success Magazine* appeared a story in which there are several interesting and amusing references to certain stamps of Liberia.

—We acknowledge the receipt of an interesting book on the fascinations of San Francisco, with the compliments of the Pacific Stamp Company of that city.

—A letter has come from Mr. S. T. S. Doncyson who was secretary of the Chicago Philatelic Society and a specialist in the stamps of Chile years ago. He is now living in Montebello, California.

—Professor H. H. Schroeder of Normal, Illinois, has shown us the interesting "ball" varieties on the ninety-third stamp of the sheet of the type IV, offset 2c, plate numbers 10929 and 10931. There is a curl at the top of the "2" that suggests the secret mark of the 12c 1873.

—The *Rotarian*, Dec., 1923, contains an article by Harry Botsford, "Have a Hobby—Ride it Hard," in which he encourages business men to have an interest outside of their business. He mentions stamp collecting as having afforded business men a hobby for many years past.

—The following notice had been issued by the second assistant postmaster-general, under date of January 25, 1924: "The postal administration of Russia has advised this department that postage stamps and paper money intended for private individuals in Russia must be addressed to care of 'Philatelic Delegate of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, Tverskoi Boulevard 12, Moscow.' Articles bearing the inscription 'Postage Stamps' but not addressed to said delegate will be considered as improperly accepted for mailing, and will consequently be returned to origin."

—Our award of the gutta-percha per simmon (to become the property of the three-time winner) to the one accomplishing the best heart-throb during the week goes to B. F. Enlow of the Colonial Stamp Company, Chicago, who when asked how much he would pay for a few stamps told the seller that they

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would do.

—Our wires got crossed when we said
two weeks ago that Mr. Henry W.
Wolsey, of Chicago, was leaving for
Florida, for the winter, as the truth is
that he will remain in Chicago for some
time to come.

—A correspondence calls our attention
to the number of varieties of Harding
precancels emanating from Van Buren,
Ark. Collectors of these stamps should
realize that where a rubber stamp is
used in precancelling, a single variety
should be sufficient.

—On Jan. 14, Edgar W. Fielding,
Wilmington, Del., advertising Harding
stamps normal and inverted at 20c and
30c respectively, omitted the word "pre-
cancel." As a result some collectors
ordered the "invert" with the expecta-
tion of finding the head of Harding
upside down. Mr. Fielding is making
amends as rapidly as possible and re-
grets the error.

—The State Gazette of Trenton, N. J.,
on January 19, published a very fine
story of the 50th anniversary celebra-
tion of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs.
Edward B. Sterling. A fine halftone of
the family dinner party showed a group
of fifteen persons. In the center were
Mr. and Mrs. Sterling, who may well be
congratulated upon their notable anni-
versary.

—"The current new 3c carmine Can-
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and 3c perf. 8 by imperforate. The new
3c carmine will appear perforated 8 by
imperforate."—Edw. E. GOODCHILD.

—Linn's Stamp News for January-
February is a very interesting number.
It is filled with attractive offers and a
copy can be had upon request by apply-
ing to the Geo. W. Linn Co., Columbus,
Ohio.

—Volume I, Number 1, of the Saxon
Stamp Courier. It is published by
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—"Your number of Jan. 21 was the
most interesting issue of any stamp paper
and of all your own files that I've seen
in years." Stick to it.—F. S. EATON.

A WORD OF PROTEST

By K. E. PARKER, Honor Club Member.

I rise to protest! For the past year
or two there has been much violent de-
nunciation of the multitudinous specula-
tive issues thrust upon us poor collectors
by Lithuania, Straits Settlements, Italy,
and other benighted countries. Such
trash as the Malaya-Borneos, the Rus-
ian "Exposition" issues, and the Italian
"commemorative" overprints have been
condemned again and again—and justly,
too—in your columns. And now comes
Mr. Severn with a suggestion for a
special stamp in 1926, to celebrate
Philately. In what way would such a
stamp be above the Italian stamps over-
printed to commemorate the Ninth Ital-
ian Philatelic Congress? True, it would
be a new stamp instead of a mere un-
affecting overprint, but the purpose
would be the same. If we are going to
be at all consistent in this matter of un-
necessary issues, we should drop the
matter at once and preserve the good
name of the United States Post Office
before it has a chance to be influenced
by any advertising propaganda.

Also, I think the same applies to Mr.
Philip H. Ward's suggestion of a re-
issue of old U. S. stamps. And in addi-
tion to the speculative taint which would
surround such an action, there is the
fact that a re-issue would merely give
the specialists, who have acquired all the
varieties known at present, another batch
of trick marks to look for, while it
would add another high-priced and un-
attainable group of stamps which the
general collector could not hope to get
(after they were obsolete, anyway).
Shakespeare and Hamlet were wrong;
they should have said, "Frailty, thy name
is Philatelist!"

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the Congress. There will be receptions,
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800t on 400M brown, 800t on 1000M*25

2 million on 200M, 2 million on 300M,
2 million on 5000M*15

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10pf, 800t on 200M*20

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2 million on 5000M red, rouletted*10

2 million on 500M rose, rouletted*10

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5 billion on 10 million08

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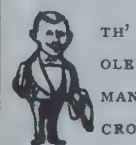
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Numerically the club has almost quadrupled and in its membership will be found a large percentage of the foremost collectors of the world; it has brought together the second largest philatelic library in existence and the work that is being done upon it will eventually make it one of the most important libraries available; it has founded and maintained this journal which has stimulated and presented much original matter and which, we believe, has proven an important factor in the development of the club; it has encouraged and liberally supported philatelic exhibitions, notable among which were those held in London and Vienna; it has published

two monumental philatelic works—the first on "Mexico" by Dr. J. Brace Chitenden and the second on "Victoria" by Charles Lathrop Pack—and has committees actively at work on other handbooks that will be real additions to philatelic literature; it has at its meetings enabled the members to see some of the most important collections in existence; it has welcomed and entertained many important guests both from at home and abroad; it has obtained much desirable publicity in the daily press and it has created a feeling of stability in the hobby.

These achievements are not recited in a spirit of boastfulness but simply to point out the fact that much of the work that is being accomplished can only be carried on in a club with a more or less permanent headquarters and a closely united membership.

Only on such a foundation of accomplishment can the club continue to grow and prosper and the wonderful response at the Annual Dinner when \$10,000 was quickly subscribed to create a permanent endowment speaks eloquently of the confidence and faith which has been inspired in the members who are in close touch with all that the club is doing.

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Although the actual medals and diplomas are still in process of preparation it has been thought fitting by the Board of Governors to announce that their first Award has been made to our own fellow member, Charles Lathrop Pack, for his wonderful work on the stamps of Victoria. Mr. Pack has long been recognized as the foremost philatelist in America and the club is indeed proud to have the honor and privilege of presenting him with its first Award and in this way express its appreciation for his "outstanding achievement."

The coming years loom big in possibilities for still greater accomplishment. Membership in the club will prove a mark of distinction. Philatelists everywhere are cordially invited to join with us and we hope that many more during the coming year will avail themselves of our invitation to become member. —Collectors Club Philatelist.

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Our first applicant for membership in the Five-Year Honor Club this week comes from Harry Gordon, 55 Addison Av., Rutherford, N. J. Mr. Gordon thanks us for our renewal blank reminder and expresses it tangibly with a check for \$5.

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Our fourth new member this week John S. Reynolds of York, Pa., who taking out his membership writes a strong word of endorsement and expresses his enjoyment of the week visits of our publication. We are glad of the privilege of also adding to his name the letters M. H. C., to which is now entitled.

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THE PRECANCEL DEPARTMENT.

Edited by **FRED K. W. ALLEN,**
312 Walnut St., Minneapolis, Minn.

Interest in Harding precancelled stamps is so widespread that I am giving over this week's discussion entirely to them. If asked to name the most desirable one of these I should unhesitatingly reply that no collection of Hardings can be deemed worthy of especial mention unless it contains the Marion, O., precancelled in small letters known as the U-8 type and handstamped. This is being regularly used by the Studebaker Rubber Co. and other firms in Marion.

There are nearly four hundred varieties known to date. In all probability within the next six months, additions will bring the total up near the thousand mark. The field is not a narrow one by any means.

It may be well to mention that both the *Gossip* and the *Precancel Gazette* carry special listings, in each issue, of Harding precancels as well as much comment on them. This publication shall not attempt to list these stamps, but leaves that to our worthy contemporaries under the able editorship of A. V. Dworak and V. W. Rotnem.

Some of the Harding precancels which have been chronicled are package roller cancellations and not worthy of being collected. Explanation of these probably would not go amiss.

Many small town offices which are not furnished with standard plates or handstamps for precancelling resort to using anything handy. Sometimes the circular office oval is employed or perhaps a package roller of which there are two main types. The first of these that I shall mention is the box roller, which produces an impression showing the city and state names enclosed by a box-like frame. They are made by rolling a wheel-like device over the stamps. If one pictures a roller skate wheel with a number of subjects, as described above, joined together in a continuous chain making up the circumference, then the nature of this apparatus becomes obvious. The "double lined roller" is of the same general form but varies in design. Instead of a box-like frame to set off the words, we find double lines running around the roller, above and below the office name. Clark, S. D., Quinter, Kans., Buxton, N. D., Parkersburg, Iowa, and hundreds of other small post-offices own them.

It is not my purpose to make this a technical article, but some sort of explanation has been thought necessary.

The Hardings listed for Rifle, Colo., and Bisbee, Ariz., are of the roller type and shall not be catalogued. Any others which come to my attention will be noted as such. There are others listed that I suspect are of this type but I must examine copies before passing judgment on them. Mr. Edmunds of Beaverton, Mich., recently sent for inspection a Harding precancel from Inland, Mich. (As it was O. G. it was undoubtedly a precancel), which I had to declare of

no value as it was a "box roller." You ask why not recognize these if they are precancelled.

There has been much argument for and against the recognition of this class of precancels. The strongest of the arguments appear to me to be against their inclusion in the Standard Precancel Catalog. They may be summed up as follows:

First. Precancels of this sort are not the result of regular plates or handstamps furnished by the Department for the specific purpose of precancelling.

Second. Off Cover it is impossible to distinguish them from cancellations applied to the stamps after being placed on packages.

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Fourth. The line must be drawn somewhere if precancelled stamps are to become standardized and gain the recognition they deserve.

So it has been decided by the cataloguers to include only stamps bearing the mark of having been cancelled by devices which are known to have been exclusively employed for precancelling. This includes the early bar varieties, certain rubber rollers, handstamps of different sizes and forms, office stamps (usually one line affairs) electrotype plates, and type settings.

To continue my remarks on the Hardings I might say that I consider the five leading specialists of this stamp to be: Messrs. Howard S. Wheeler of Rockland, Mass.; Adolph Gunesch of Chicago; A. F. Gamber of Fargo, N. Dak.; V. W. Rotnem of Cambridge, Mass., and Geo. W. Linn of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Wheeler is known to the precancel fraternity as the possessor of the largest collection of Airplane, Victory and Pilgrim precancels extant. He is now after the black beauties, seeking a single, block of four, and a plate number of each known variety.

Mr. Gunesch recently joined the ranks of precancelists in his quest for the stamps under discussion. As Vice-President of the Weko, largest collectors club in the world, he is a prominent figure in philatelic activities. Mr. Gunesch desires the Harding in singles, pairs and blocks. His collection contains some very unusual items which I take time, at this opportunity, to describe.

Chief interest lies in a block of six from Easton, Pa. (U-1 electro). The three top cancellations are normal and the lower three inverted. Messrs. H. S. Wheeler and E. M. Gearhart have the only other known pieces showing this oddity of cancellation. Then there is a pair of Iliion, N. Y., showing two types of N. Y. The small "N. Y." occurs but four times to the sheet and consequently is good property when "se tenant" with the regular variety. Blocks of four from Louisville, Ky. (normal and inverted), East Grand Forks, Minn. (purple ink),

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Prof. Gamber is the possessor of three hundred varieties at this writing. Singles and blocks of four compose his field. Prof. Gamber ranks as a foremost expert on the surcharge envelope and postal card issues of 1920-21. He is the discoverer of the rare Daytona, Fla., provisionals. He may be congratulated on his foresight in taking up what is destined to be a very popular line.

Mr. V. W. Rotnem, president of the S. P. A., needs no introduction, for he more than any other man has been responsible for the rapid growth of this hobby. Mr. Rotnem is building a fine private collection of Harding precancels and, as he is in the thick of it as a dealer, he has an excellent opportunity to secure these stamps.

Many years ago Mr. Geo. W. Linn took an active interest in the precancel game. However, during the past ten years, he has done little with them. The Hardings have lured him back into the fold and he is now hot on the quest of them. His collection numbers well over two hundred varieties.

Fargo, N. Dak. (electro), Lisbon, N. Dak. (handstamped), Elkhart, Ind. normal and inverted (electro), Philadelphia, Pa. (handstamped), St. Paul, Minn. (handstamped), are hitherto unchronicled Hardings which have appeared just lately.

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United States—We have recently received a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1923. The deliveries of postage stamps to Postmasters are carefully set forth according to the issues from 1902 to 1922, and the denominations. Our readers may not care for the details but will probably be interested in the totals which are: Ordinary postage stamps (1c to \$5), 15,478,006,095 stamps; Special Delivery, 62,370,100 stamps; Postage Due, 61,960,950 stamps. These quantities are for stamps, not their values.

Australian Commonwealth—Mr. C. A. Heath writes: "I have today received from my Australian correspondent a full sheet, 120 stamps, of the new 1/2d, printed in orange. I enclose a block of four with my compliments. My correspondent advises that this stamp is not on general sale and will not be until the old 1/2d green is all sold out. He says that, at present, the orange stamps are difficult to obtain and that, without doubt, I am one of the first in America to receive them. They are accepted for postage, as the cover containing my sheet was franked with them."

Brazil—We have not yet seen the new stamp of 200 reis, issued to commemorate the entry of the triumphal army into Bahia, July 2nd, 1823. Our contemporaries are unanimous in declaring the stamps badly designed and wretchedly printed. *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* says:

"This stamp, printed in rose, is lithographed in the most barbarous manner. Horses which caracole, plumes which wave, soldiers who present arms, an army which defiles—how can all that be contained in a lithograph five centimeters square? The excuse for commemoratives is beauty of impression; that is totally lacking in the poor label which Brazil has just issued."

China—Mr. Gordon Thompson has sent us two letters about the new commemorative issue which we chronicle in this number.

"Oct. 16, 1923.

I learn today that a new commemorative set of four values has appeared in Peking—in commemoration of the promulgation of the Constitution. They must have been lying in storage for a long time, since each new political leader or tuchun has been going to promulgate the constitution at once. But since the new president, Tsao Kun, has bought the Parliament anyway, in order to be elected president, I suppose he concluded he might just as well get some work out of them and so had them ratify the constitution at once. Mixing politics with stamps!"

"Oct. 25, 1923.

The Chinese characters at the top read (from left to right as usual) 'Chinese Republic, Post Office'; and at the bottom, 'Constitution Commemoration.' The design is the familiar Temple of Heaven at Peking, which reminds one of the set of three stamps which appeared when Huan Tung ascended the throne (1909). But the design and workmanship of the new stamps are poorer. To me the heavy columns at the sides are clumsy and the 'terrazzo flooring' above the temple is ugly.

"It is interesting to speculate as to how long this issue has been ready; in my other letter I spoke of the long time the constitution has been 'a-promulgating'. The 4c value rather suggests that they were prepared at least a year ago, when the attempt was made to increase the rates, using 4c for the domestic letter rate; certainly the 4c value has little use now. The 1c is used for local letters, the 6c for foreign post cards, and the 10c for foreign letters. The heavy ugly columns are also very similar to those used in the stamps which Yuan Shi Kai had ready to issue when he should be crowned emperor, and which never got issued. It is very probable that the same artist designed these stamps. Certainly it is not the work of the one who drew the air-mail stamps."

Cost Rica—We have seen imperforate blocks of all values of the Jimenez centenary issue of 1923, both the stamps for ordinary postage and those with the official overprint. We have also seen the large blue and black "coffee" stamp of 1921 in an imperforate block. It does not seem probable that these numerous varieties are accidental.

Cyrenaica and Tripolitania—Two more names that are new to the stamp catalogues. Apparently the Italian colony of Libya is to disappear as a stamp issuing entity and be replaced by the names of the two districts that compose it. We think the following extracts from *The Statesman's Year Book* may interest our readers:

"Tripoli fell under Turkish domination in the sixteenth century and though, in 1714, the Arab population secured some measure of independence, the country was in 1835 proclaimed a Turkish vilayet. In September, 1911, a quarrel broke out between Turkey and Italy, and the latter invaded Tripoli and established an army there. On November 5, 1911, a decree was issued annexing Tripoli, and on February 23, 1912, the Italian Chamber passed the bill which ratified the decree of annexation. The war, nevertheless, continued until October 18, 1912, when the Treaty of Ouchy was signed, by which the sovereignty of Italy in Tripoli was established. This has been recognized by the Great Powers.

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From 1901 to 1911 the Italian stamps used in Tripoli are regarded and listed as issues for Italian offices abroad. After the country passed definitely under Italian control it became the colony of Libya (Libia Italiana) and stamps for use there were overprinted "Libia" had that word incorporated in the designs. We have not learned why the postal administration of the colony has now been divided.

In the October number of the *Journal* we chronicled (on the authority of *Sammler Woche*) the Italian "Propaganda of the Faith" issue with the overprints "Libia" and "Somalia." In the light of this month's Chronicle for these colonies, we feel very doubtful of the existence of the stamps attributed to them in October.

Czechoslovakia—When sending us new commemorative stamps, our correspondent, Mr. George Hora, writes about the name of his country: "You should write this long word as or without the hyphen between 'Czech' and 'Slovakia.'" He continues:

"Allow me to inform you that Czechoslovakia issued on October 28th, 1918, a special set of Commemorative and Charity stamps, in memory of the fifty anniversary of the recreation of the State. There are four stamps in the set, the design portraying President Masaryk. I enclose a sample set with my compliments. I regret to say that these stamps, which are available for both domestic and foreign postage, are sold with a surtax of 100 per cent, in favor of the Red Cross and other social institutions and, what is worse, there is no surcharge on the stamps indicating this surtax. The 'Union of Czechoslovak Philatelic Associations' has protested against this issue—it would be more correct to say against the late surtax—but its warning voice has not been heeded by the Postal Authorities. All the Czechoslovak philatelists regret that the anniversary was misused in this way. These stamps cease to be valid on December 31st, 1923. The number issued is not known to me."

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Danzig—It is a relief to know that this country has adopted a new currency and that we are to be spared further reporting of stamps with denominations running into hundreds of millions. The new currency is on a gold basis and is expressed in pfennigs and gulden, one hundred of the former to one of the latter. The gulden is worth about 20 cents in money of the United States. One of the latest things to reach us before the new currency was put into use was a small circular with the postage paid by two stamps of 30,000,000 marks each.

Denmark—Le Timbre Poste announces that Mr. John Spohr has found in a mixed lot of stamps a copy of the 3sk ray and lilac, of 1870-71, (No. 17), with the centre inverted. This is the only known copy of this error.

Germany—This country continues to turn out stamps of astounding denominations, as will be seen by our chronicle. Mr. T. E. Steinway has shown us two envelopes which had enclosed letters of ordinary size and weight. One was marked by four stamps of ten billion marks and the other by two stamps of

twenty billions. A stamp of fifty billions is the highest denomination that has reached us at the time this is written. At any moment it may be made to appear insignificant by the appearance of stamps of much greater ostensible value. The long rows of ciphers take up so much room that we have tried to devise some abbreviations for use in our Chronicle and catalogue.

Italy—A large amount of space in our current chronicle of new issues is occupied by Italy and her colonies. If many of these new things had not been issued we would have felt no regret. One of our French contemporaries says: "Italy exaggerates. She overwhelms us with issues that are unnecessary and of gigantic sizes." Italian art in past centuries was of unsurpassed beauty and excellence, but it is not perpetuated in her stamp issues of this and recent years. The stamps of the new Fascisti issue lack beauty of design, the sizes are inharmonious, and the execution of some of them is very inferior. The "black shirt" labels are too large for stamps and too small to be used as post-cards. The effort to suggest an antique medal does not result happily. As will be seen by the inscriptions, these stamps have double values, one for postage and one for the provident fund of the black shirts, who are, by the way, the Italian national militia. We doubt that the distribution to each of the Italian colonies of a few thousand sets of each of the new issues will be materially helpful to postal affairs, though it may yield a small increase in revenue.

Japan—From a letter of Messrs. Yuasa & Co. we obtain the following information about the details of the design of the new stamps. The chrysanthemum is, of course, the imperial crest.

At each side are cherry trees in full flower. The mountain is Fuji-yama. The dragonflies in the upper corners are symbols much used in Japan. The four characters above the chrysanthemum mean "Japanese Post," those below it indicate the value of the stamp. The stamps are printed by the offset process. It is stated that the series will consist of the denominations 1/2, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, and 20 sen. We are surprised that a stamp of 1 sen is not included. Elsewhere we find it stated that the new stamps are made by the Seihan Instasa Co., a prominent printing establishment in Osaka. A large number of the best workmen from the former government printing bureau have been employed by the Seihan Instasa Co. to assist in producing the new stamps.

It is announced that the wedding of the Prince Regent will be commemorated by an issue of four stamps, 1 1/2, and 3 sen for domestic letters, and 8 and 20 sen for foreign postage.

Liberia—We have seen a set of eight large and ugly labels, purporting to be a new issue of stamps for Liberia, and displaying portraits, animals, buildings, etc. They are printed by lithography, each in two colors, on paper watermarked Crosses and Circles, like some other "made in Germany" issues. The same designs are printed in other colors and overprinted "O.S." All copies seen by us were cancelled but retained their full gum. Pending further information, we do not chronicle these stamps.

Mexico—Mr. F. Roterberg has shown us a horizontal pair of the 5c ultramarine of 1916-17, (No. 612) rouletted all around but imperforate vertically between.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

The notice of the death of George H. Worthington, Cleveland, in our issue of two weeks ago has brought us responses from several collectors, who give different sidelights on his collecting career. A point that might be spoken of at some length is that the fame of Mr. Worthington as a collector had penetrated to all quarters of the world through the volume of newspaper publicity that he received as the possessor of a collection of almost fabulous value, in the eyes of the layman. To some extent, he was the stamp Midas of his day, in public print, and he was a fascinating figure, in consequence. He did not avoid this white light of publicity as he took pride in being a philatelist and if the world could be told of stamps through him, so much the better for all concerned. Too, it is emphasized that his interest in his collection was deep and that it was a working one and not an affectation in any sense of the word.

A new revenue stamp is to be added to the list of Future Delivery stamps in the shape of the twenty dollar stamp, which a correspondent says that he has seen. Further, a twenty dollar and a two hundred dollar, Stock Transfer, is provided for on the latest blank received by the internal revenue offices.

Recently, we received a note from London, to the effect that a copy of the first edition of Sever and Francis' Catalogue of Postage Stamps, 1863, Cambridge (Mass.), was included in a lot of reference books that had been delivered to our informant for use in his work on a governmental committee. He was impressed by the coincidence that accident-

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Here is the first reaction reported to the line defacement of foreign stamps in the standard catalogue. Mr. A. Hippen says that a boy who was sent by his father for a catalogue brought it back the next day, saying that he wanted it exchanged for one in which the stamp cuts were not "spoiled." The dealer explained why the pictures were treated as they were and sent the boy back with the book. The father then made his appearance and it was hard work convincing him that all the catalogues were the same and that he was not the victim of a desire on the part of the dealer to work off a defective copy of the book.

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Good old Briggs, the artist whose pictures ooze with heart interest, as his many pictorial triumphs testify, gives stamp collecting a bit of a boost in one of his latest sketches. He shows the boys at home on a dark dreary day, engaged in whiling away the hours in characteristic manner; and one of the little chaps who is looking at a stamp album congratulates its owner in having some of those dandy Honduras stamps.

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Some time ago, Mr. L. R. Raikes (as we decipher the signature) wrote to say that he wished very much to obtain the decision in the case of the United States

that was instituted against the Walter Scott Stamp Company, in New York, based on the seizure by the government of the U. S. periodical stamps from the company in question and which was the basis for the sale later of the set of periodical stamps by the government at five dollars to collectors and others. We are indebted to Mr. Lowell J. Ragatz for the extract from the "Digest of Decisions of the United States and Other Courts Affecting the Post Office Department and Postal Service," Washington, which follows: "U. S. Courts Other than Supreme Courts. The exchange by the government of newspapers and periodical stamps with members of the so-called 'Postal Union' whereby over 700 complete sets of such stamps were issued, was without any reservation and did not render unlawful the sale or gift of such stamps to private dealers or collectors. U. S. vs. Walter Scott Stamp Company, 87 F. (c. c.), 721 (U. S., 1898)." This was one of the celebrated cases involving stamps and the stamp dealers who collected funds for the proper legal representation of their side locked horns with the authorities to their advantage, so far as the decision of the court related.

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The growth of our five-year subscription club has been noticed by some of our readers who find in its progress a theme for moralizing. The idea of this club, conceived and launched by our managing editor, will be attributed to the business acumen of the originator in wanting to bulwark the subscription list. If you place the most material reason for the existence of this honor roll at our door, the fact remains that there are other aspects to the club that have a deeper significance than any catch-penny proposition on our part. Today, the five-year club has a numerical strength that is such as to refute the claim that is often made that stamp collecting is a "transient fancy" or a "passing craze." With some show of truth the critics of our pursuit have alleged that the followers of philately are not permanent in their affections or that the complexion of stamp collectors is an ever changing one. We knew that the allegation was not without force as a talking point but it was emphasized unfairly by those who seemed to have some strange antipathy for stamp collectors. Owing to a lack of definite figures on which to base a

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Words of approval come for the proposal to invite a special stamp for philately in connection with the international philatelic exhibition at Philadelphia, 1926. It is natural that those who favor the suggestion are the ones to write while the dissenters feeling that they cannot agree, say nothing at this early day. Further argument is withheld pending the digestion of Mr. Huber Lyman Clark's protest. We have a feeling that there will be no lack of discussion on the subject and our serenity in the belief that there would be no opposition to the special stamp may be in for a series of jolts. There are two sides to every question, it seems, although we thought that there was only one to this. The necessity of knowing what we want if we want anything, before asking for it, is evident.

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next.

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there will not be any immediate change

of design; new designs may, however,

follow at no very distant date. A

change in the watermark is more

likely, the present chain watermark of

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more distinctive Roman-letter water-

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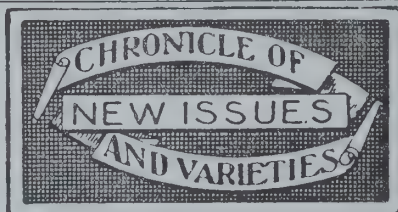
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UNITED STATES.—*Pane of 1851, 1c Blue.*—One of our Philadelphia collectors recently acquired one of the most interesting items in the way of early U. S. that it has been my pleasure to inspect for some time, namely, a complete pane of one hundred of the 1c blue, issue of 1851. This was the right pane from the second plate and was found in an old law book where it had been folded and put away many years before. It seems that it was purchased in Boston by an attorney at the time of issue and he folded it in half and then folded it twice again and put it in this book where it remained for some years. Unfortunately, the creases are heavy and a portion of the upper part of the pane is badly damaged, but very luckily the ninety-ninth stamp which is the well known type III is in wonderful condition. The sheet has since been acquired by a dealer and it is to be hoped that it will pass intact into one of our larger collections. A block of about eighty of the same stamp was in the Worthington collection but unfortunately the rare ninety-ninth stamp in this case was damaged.

Early Railway Mail Service.—The *Corn Exchange*, a monthly publication of the Corn Exchange National Bank of Philadelphia, for December contains an interesting story entitled "U. S. Postal Service as an Economic Factor." This article tells us about the reduction of the Postal rates during the administration of President Polk, stating that on July 1, 1847, the new rates of 5c for letters that were to be sent a distance of under 300 miles, and 10c for over three hundred miles went into effect. From 1789 to 1847 it cost from 8 to 25c to send a letter from one point to another in the United States.

The article further tells us that the first railway to transport the United States mail was the South Carolina, Canal & Railroad Co., the present line of the Southern Railway System extending from Charleston, S. C., to Hamburg, S. C., opposite Augusta, Ga. This was in 1832 when the Government contracted with the railroad to transport the mail between Charleston and Woodstock, fifteen miles, in lieu of the stage coach.

In a report to the Board of Directors of this Road, dated May 4, 1832, the genesis of the present vast system of the Transportation of mail by railways is told in the following language:

"Our Road is the first in America on which the mail was transported, it is now three months since the mails for Augusta, Camden, and Columbia with the passengers in the mail stages have been conveyed along the twelve miles nearest the city (Charleston). At present they are taken up and set down at Woodstock, fifteen miles from town. We shall in about ten days extend this conveyance to Somerville, and expect to derive not a little profit from the connection of these two lines of communication with the interior."

It is rather an interesting coincident that during this same year, 1832, was also the year that Matthias W. Baldwin made his first locomotive. Have you ever stopped to think what a debt of gratitude we all owe to our modern locomotive for carrying the mail? After all "Uncle Sam" does a great deal for two cents, and our Postal Administration is a powerful agency for the advancement of our National Prosperity.

Chemical Changelings.—In our issue of April 22, 1922, Dr. Stephen C. Rich wrote a very interesting article dealing with the chemical changelings brought about, subjecting our current postage stamps to different chemicals. Mr. Rich has added considerable to the collection as a result of further experiments, and has kindly presented this to me for my reference work. It is especially appropriate at the present time for I do not recall when so many changelings have been submitted before as supposedly errors of color. The 10c current stamp seems to be the subject of quite a good deal of correspondence, for this may be readily changed to the brown of the 4c. The nearest approach that we have ever had to the famous 5c error was about a year back when the Department condemned a quantity of the 11c stamps claiming that they too nearly approached the color of the 1c to be advisable to distribute them generally. A number, however, were distributed, and this stamp is an excellent shade variety but to the philatelist is not as near in color to the 1c as it would possibly be to the mail clerk handling thousands of letters and packages.

Georgia State Revenues.—Mr. Frank L. Applegate kindly sends for inspection a copy of the new 2c stamp issued by the State of Georgia, for the collection of a tax on cigars and cigarettes. The variety is lithographed, measures 36mm x 21mm and is rouletted 6½. In the center of the stamp is a seal of the State of Georgia surrounded by concentric circles within which we find "Cigar and Cigarette Tax." On either side is a tobacco plant. Horizontally across the top of the stamp "State of Georgia" with figures 2 in white within ovals in the lower corners, with "Cents" between. Mr. Applegate informs us that the issue consists of ½ cent chocolate, 1c carmine, 1½c blue, 2c green, 12½c olive, 25c orange and 50c violet. It seems that the tax is collected in a somewhat different manner than in Iowa, South Dakota, South Carolina and Utah where the tax is one mill on each cigarette. In Georgia the tax on both cigars and cigarettes is

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8 1p black violet	10.00	5.50
9 1852, 1p blue	75.00	42.00
13 1855, 1p rose	6.00	3.50
14 1859, 1p dull rose, pair	25.00	12.75
15 4p gray lilac	17.50	8.00
17 1sh slate blue	12.00	7.00
18 1p dull rose	12.00	7.00
18a 1p lake	7.50	4.00
22 1p rose red	8.50	4.70
39 1p carmine	20.00	10.00
40 4p dull violet	3.00	1.70
45 1p lake	1.00	.40
48 1864, 1p red	1.25	.60
48a 1p lake	2.50	1.50
49 4p violet	3.00	1.50
51 ½p red, Charity	1.50	.75
52 6p yellow green	2.00	1.25
53 1sh purple	1.25	.60
55 1872, 4p gray	.20	.10
57 1876, 1p carmine	.75	.37
58 4p gray	5.00	2.50
59 6p yellow green	2.00	1.00
60 1sh orange yellow	1.00	.60
61 1879, ½p lilac	.50	.25
65 1p carmine	1.25	.60
66 4p gray	.50	.25
71 6p olive brown	1.00	.40
72 1sh orange brown	3.50	2.25
73 5sh claret	1.00	.80
78 5p lilac & violet	1.00	.50
80 1sh green & o. brown	3.00	1.60
81 5sh green & orange	17.50	8.50
82 10sh green & ultra	10.00	5.00
83 ½ green & carmine	.75	.35
102 1909, 4p b. & carmine	.60	.25
151 1885, ½p black	1.50	.85
157 6p black	1.00	.42
158 8p black	2.00	1.00
159 1sh black	75a, 2c; 76, 5c; 79, 25c; 84, 7c; 86, 2c; 93, 40c; 100, 2c; 101, 5c; 152, 5c; 153, 10c; 164, 15c; 156, 12c.	

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10% of the selling price. The law went into effect on January 1st last, and John M. Vandirer was appointed Commissioner of Revenue, being responsible for the design adopted and sale and distribution of stamps. It is hoped that within the next couple years a half million dollars may be collected and this will be used toward building and equipping a State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, at Alto, and the balance will go toward paying pensions to Confederate Veterans. We wish to thank Mr. Edwin C. Bailey, A. C. Holly and L. G. Barrett for notes of interest.

BAHAMAS.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the ½d green, 4d yellow and 5sh lilac and blue, script watermark on white paper.

EGYPT.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the following new values in the King Fuad type: 3m sepia, 50m deep blue green, large type, 100m red purple also in the large type.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 4c scarlet on script watermarked paper.

INDO-CHINA.—Concessions have been granted to a French Company to establish air-lines between Saigon and Canton and Saigon and Puom.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

JAPAN.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the following values of the New Earthquake Provisional Issues. They are ½s grey; 1½s pale blue; 2s maroon; 4s green; 5s purple; 10s brown and 20s deep blue. All are imperforate on thin granite paper

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NORTH BORNEO.—Our Sandakan correspondent, Mr. Yat Fong, informs us that there is a shortage of 3c stamps, now so much used on local correspondence, and that a quantity of the current 4c have been surcharged to meet the deficiency. This is the fourth of the 1909 series to be surcharged, the previous provisionals having appeared in 1916 when the 3c, 6c and 12c values were surcharged 2c, 4c and 10c respectively to supply the required denominations, a supply of which had been lost at sea in the S. S. Persia. Surcharged **THREE CENTS** in block capitals, with original value deleted by bars.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

NORWAY.—A letter is just to hand from Mr. Rolf L. Berentzen, Secretary of the Christiania Philatelists' Club, under cover of a 10 öre green and 25 öre carmine in the Lion type. They are perforated and are postmarked Christiania, 22.12.23. We are informed that they were issued on that day but not actually sold over the post-office counters until January 1st.—*Stamp Collecting*.

PALESTINE.—Our Cairo correspondent, Mr. Charles Julien Hunt, informs us that the 1m and 8m Postage Dues have both appeared imperf. One sheet of 100 of each value was printed thus, fifty of each being issued and the rest destroyed. The 13m is also to be found imperf. between.—*Stamp Collecting*.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—A recent decree authorizes the issue of stamps of the denominations of 20, 24 and 25 centavos and 5, 10 and 20 escudos, for the colonies of Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea, Mozambique and St. Thomé. At the same time notice is given of the impending appearance of the 60c in red and the 1 escudo in dark blue.

The 1½, 2½, 4½, 7 and 7½c values are no longer to be printed.

A series of nine Postage Due labels, ranging from ½c to 50c is to be used in Nyassa.—*Stamp Collecting*.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us a pair of 6d stamps with Zuidwest in one word.

Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 1 pound stamp of the Union of South Africa with the overprint "Zuidwest" in one word. Also the 6d postage due stamp, 1st type, wide overprint with hyphen between Zuid and West surcharged on 6d grey, Union of South Africa, local print.

TONGA.—News of an unexpected provisional is imparted by Mr. G. Rhodes, who informs us that the 5d "old type" (i.e., King George II of Tonga) has been surcharged "Two Pence."—*Stamp Collecting*.

NANKING LOCAL POST.

(Prof. James Lewis Howe sends us the following article which appeared in a Nanking, China, publication: We consider the article of sufficient interest to our readers to reprint the same.—W. O. W.)

Among the early problems in Nanking was getting letters and parcels from Shanghai. This was before the Chinese Postal Service was established, before Nanking was made an open port, and we were dependent upon the courtesy and kindness of the officers of the river steamers who, without any charge to us, brought our mail and parcels and left them with the Chinese hulk master at Hsia Kwan. Mexican dollars were shipped in strong boxes from Shanghai and our supplies came by parcel ticket on the steamers, with no customs to pass. It was rare that anything was lost and we were greatly indebted to the steamer companies. When we were passengers the amount of freight they allowed us to bring with us was never questioned.

But the Chinese hulk master felt that a gratuity was due him for every single letter or parcel that passed through his hands and the sum of fifty cash came to be the established fee for this service.

As our numbers grew and mail increased it got to be a rather heavy tax and a council to devise ways and means was called which resulted in one of the missionaries taking charge of our mail service who made an arrangement with the Presbyterian Press in Shanghai to assemble all mail and parcels for Nanking, enclose them in a mail bag, entrust it to the steamer and it was landed at Nanking for fifty cash. Our mail was sent to Shanghai in this bag and a coolie was hired to go to Hsia Kwan every day to get incoming mail and to deliver it. But soon anxious suspicions began to arise in our missionary postmaster's mind that the hulk master might discover our plan and make us trouble. So after some consideration he decided to make a personal and friendly visit to Hsia Kwan and forestall difficulties by some strategic and politic measure. In those days we went to Hsia Kwan by taking a sampan at Han Si Men and a trip consumed a good part of the day. That afternoon the postmaster returned with a smile on his face and with hope in his eye and told me he had fixed the hulk master so we would have no trouble. "What did you do to him?" I inquired. "Well I make him a present of a bottle of essence of lemon that pleased him very much and I am sure we will have no trouble about our mail." The result proved the efficacy of his strategy and our mail service went on smoothly thereafter. The Chinese horizon has extended since then and I am inclined to think it would take a larger cumshaw than a bottle of essence of lemon to smooth an affair at Hsia Kwan today.

A few years went by and after the Chinese-Japanese war our viceroy, Chang Chi Tung, secured from Germany a number of officers to give his soldiers instruction in modern military tactics and thirty German officers were added to our community who made use of our mail service. Several other foreigners, mostly in government employ, became residents and our postal arrangement served all alike. The expense of this service was met by an assessment of the missions in Nanking and as the work grew it was necessary to increase our facilities, and it was necessary for a missionary to have charge of the service giving it oversight and direction, which was done voluntarily for the community. But it was evident that some plan must be devised so that the revenue could be increased and the expense of the service be more equitably distributed. An arrangement was in operation whereby the Shanghai Local Post and our local service exchanged mail bags and received and distributed mail as a reciprocal service. The arrangement for our mail formed a smoothly working and efficient system that had been in operation for several years, meeting an urgent need in a legitimate way. About this time several so-called local post-offices had been started by individuals in other ports for

British Colonials (20th C.)

As nearly all of these were bought current, all are in the finest condition, clean, bright colors—full mint! While I quote only a few stamps of each country, I have practically all, from ½ penny to 1 pound—1901 to 1915.

Antigua, 5sh, CC	4.80	Malta 1907, 5sh on yellow	3.60
5sh, George	2.10	10sh, CAC (1919)—I have recently sold 3 copies of this rare stamp. If wanted, write me.	
Bahamas 1901, 3sh, CC	1.60	Mauritius 1902, 2.50R on green	2.20
1902, 1, CA	14.00	1904, 1R, CAC	1.10
1912, 1, George	5.90	10 Rupee, George	6.50
"Special", 1st issue	2.80	Montserrat 2sh, CA	2.60
War Tax, 1st issue	8.70	5sh, CA	8.50
Barbados 1903, 2sh 6d, CA	4.20	5sh, 1904, CAC	7.20
1905, 2sh 6d, CAC	2.40	1908, 5sh on yellow	7.00
1912, 5sh green	5.20	1912, 5sh, CAC	1.70
Bechuanaland, 6d, No. S1, scarce	6.75	Natal 1902, 1, CA	9.00
Bermuda 1917, 1, CA	5.80	1902, 1, 10sh	19.00
B. C. A. 1901, 6d	1.00	1904, 1sh, CAC	7.00
1904, 10sh, CC	6.20	1908, 10sh	11.50
1907, 6d, CAC	4.25	Newfoundland, 20th C. complete	2.25
British Guiana 1902, 48c, CA	2.60	New Zealand 1906, 6d "Exhibition"	1.70
1905, 96c	2.10	Niue, 5sh green (large size)	1.70
1905, 12.40	14.00	North Borneo, "B P" in red \$1.00	1.90
British Honduras 1905, 50c, CAC	1.90	"B P" 2.00 green (117c)	1.70
1905, 50c	5.50	Red Cross set to 24c (Scott \$50.00), only	28.00
50.00	11.75	1911, 2.00	1.30
1908, 25c on green	1.60	North Nigeria 1902, 10sh, CA	6.60
1913, 2.00	2.80	1904, 2s 6d, CAC	3.90
1920, 2.00, new color	2.45	1910, 10sh on green	6.75
British Solomon 1907, set of 7	7.60	10sh, George	5.20
Brunei, No. 1, 1c	1.40	Nyasaland, 4sh, Edward	3.30
1906, 1.00	4.00	10sh, George	2.90
1907, 5c blue	1.40	Orange River, 5sh, CA	2.90
1.00	1.85	1sh, CAC	2.60
Cape 1904, 5sh orange	2.40	Queensland 1906, 1 green, Rare "Q"	10.50
Cayman, 1sh, CA	2.70	1907, 10sh, A	3.60
1907, 1sh violet	2.90	Rhodesia 1901, 3sh purple	.90
"one half penny"	2.20	1905, 5sh, Falls	2.10
1907, 5sh	3.25	1909, 1, surcharge	5.90
10sh	7.50	1911, 1, George & Mary	5.90
Ceylon 1903, 1.50 Rupee, CA	5.50	1913, 1, current	5.80
1908, 2 Rupee on yellow	2.70	St. Helena, 2sh, Edward	1.40
5 Rupee on green	5.40	1908, 10sh on green	11.00
5 Rupee, George	3.40	1912, 4 & 6 (71-72)	2.20
5 Rupee, white back	3.90	St. Kitts, 2½d, CAC, Rare	1.60
Cook 1901, 1 penny "crown" centered!	5.00	St. Lucia 1904, 5sh, Edward	5.25
Cyprus 1904, 45pi, CAC	2.40	1908, 5sh on yellow	5.25
1912, 45pi, George	1.55	1912, 5sh, George	1.50
1921, 10sh	2.90	War Tax, 1st one	1.60
1	5.80	St. Vincent, 5sh, CA	5.50
Dominica, 2sh, CC	1.60	1sh, CAC	1.60
5sh, CC	9.50	1913, 5sh, Arms	1.50
1907, 6d, CAC	6.75	"One Penny" on 1sh	1.10
1sh, CAC, scarce	1.70	Seychelles 1902, 45 on 2.25	2.90
East Africa 1903, 4 Rupee, CC	5.25	1903, 1.50, CA	2.10
1904, 5 Rupee, CAC	5.25	1905, "3 cents" on 1s	2.50
25 & 75c white back	.95	1906, 2.25, CAC	3.50
Fiji 1902, 5sh, CA	3.25	1912, 2.25 (No. 73)	2.10
1902, 1, CA	15.50	Sierra Leone, 5sh, CA	6.50
1906, 1sh, CAC	1.15	1904, 5sh, CAC	1.80
1 on red	8.50	1912, 1, current	5.80
1914, 1, George	5.80	Somaland, 2, 3, 5R "at top"	9.80
Gambia 1902, 3sh, CA	3.10	2, 3, 5R at bottom	10.30
1905, 1sh, CAC	4.25	1904, 5 Rupee, red	2.70
2sh, CAC	8.50	1913, 3 Rupee, George	2.10
1906, "half penny"	5.75	South Nigeria, 1sh Queen	2.40
"one penny"	6.25	2sh 6d, CA	1.80
1909, 2sh on blue	2.20	1904, 2s 6d, CAC	1.60
3sh	3.75	10sh, CAC	6.75
Gibraltar, 2sh, CA	6.70	1912, 1	9.50
5sh, CA	8.50	Straits 1906, 5.00 Edward, on green	5.25
1912, 1, George	5.80	1912, 2.00, George	1.60
(Morocco), 2 peseta, CA	2.75	2.00 white back	1.70
1 peseta, CAC	2.20	5.00 white back	5.25
Gilbert & Ellice, No. 1	2.20	Transvaal 1902, 2sh yellow, CA	2.40
1911, set of 4	1.05	1902, 2sh brown, CA	2.90
Gold Coast 1901, 2sh, Queen	1.45	1905, 10sh, CAC	3.20
1902, 5sh, CA	3.20	Victoria 1901, 5sh (191)	2.40
1904, 2½d, CAC	1.10	1901, 5sh "Postage"	1.90
1913, 5sh white back	2.70	1, crown V	9.50
Grenada, 5sh, CA	3.90	2, crown V	17.00
10sh, CA	7.25	Western Australia, 5sh, crown V	1.90
1904, 5sh, CAC	4.80	1 orange	7.20
1906, 2½ blue (\$3.00)	1.45		
Hong Kong 1902, \$2.00, CA	4.80		
1902, \$10.00, CA	10.50		
1904, \$2.00, CAC	5.20		
\$10.00, CAC	14.00		
1907, \$2.00, red and slate	4.20		
\$5.00, solid	5.00		
\$10.00, solid	7.00		
\$5.00 white back	5.25		
Great Britain, 1, Edward, green	8.50		
1912, 10sh dark blue	4.60		
1 green	9.50		
Levant & "Morocco" complete	5.20		
India, 10 Rupee, Edward	13.50		
25 Rupee, Edward	6.30		
15 Rupee, George	10.50		
25 Rupee, George	15.75		
Gwalior 1907, 2, 3, 5R, 3 for	2.10		
Nabha 1903, 2a 6p Edward	7.25		
Jamalia, 1sh, brown, CAC, Rare	6.50		
Lagos, 1sh, CA	1.60		
1sh, CAC	5.75		
10sh, CAC	2.90		
Leeward, 2½d, CAC (1905), scarce	2.25		
3 pence, white back	2.25		

No matter what stamp you need in 20th Colonials, I can supply it—of course some of the stamps here named will be used on "wants" before this list reaches you, but send me your list and I will try and get them. Every stamp in this collection is priced net. Just what I ask for it—the fact that it is on a "want list" does not increase its price—one net figure to all!

FRANK POLLARD BROWN

15 Bosworth Street

BOSTON, MASS.

the purpose of issuing stamps for sale to stamp collectors and it was rumored in Nanking that the German officers in connection with an individual in Shanghai were going to inaugurate a similar enterprise in our city. It was then decided to issue stamps ourselves and require all mail going from our office to use our postage stamps, do away with the mission assessments and depend upon the sale of stamps to meet the expenses of the system. Some very attractive stamps with Nanking views were secured from Japan and our service continued to be conducted on this plan until

the Chinese government established its present postal service and opened an office in Nanking.

The issuing of postage stamps was never undertaken in a speculative spirit but only with a desire to equitably distribute the expense of the service. Indeed it was thought by some that the missions would still have to contribute to meet the expenses of the system. However when our service ceased to operate it was found that there had been a profit of a few hundred dollars and this was devoted to the adornment and upkeep of the foreign cemetery.

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<p>Aitutaki 1903, 2½d, 30c.</p> <p>Antigua 1903, CC, ½d, 4c.</p> <p>Australia, Postage Due, 1909, 1d, 6c.</p> <p>Bahamas 1903, CC, 5d, 60c; 2sh, 90c; 1906 Mult., ½d, 10c; 2½d, 24c; 6d, 42c.</p> <p>Barbados 1903, 2s 6d, \$3.60; 1904-5, ¼d, 6c; 2½d, 36c; 8d, \$1.80; 1906, 6d, \$1.20; 1sh, \$1.20; 1907, ¼d, 18c; 1909-10, ½d, 6c; 1d, 6c; 2d, 24c; 2½d, 42c; 6d, 60c; 1sh, 90c.</p> <p>Bechuanaland 1904, ½d deep green, 10c; ½d pale green, 12c; 2½d, 24c.</p> <p>Bermuda 1902, ½d, 24c; 3d, 36c; 1906-9, ¼d, 6c; 2½d, 60c; 4d, 24c.</p> <p>British Honduras 1902, 1c, 42c; 2c, 24c; 5c, 36c; 20c, 90c; Mult., 1c, 12c; 2c, 18c; 5c, 36c; 10c, 42c; 25c, \$1.20; 50c, \$1.50; Universal 1c, 24c; 2c, 12c; 5c, 24c; 25c, \$1.20.</p> <p>British Guiana 1905-7, 4c, 48c; 12c, \$1.50.</p> <p>British Levant 1910, 1½ piastres orange, 18c.</p> <p>British Somaliland 1903, ¼a, 4c; 1a, 6c; 2a, 30c; 3a, 30c; 4a, 48c; 5a, 36c; 1904, ¼a, 6c; 3a, 54c; 4a, 54c; 2r, \$1.20; 5r, \$2.10; Mult., ½a, 10c; 1a, 12c; 2a, 24c; 3a, 42c; 4a, 30c; 6a, 36c; 8a, 48c; 12a, 60c; Universal, 1a, 24c; Service 1903, ½a, 78c; 1a, \$1.02; 2a, \$1.02.</p> <p>Brunei 1907, 1c, 18c; 4c, 30c.</p> <p>Canada 1903, 1c, 6c; 2c, 4c; 5c, 8c; 7c, 18c; 10c, 16c; 20c, 48c; 1908 Quebec, ½c, 4c; 1c, 4c; 2c, 4c.</p> <p>Cape of Good Hope 1903, ½d, 6c; 1d, 4c.</p> <p>Cayman Is. 1902, ½d, 18c; 1d, 30c; 2½d, 42c; 6d, \$1.20; 1sh, \$2.10; Mult., ½d, 18c; 1d, 60c; 2½d, 60c; 6d, \$1.44; 1sh, \$2.10; 1907, 4d, \$1.80; 6d, \$1.80; 1sh, \$2.40; 5sh, \$7.20; ½d on 1d, \$2.10; Universal, ¼d, 4c; ½d, 6c; 2½d, 30c; 3d, 36c; 6d, 36c; 1sh, 60c.</p> <p>Ceylon 1903, 2c, 8c; 3c, 12c; 4c, 30c; 5c, 10c; 6c, 24c; 12c, 54c; 15c, 42c; 25c, 72c; 30c, 36c; 75c, 78c; 1.50, \$4.80; Mult., 2c, 4c; 3c, 6c; 4c, 12c; 5c, 16c; 6c, 16c; 12c, 24c; 15c, 24c; 25c, 54c; 30c, 36c; 75c, 72c; Universal, 2c, 4c; 3c, 6c; 5c, 6c; 6c, 6c; 10c, 24c; 25c, 36c; 50c, 60c; 1r, \$1.02; 2r, \$2.40; Service 1903, 2c, 72c.</p> <p>C. E. F. 1904, 4a, 24c; 12a, 48c; 1r, 42c.</p> <p>Cyprus 1903, ½pi, 12c; 30p, 6c; 1pi, 72c; 2pi, \$1.80; 4pi, \$1.80; 6pi, \$1.50; 9pi, \$3; 12pi, \$1.20; Mult., 4p, 2c; 10p, 4c; ½pi, 4c; 30p, 6c; 1pi, 12c; 2pi, 18c; 4pi, 36c; 6pi, 78c.</p> <p>Dominica 1903, ½d, 6c; 2d, 30c; 2½d, 48c; 3d, 48c; 2s 6d, \$1.20; 5sh, \$7.20; Mult., 3d, 48c; 1sh, \$1.20.</p> <p>East Africa 1903, ½a, 30c; 1a, 16c; 2a, 60c; 3a, \$1.02; 4a, 54c; 1r, 90c; 2r, \$2.40; 4r, \$4.20; 5r, \$4.80; Mult., ½a, 8c; 1a, 8c; 2a, 24c; 2½a, 48c; 3a, 42c; 4a, 48c; 5a, 48c; 8a, 60c; 1r, 78c; 2r, \$1.50; 3r, \$2.70; 4r, \$3.30; 5r, \$3.60; 10r, \$7.20; Universal, 1c, 4c; 3c, 4c; 6c, 18c; 10c, 30c; 12c, 30c; 15c, 30c; 25c, 36c.</p> <p>Falkland Is. 1904, ½d, 8c; 1d, 16c; 2d, 24c; 2½d, 60c; 6d, \$1.20; 1sh, \$1.02; 3sh, \$1.80; 1907 Wmk. side, 1d, \$1.20.</p> <p>Fiji Is. 1903, ½d, 12c; 1d, 24c; 2d, 18c; 2½d, 48c; 3d, 24c; 4d, 30c; 5d, 42c; 6d, 36c; 5sh, \$2.40; Mult., ½d, 22c; 1d, 8c; 1sh, 60c; Universal, ½d, 12c; 1d, 6c; 2½d, 12c; 6d, 24c; 1sh, 72c.</p> <p>Gambia 1902, ½d, 12c; 1d, 30c; 2d, 48c; 3d, 60c; 4d, 72c; 6d, 42c; 1s 6d, \$1.80; 2sh, \$2.40; 2s 6d, \$2.40; 3sh, \$2.40; Mult., ½d, 12c; 1d, 30c; 2½d, 36c; 3d, \$1.02; 4d, \$1.20; 5d, \$1.20; 6d, \$1.50; 7½d, \$1.80; 10d, \$2.10; 1sh, \$6; 1906, ½d on 2s 6d, \$3.60; Universal, ½d, 6c; 1d, 16c; 2d, 48c; 3d, 24c; 4d, 54c; 5d, 72c; 6d, 90c; 7½d, 72c; 1sh, \$1.50; 1s 6d, \$1.50; 2sh, \$1.80; 2s 6d, \$2.40; 3sh, \$3.</p> <p>Gibraltar 1903, ½d, 16c; 1d, 12c; 2d, 54c; 2½d, 36c; 6d, 90c; 1sh, \$1.20; Mult., ½d, 10c; 1d, 12c; 2d, 24c; 2½d, 78c; 6d, 54c; 1sh, \$1.02; Universal, ½d, 6c; 1d, 12c; 2d, 24c; 2½d, 30c; 4sh, \$1.20; 2sh, \$3.60.</p> <p>Gilbert & Ellice 1910, 2d, 72c; 5d, 90c; 1sh, \$1.02; 1911, ½d, 12c; 1d, 24c; 2d, 18c; 2½d, 24c.</p> <p>Gold Coast 1902, ½d, 6c; 1d, 6c; 2d, 42c; 2½d, 72c; 3d, 60c; 6d, 60c; 1sh, 60c; 2sh, \$2.10; 5sh, \$2.40; Mult., ½d, 24c; 1d, 22c; 2d, 24c; 2½d, \$1.02; 3d, 54c; 6d, 90c; 2s 6d, \$3; Universal, ½d, 4c; 1d, 12c; 2d, 16c; 2½d, 30c; 3d, 18c; 6d, 42c; 1sh, 54c; 2sh, 54c.</p> <p>Grenada 1904, 1d, 8c; 2½d, 48c; 2sh, \$2.10; 1906, 1d, 8c; 1908, 1sh, \$2.40; 1908-11, 6d, \$1.80; 2sh, \$1.20; 5sh, \$3.</p>	<p>Hong Kong 1902, 1c, 4c; 2c, 8c; 8c, 24c; \$2, \$3.30; Mult., 5c, 8c; 6c, 24c; 8c, 18c; 12c, 42c; Universal, 2c, 4c; 4c, 6c; 10c, 12c.</p> <p>India 1902, 3p, 4c; ¼a, 4c; 1a, 4c; 2a, 12c; 3a, 24c; 4a, 24c; 8a, 42c; 12a, 48c; 1905, ¼ on ½a, 6c; Service, 3p, 6c; 2a, 6c; 6a, 18c; 8a, 24c; 1r, 48c; 1906, ½a, 4c.</p> <p>Jamaica 1903, 2½d, 18c; 1905-9, 3d, 54c; 4d, \$4.20; 5d, \$3; 1sh, 90c; Universal, ½d, 4c; 1d, 4c.</p> <p>Lagos 1904, 2½d, 48c; Mult., ½d, 18c; 1d, 12c; 2d, 30c; 2½d, 36c; 3d, 36c; 6d, 54c; 1sh, \$4.80; 2sh, \$9.60; 5sh, \$8.</p> <p>Leeward Is. 1902, ½d, 6c; 1d, 6c; 2d, 42c; 2½d, 36c; 3d, 60c; 6d, 36c; 1sh, 72c; 2s 6d, \$1.20; 5sh, \$2.40; Mult., ½d, 12c; 2½d, \$4.10; 3d, 90c; 1sh, \$1.80; Universal, ¼d, 4c; ½d, 6c; 2d, 48c; 2½d, 24c; 3d, 30c; 1sh, 90c; 5sh, \$3.30.</p> <p>Maldives 1906, 5c, 42c.</p> <p>Fed. Malay States 1904, 4c, 4c; 5c, 10c.</p> <p>Malta 1903, ½d, 10c; 1d, 6c; 3d, 8c; Mult., ½d, 4c; Universal, ½d, 6c; 1d, 6c; 2d, 10c; 4d, 16c; 4½d, 18c; 5d, 24c.</p> <p>Mauritius 1902, Surch., 4c, 8c; 6c, 12c; 1902, 6c, 12c; 8c, 12c; 12c, 12c; 12c on 18c, 30c; Mult., 2c, 8c; 3c, 42c; 4c, 8c; 50c, 30c; Universal, 5c, 8c; 12c, 12c; 25c, 48c; 50c, 48c.</p> <p>Montserrat, ½d, 6c; 2½d, 42c; Mult., 2d, 24c; 2½d, 42c; 6d, 54c; Universal, ½d, 4c; 1d, 12c; 2d, 24c; 2½d, 24c; 3d, 24c; 6d, 42c; 1sh, 54c; 2sh, \$1.20; 2s 6d, \$1.50.</p> <p>Morocco Agencies 1907, 5c, 8c; 10c, 12c; 15c, 18c; 20c, 18c; 25c, 30c; 40c grn. & brn., 90c; 50c, 30c; 1907, 2d, 24c.</p> <p>Natal 1902, 1d, 4c; 1½d, 6c; 2d, 24c; 2½d, 24c; 3d, 24c; 5d, 42c; 6d, 36c; Mult., ½d, 4c; 1d, 10c; 4d, 36c; 1sh, \$4.80; Official, 2d, \$1.80.</p> <p>Newfoundland 1910, Litho., 1c, 12c; 2c, 10c; 3c, 42c; 6c reversed Z, 72c; 4c, 42c; 5c, 30c; 1911 engraved, 6c, 90c; 15c, \$1.80.</p> <p>New Hebrides 1908, 5d, 42c; Mult., ½d, 24c; 1d, 30c.</p> <p>New Zealand 1909, ½d, 2c; 3d, 10c; 4d orange, 30c; 4d yell., 16c; 1913 Auckland, ½d, 12c; Official 1907-9, ½d, 16c; 2d, 18c; 3d, 42c; 1910, ½d, 2c; 1d, 4c; 3d, 18c; 6d, 30c; 8d, 18c; 1sh, 30c.</p> <p>Northern Nigeria 1902, ½d, 6c; 1d, 12c; 2d, 42c; 2½d, 18c; 1sh, 72c; 2s 6d, \$3; Mult., ½d, 12c; 1d, 12c; 2d, 36c; 2½d, 60c; 5d, 78c; 6d, 78c; 1sh, \$1.50; 2s 6d, \$3; Universal, ½d, 6c; 1d, 10c; 2d, 30c; 2½d, 18c; 3d, 12c; 5d, 24c; 6d, 36c; 1sh, 60c; 5sh, \$1.80; 10sh, \$4.20.</p> <p>Niue 1902, ½d, 6c; 1d, 6c; 2½d, 12c; 1911, ½d, 4c.</p> <p>Nyasaland 1908, 1sh, 72c; Universal, ½d, 18c; 1d, 12c; 3d, 48c; 4d, 18c; 6d, 54c; 2s 6d, \$1.80; 4sh, \$2.70.</p> <p>Orange River Colony 1903, ½d, 12c; 1d, 6c; 2d, 24c; 2½d, 12c; 3d, 24c; 4d, 54c; 6d, 36c; 1sh, 90c; Mult., ½d, 6c; 1d, 6c; 4d, 90c; 1sh, \$2.40.</p> <p>Papua 1907, ½d, 6c; 1d, 18c; 2d, 18c; 2½d, 48c; 4d, 72c; 6d, 36c; 1sh, 30c; 1911, ½d, 18c; 1d, 12c; 6d, 30c.</p> <p>Penrhyn Is. 1902, ½d, 4c; 1d, 4c; 1914, ½d, 10c.</p> <p>Rhodesia 1905, 1d, 6c; 2½d, 12c; 1909, 1d, 4c; 1909, 1d, 4c; 6d, 24c; 1sh, 36c.</p> <p>St. Helena 1902, ½d, 6c; 1d, 30c; 1903, ½d, 6c; 1d, 12c; 2d, 36c; 8d, 54c; 1908, 2½d, 24c; 4d, 18c; 6d, 24c; 10sh, \$9.60.</p> <p>St. Kitts & Nevis 1903, ½d, 4c; 1d, 6c; 2½d, 90c; 3d, 72c; 6d, 78c; 1sh, 90c; Mult., 2d, 18c; 3d, 10c; 1sh, 42c; Universal, ½d, 4c; 1d, 4c; 6d, 18c.</p> <p>St. Lucia 1902, ½d, 12c; 1d, 18c; 2½d, \$1.50; 3d, 72c; 1sh, 72c; 1902, 2d, 24c; Mult., ½d, 10c; 1d, 12c; 2½d, 48c; 3d, 60c; 6d, 72c; 1sh, \$1.80; Universal, ½d, 10c; 1d, 12c; 2½d, 24c; 3d, 36c; 6d, 54c; 1sh, \$1.20; 5sh, \$3.00.</p> <p>St. Vincent 1902, ½d, 12c; 1d, 12c; 2d, 42c; 2½d, 78c; Mult., ½d, 18c; 1d, 42c; 2½d, 54c; 6d, \$1.02; 1sh, \$1.26; 1907, ½d, 6c; 1d, 12c; 2d, 72c; 2½d, \$1.26; 3d, \$1.02; 1909, 1d, 30c; 6d, \$1.44; 1sh, 96c; 1909-11, ½d, 4c; 1d, 6c; 2d, 18c; 2½d, 36c; 3d, 36c; 6d, 54c.</p> <p>Seychelles 1903, 2c, 6c; 3c, 8c; 6c, 12c; 12c, 24c; 15c, 30c; 18c, 60c; 30c, 72c; 45c, 72c; Mult., 2c, 6c; 3c, 6c; 6c, 10c; 12c, 22c; 15c, 30c; 18c, 30c; 30c, 30c; 45c, 48c; 75c, 60c; Surch., 3 on 15c, 60c; 3 on 18c, \$2.10; 3 on 45c, 72c.</p>	<p>Sierra Leone 1903, ½d, 36c; 1d, 12c; 1½d, 78c; 2d, 78c; 2½d, 90c; 3d, 90c; 4d, \$1.80; 5d, 90c; 6d, \$1.20; 1sh, \$2.40; 2sh, \$3.60; 5sh, \$5.40; Mult., ½d, 30c; 1d, 24c; 1½d, 36c; 2d, 30c; 2½d, 54c; 3d, 72c; 4d, 54c; 5d, 60c; 6d, 60c; 1sh, 78c; 2sh, \$1.50; 5sh, \$3.60; Universal, ½d, 2c; 1d, 12c; 1½d, 24c; 2d, 30c; 2½d, 24c; 3d, 36c; 4d, 72c; 5d, 90c; 6d, 90c; 1sh, 54c; 2sh, \$2.40; 5sh, \$3.60.</p> <p>Solomon Is. 1907, ½d, 24c; 1d, 72c; 2½d, 90c; 1908, ½d, 6c; 1d, 6c; 2d, 10c; 2½d, 18c; 4d, 18c; 5d, 24c; 6d, 30c.</p> <p>S. Nigeria 1902, ½d, 24c; 1d, 18c; 2d, 60c; 2½d, 48c; 4d, 42c; 6d, \$1.20; 1sh, \$1.50; 2s 6d, \$1.50; 5sh, \$3.60; Mult., ½d, 6c; 1d, 18c; 2d, 36c; 2½d, 54c; 3d, 72c; 4d, 90c; 6d, 54c; 1sh, 60c; 2s 6d, \$1.50; Universal, ½d, 6c; 1d, 12c; 2d, 30c; 2½d, 42c; 3d, 60c; 4d, 60c; 6d, 60c; 1sh, 78c; 2s 6d, \$1.20; 5sh, \$3.</p> <p>Straits 1902, 1c, 6c; 3c, 10c; 4c, 12c; 5c, 12c; 8c, 24c; 10c, 30c; 25c, 24c; 30c, \$1.20; 50c, \$1.20; \$1, \$2.40; \$2, \$3; \$5, \$8.40; 1903, 4c, 24c; Mult., 1c, 4c; 3c, 10c; 5c, 24c; 8c, 54c; 10c, 36c; 25c, 60c; 30c, 60c; 50c, \$1.50; \$1, \$1.80; \$2, \$3; \$5, \$4.80; 1907, 4 on 12c, 30c; 4 on 18c, 18c; 8c, 24c; 10c, 24c; 25c, 30c; Universal, 1c.</p>	<p>6c; 3c, 10c; 4c, 12c; 5c, 12c; 8c, 24c; 10c, 30c; 25c, 24c; 30c, \$1.20; 50c, \$1.20; \$1, \$2.40; \$2, \$3; \$5, \$8.40; 1903, 4c, 24c; Mult., 1c, 4c; 3c, 10c; 5c, 24c; 8c, 54c; 10c, 36c; 25c, 60c; 30c, 60c; 50c, \$1.50; \$1, \$1.80; \$2, \$3; \$5, \$4.80; 1907, 4 on 12c, 30c; 4 on 18c, 18c; 8c, 24c; 10c, 24c; 25c, 30c; Universal, 1c.</p> <p>Sudan 1902, 1m, 4c; 2m, 4c; 3m, 6c; 4m, bl & bistre, 12c; Official, 10pi, 72c; Arm Service, 1906, 1m, 30c; 2m, 48c; 3m, 54; 5m, 24c.</p> <p>Transvaal 1902, ½d, 6c; 1d, 6c; 2d, 12; 2½d, 24c; 3d, 24c; 4d, 36c; 6d, 42c; 1s \$1.02; 1sh brown, 72c; 2sh yellow, \$2.1; Mult., ½d, 18c; 1d, 18c; 2d, 24c; 2½ 30c; 3d, 24c; 4d, 18c; 6d, 36c; 1sh, 30 2s 6d, \$1.50; Universal, ½d, 6c; 1d, 4 2d, 18c; 2½d, 48c.</p> <p>Trinidad 1902, 1d, 6c; 4d, 30c; 1sh, 42 Mult., ½d, 4c; 1d, 6c; Universal, 2½ 12c; 4d, 60c; 6d, 54c; 1sh, 36c; 1909, ¼ 4c; 1d, 4c; Official, 1909, ½d, 30c.</p> <p>Turks & Caicos Is. 1905, ½d, 6c; 1d, 12 3d, 72c; 1909, ¼d mauve, 6c; ¼d re 2c; ½d, 4c; 1d, 4c; 2d grey slate, 2 2½d, 60c; 3d, 18c; 4d, \$1.20; 6d, 60 1sh, 42c; 2sh, \$1.20; 3sh, \$1.80.</p> <p>Virgin Is., ½d, 10c; 1d, 12c; 2d, 72c; 2½ 24c; 3d, 36c; 6d, 48c; 1sh, 60c.</p> <p>Virgin Is., ½d, 10c; 1d, 12c; 2d, 72c; 2½ 24c; 3d, 36c; 6d, 48c; 1sh, 60c.</p> <p>Zanzibar 1908, 1c, 2c; 15c, 16c; 25c, 18c.</p>
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Dominica 1907, 2s 6d, 84c.

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Gold Coast, single, 10sh, \$4.20; \$1, \$8.40.

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Sierra Leone, single, \$1, \$9.60; Universal, \$10.80.

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On each of these occasions the Club is inviting other well known collectors from the exhibitor's city, to be the guests of the Club on the evening he shows. On Wednesday, January 23rd, this plan was inaugurated with very great success.

Major T. Charlton Henry came up from Philadelphia and gave a display and a wonderfully interesting talk on the stamps of the British West Indies. On this occasion, in addition to the guest of the evening the Club was happy to have as visitors from Philadelphia, Admiral Fred. Harris, Mr. F. K. Wainwright and Mr. E. Klein, who met a large number of the local collectors.

In the course of his remarks, Major Henry stated that many years ago he set out to specialize in the stamps of the West Indies printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., and only of recent years has he added the B. W. Indies of other printers.

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Barbados—Major Henry believes that the imperf. 4d red on white paper is not of the issue of 1856, but is a variety of the rough perf. stamps of 1861. He drew attention to the difference in papers and impression of many early issues of which he showed large blocks, and explained to which issues such stamps really belonged.

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Some of our Colonies are still labouring under customs duties on stamps imported that bear hardly on the small collector, and it is to be hoped that the efforts made for relief from a futile tax will be successful. If tariff walls are erected in this country against certain manufactured goods, postage stamps are not likely to be included in these, although some sort of protection against the flood of gum-paps, provisionals and speculative issues being dumped in this country from Europe and elsewhere. A good New Year resolution will be to determine to collect imperially in future, and interest oneself more and more in the issues of the great Dominions, the Colonies and Protectorates. Not only will the financial return be improved, but one will have a sound investment.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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(Continued from page 83)

Nicaragua—When sending us the new 1 centavo "R. de C." stamp (see Chronicle) Mr. E. W. Fuss writes: "My correspondent gives this reason for the issue of this stamp. Copies of the stamp of blue design with 'R. de C.' surcharge in red, which differed from the regular government issue, were discovered in the mails. Inspection showed them to be counterfeit. He did not state if both stamp and surcharge were counterfeit. They were made in Nicaragua. All blue 'R. de C.' stamps in stock at the post-offices were destroyed and this new one put on sale in their place. There are no missing periods or other major varieties, and the whole sheet of one hundred stamps is surcharged at one impression."

The "blue stamp" is, doubtless, the one we chronicled in November, the geometrical design, type A35, printed in pale blue, with "R. de C." and value surcharged in red. We are not surprised to hear it has been counterfeited. A lithographed stamp, poorly executed, must always be a temptation to counterfeiters.

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Russia—Last month we listed five stamps of the new series with values in gold kopeks and bearing the Russian letters "C.C.C.P." which are equivalent to the English "S.S.S.R." Mr. Robin Lampson informs us that these letters are the initials of four Russian words meaning "Union (or Federation) of Socialist Soviet Republics," which includes seven soviet republics. Unfortunately, he does not give the names of these republics. Messrs. Y. Souren Co. tell us that "Union" is the exact translation of the Russian word, and that "Federation" is equally correct, but suggest the use of "United Socialist Soviet Republics," as that was the exact term accepted by the Soviet representative here a year ago, when the different S.F.S.R. (Socialist Federated Soviet Republics) united together.

Messrs. Y. Souren Co. show us an envelope, cancelled "Moscow, 8, 10, 23," and bearing, among other stamps, two which have been divided diagonally and also surcharged with new values. One is the half of the 5r light blue of 1923 (No. 240), surcharged "3r" in violet. The other is half of the 30r on 50k brown violet and green of 1922-23, imperforate (No. 226), surcharged "7r" in violet. Messrs. Souren have no information about this cover except that it came regularly through the international mail. We defer a formal chronicle until more can be learned about these provisional stamps.

Mr. J. Almar and Messrs. Y. Souren Co. have shown us several charity stamps, which are inscribed "All Russian Committee for Help of Invalids," the initials "R.S.F.S.R." and values. They do not, however, bear the word "Posta," which makes us think they may be charity stamps, which it is permitted to attach to letters but which have no postal franking value. We have seen small stamps of 1 and 2 rubles and large stamps of 1, 2, 3 and 5 rubles, all of different designs. Again we feel it advisable to defer a chronicle. We have shown a number of other things which we think should await further information before being described.

Sarawak—Mr. H. B. Newman has shown us a block of the 1923 provisional "ONE CENT" on 10c ultramarine (No. 77). The block has margins which place it as Nos. 53, 54, 59 and 60 in the sheet. No. 53 has the error "cnet." Examination shows that this error is fraudulent, the original letters "en" having been rubbed out and "ne" printed over them. Traces of the original letters are easily seen and the rubbing is quite evident. The letters "ne" are slightly above the line of the others, are in a more shiny ink, and the impression and color show plainly on the back of the stamp. Mr. Newman received this block from a leading European firm who import direct. It would be interesting to know if all the "cnet" errors are made in this way or

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Turkey in Asia—We have recently seen various stamps of type A14 in the catalogue with surcharges in Turkish that are not included in our lists. Mr. Eugene Klein has kindly translated these surcharges for us. They read "10 paras" and "1 grush" (piastre). Although the stamps and the surcharges are quite genuine, we wish to point out that they are merely revenue stamps. None of them have the overprints "Osmanli Postolari 1336" or "1337," by which other revenue stamps were made available for postal use. It is, of course, possible that these unlisted stamps are allowed to do postal duty, though we doubt it. In that case, they would have to be used before they would be recognized by collectors as revenue stamps used postally, and they would then belong in a category much less interesting than regular postage stamps.—*Scott's Monthly Journal*.

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By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

As one who has largely benefited in the past thirty odd years by criticisms on my work, when I had sole charge of the listing and pricing of the Stanley Gibbons' catalogues, I am glad of the opportunity to say a few words on the excellent catalogue recently published by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.

certain knowledge, takes the utmost pains in his important portion of this work, the pricing of scores of thousands of varieties.

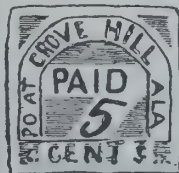
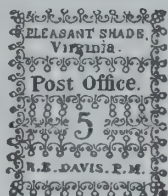
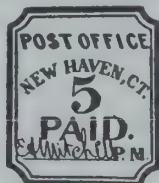
As I have stated on many occasions, I am not in accord with the poor and very defective lists given in many sections of this catalogue, but I understand that such lists have been carefully considered and that in the opinion of those who guide the destiny of the publishers, such lists are considered sufficient for the class of trade to which the firm chiefly caters.

If John Luff was given a free hand to revise the lists of early issues in many countries, I do not know of any philatelist who could do the work in a better way than he could, as in the past thirty years he has collected, what is probably the best accumulations of reference material so essential to this class of work, that has ever been got together.

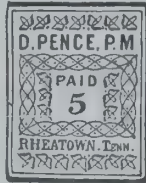
Since the catalogue was published, I have had the opportunity of meeting and consulting with a number of the largest collectors and best authorities on the stamps covered by the heading of this article, and the following remarks are put together from our collective knowledge of these most important and historical stamps.

Mr. Clark has based many of his prices on the amounts realised at the Ferrary sales and I cannot conceive a more erroneous method of arriving at the real value of early American stamps.

I should like to say at once that I do not wish any of my readers to think that I am aiming at any destructive policy or adverse criticism; on the contrary, I think that my friend Mr. John N. Luff ranks as the best and most accurate cataloguer that we have in our ranks, and Mr. Hugh M. Clark, to my



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Two weeks ago I bought a famous South Australian error in an early issue for about \$120.00. Only five used copies of this stamp are known and Gibbons price it £250 (\$1,125.00). Adopting the practise that Clark has adopted in the section under review these two great rarities would be priced at about one-tenth of their true value.

These remarks are made to lead up to a discussion of what is "true value" and how are we to arrive at it.

It seems to me that two factors are essential in forming any idea of "true value." The one is that we should know how many copies of each stamp exist at the present time. The other is the "saleability" of a stamp, if I may use such an uncouth word.

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5c black on bluish	\$ 7,000 \$ 7,500
	10,000 12,500

Of the 5c on buff, four copies are known and price is about right. The 5c on bluish is only known in one copy and is at least as good as the Boscawen if not better, as its authenticity is better proved by the stamps of same type on buff paper.

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

5c red envelope	3,000	10,000
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I do not agree with the note in the catalogue. Two envelopes are known with the "5—PAID" which are certainly prepaid envelopes and accepted as such by our greatest collectors. Being envelopes I do not rate them so high as adhesives, but they are certainly worth far more than the price in the catalogue. Some of these envelopes with-

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out the "5—PAID" were in the Ferrara sale. I consider these of much less value but they are of interest and worth having.

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10c black on white 6,000 7,500
10c black on bluish 8,000 12,500
The 5c are priced about right but perhaps are rather dear at \$800 each.

Of the 10c on white three copies are known and of the 10c on bluish only one perfect copy and one badly damaged one, so I consider this as rare as any of these Postmasters' stamps.

10c envelopes 1,000 5,000
These are exceeding rare, only two or three copies are known and although they are envelopes the price quoted in the catalogue is quite inadequate.

BOSCAWEN, N. H.

5c dull blue 12,000 12,500
Only one copy known and worth the full top price of these rare provisionals.

LOCKPORT, N. Y.

5c red and black on buff 8,500 12,500
Only one known and quite as rare as the Boscawen. I see no reason why it should be priced less in the catalogue.

NEW HAVEN, CT.

5c red on white, envelopes 3,500 6,000
5c blue on buff, envelopes 7,500 7,500

There are about four of these envelopes known entire, two of which are on bluish paper which should be catalogued and should be worth \$6,000 each. There are perhaps half a dozen of these 5c known cut out from the envelopes; these, of course, are worth much less than the rare uncut envelopes.

TUSCUMBIA, ALA.

3c red on buff 1,500
Two or three of these envelopes were found in the famous Carroll Hoy correspondence of New Orleans, and although they have been looked upon as doubtful by some authorities I do not see how they can be anything but genuine prepaid envelope stamps and certainly of a considerable degree of rarity. The Tuscumbia cancellation is known on letters from early '40's up to about 1860, but the envelopes in question have the "3 PAID" in addition to the word Tuscumbia and this seems to make them a provisional local issue, although of a late date.

CONFEDERATE STATES.

Provisional Issues.

These stamps are not on quite such a high standard of value as the U. S. Postmaster stamps. The highest price I have had for a single copy is 600 pounds but that is some years ago. I think today \$3,000 would be reckoned about top price for the best and most attractive of these stamps although I fully believe that in the near future the rarities will sell readily for \$5,000 each and more, as I know no more interesting and historical stamps than these in the whole range of philately. Broadly speaking I value Confederate adhesives as follows.—

One copy known, about \$3,000
Two copies known, about 2,500
Three or four known, about 2,000
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ATHENS, GA.

5c dull purple
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	Yvert No.	Scott No.	Gibbons No.	Cat. price.	MY price
BAHAMAS 1859, 1d thin paper	2a	1	2	* 60.00	30.00
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Jhind 1886-98, 3 rup.	50	61	143	* 40.00	26.50
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LABUAN 1880, 12c carmine, CC	9	9	8	17.50	8.50
1879, 12c carmine	3	3	3	50.00	25.00
1880, 6c in red on 16c	11	11	12	60.00	29.50
1885, 2c on 16c, CC	22a	21	24	† 75.00	40.00
1891, 6c on 16c	31	37	37	90.00	50.00
1892, 2c on 40c	46	40	49	* 12.00	6.50
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1884, 5sh blue	25	24	28	60.00	35.00
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1893, 1/2d on 2 1/2d	8b	30	13	* 15.00	7.50
1/2d on 2d	7a	14	16	* 15.00	7.50
1/2d on 2d	7c	21	23	75.00	25.00
1/2d on 2 1/2d	8k	24	25	15.00	8.00
NORTH BORNEO 1883, 8c on 2c	14	5	2	* 40.00	28.50
NORTHERN NIGERIA 1900, 10sh	9	9	9	* 25.00	12.50
PAHANG 1890, 2c orange	2	2	2	* 40.00	25.00
PATIALA 1891, 3 rup.	26	25	49	* 18.50	12.00
1891, 5 rup.	27	26	50	* 25.00	15.00
SELANGOR 1878, 2c brown, CA	2	3	3	* 20.00	11.00
1895, 25 doll.	25	41	73	* 35.00	25.00
SIERRA LEONE 1893, 1/2d on 1 1/2d, CC	29	31	35	* 35.00	19.50
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SUNGEI UJONG 1881-83, 8c orange	8	17	30	* 75.00	45.00
1881-83, 10c slate	9	18	33	* 30.00	16.00
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ZANZIBAR 1895, 1a in blue	2a	2	2	25.00	9.00
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BATON ROUGE, LA.

The catalogue says, "Several varieties of each." It has now been established that there are ten varieties in the setting.
2c green 500 1,000
This is a rare stamp and has sold at \$750 to \$900 on several occasions, \$500 is much too low and I would like to buy at that price.
10c blue 1,000 2,500
The price of \$1,000 is quite ridiculous, only two copies are known, the stamp has a fine appearance, is one of the greatest rarities and is well worth the figure I name. The variety McCormick is not known and should come out of the catalogue.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS.

10c black on yellow, Type A1 2,000
As far as I have been able to find out there are four copies of this rare stamp known and I value it as above. The 10c pink comes in two shades and papers, I would describe them as follows:—
10c black on pink on coarse porous sugar paper.
10c black on dull pink on thick smooth paper. About ten or twelve copies of this stamp are known and I think catalogue price about right.
10c black on yellow Type A2 5,000
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BRIDGEVILLE, ALA.

5c black and red 600 1,750
Only a pair of this stamp is known, used on a cover. The centre of the stamp is black and the frame lines are ruled in red ink. It ranks as a great rarity and catalogue price is quite incorrect.

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5c blue 500 1,500
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†2301 .12	2401 .20	2534 .10		3040 .22	
†2310 .07	2430 .20	3026 .08		2635 .08	
†2302 .65	2402 .70	2541 .08		2640 .04	
†2311 .45	2431 .85	2521 .13.50		2645 .05	
†2303 .13.50	3014 .80	3027 .4.50		2650 .05	
†2312 .75	2403 .2.25	2513 .20		3041 .08	
†2304 .3.75	2432 .25	2515 .25		2636 .08	
†2313 .5.50	2433 .25.00	3028 .60		2641 .10	
†2305 .75	2468 .1.35	1887-95		2637 .10	
†2305 .05	3015 .1.25	2547 .03		2642 .13	
†2314 .25	2405 .2.00	2554 .03		1916-21	
†2314 .03	2434 .2.25	2573 .03		2660 .02	
†2316 .3.00	3016 .70	3019 .03		2665 .03	
†2317 .1.20	2417 .07	2579 .04		2670 .05	
†2309 .3.50	2446 .08	2590 .06		2675 .03	
†2318 .1.15	2463 .50	2591 .40		2681 .03	
†2327 .8.50	2470 .20	2592 .20		3042 .02	
†2328 .75	3019 .07	3031 .40		2682 .20	
†2328 .50	2418 .45	2548 .30		3044 .23	
†2329 .85	2446a .60	2555 .65		2661 .04	
†2329 .5.00	2475 .75	2561 .4.90		2666 .05	
†2319 .75	2475a .50	2549 .04		2671 .05	
†2319 .20	2418b .4.25	2556 .05		2676 .04	
†2323 .40	2446b .9.50	2562 .05		3043 .05	
†2323 .13	3020 .70	2568 .05		3045 .25	
†2320 .8.00	3021 .6.00	2575 .06		2662 .07	
†2324 .7.50	2406 .60	3030 .06		2667 .10	
†2326 .12.00	†2406 .12	2581 .05		2672 .12	
†2330 .90	†2435 .25	2557 .10		2677 .10	
†2330 .10	†2454 .30	2563 .15		2662a .1.25	
†2332 .1.50	2407 .05	2569 .15		2677a .15.00	
†2332 .12	2436 .08	2576 .15		2663 .07	
†2334 .1.00	2455 .15	2582 .15		2668 .1.00	
†2333 .1.70	†2455 .15	2551 .08		2664 .09	
†2336 .65	2470 .15	2558 .12		2669 .25	
†2337 .60	†2470 .04	2564 .13		2680 .10	
†2338 .4.00	2480 .10	2570 .13		1920	
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—The Safe-Cabinet Co. of Marietta, Ohio, has just issued a very handsome folder dealing with the protection of home valuables. The place of honor on the title page is an open safe in front of which is a stamp collection. The story of the Weber loss is also quoted.

—Henry B. Phillips of Berkeley, Cal., due to illness, is unable to give attention to correspondence until such time as the physician will allow him so to do.

—E. W. Determann, Vincennes, Ind., sends us a letter in which he charges Stanley Gibbons' *Circular* as being unfair in describing the German million and billion mark stamps as "trash." Mr. Determann feels that stamp collectors will get "a whole lot of pleasure" out of these stamps. They are cheap now and some of them may even be in great demand as the years go by. No collector likes to have his stamps called "trash."

—The New York Times gives some more stamp news and we say that if there is one sheet that deserves well of philatelists it is this great and good newspaper.

Four international postage stamp exhibitions in Europe have been announced for 1924. The first will be held in Brussels early in May under the patronage of King Albert of Belgium. A gold medal for one of the classes has been offered by the Collectors Club of this city, and its Secretary, Dr. J. Brace Chittenden, has been appointed American representative. It is understood that several American collectors are planning to accompany Dr. Chittenden to Brussels, taking some of their best stamps with them.

The second exhibition will be at The Hague in September. It will commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the leading philatelic society in Holland. In the same month, immediately following The Hague event, an exhibition will be opened in Christiania, Norway. Another is planned at the end of the year in Stockholm.

In addition to these, the eleventh philatelic congress of Great Britain will convene in Glasgow from June 3 to 6 under the auspices of the Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland. Among the speakers will be Fred J. Melville, one of the leading stamp experts in Europe.

The annual stamp contest between Baltimore City College and Baltimore Polytechnic Institute was held at Maryland Academy of Sciences, Jan. 19. The Baltimore City College won, 42-13. A silver loving cup was awarded to the City College for winning two years out of the three. Ten other prizes were awarded.—PAUL GAKENHEIMER.

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—The "Weko" Local Club of Chicago held on Jan. 18, its general meeting. Officers were elected for the year as follows: Venti Molitor, President; Whitebough, Corresponding Sec'y; Chant Frantz, Financial Sec'y and Treasurer. Meetings are held on every second and fourth Thursday of each month in Hotel Morrison, Parlor "D."

—The date of the Chicago Philatelic Society dinner is February 21st.

—The Philatelic Clubs of Polytechnic Institute and City College, Baltimore, were scheduled to have a competitive exhibition of postage stamps a few weeks ago; and in the quarterly bulletin of the Maryland Academy of Sciences we find the friendly little sentence: "Our members and their friends should be present to encourage the boys and girls what they can do in arranging an exhibit."

—We have received a copy of the *Operator*, Kansas City, Mo., the official publication of the Co-operative Club containing a fine half-tone of Wilson D. Wood, "our new president." In an



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resting biographical sketch of our philatelic friend, we find that his club affiliations are many and that his stamp connections are not omitted. We read: "He is one of the early members of the American Philatelic Society and served as the first president of the Kansas City Stamp Club, having been an active philatelist since his school days." The Cooperative Club is the liveliest classification club in Kansas City and if any prominent philatelic visitor should drop in on a meeting day, we think that President Wood would pave the way for him to give an address on philately.

—That George H. Worthington had many friends, we well knew and the number of letters that have been received in consequence of the notice of his death shows that he will remain in the memory of many collectors. We thank Mr. Good and others who have written us.

—A reader is informed that Mr. Arthur Find, Utica, N. Y., attended a meeting of the Collectors Club, New York, on October 24, 1923, and exhibited his col-

lection of United States and Confederate stamps in three volumes.

—A note from Mr. L. P. Hatch, Cambridge, Mass., says that in the *New Englander*, New Haven, Conn., for July, 1848, there is an article of twelve pages, "Our Post Office," which is based on the report of the Postmaster-General of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1847. No doubt an examination of the article would be worth while and now we shall be on the watch for the old magazine in question.

—This week the award of the gilded coal scuttle goes to Dr. C. W. Hennen for the most outstanding act of benevolent assimilation. He bought a lot of Holland stamps from a man for \$4.75 and when the seller could not make the change, the buyer said that the vendor could keep the five dollar bill.

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Our first applicant for membership in the Honor Club this week is Morris L. Tiffany, cashier of the Bristol National Bank, Bristol, Conn. We thank Mr. Tiffany for his application and take pleasure in adding the title M. H. C. to his name.

Wooster B. Curtiss of Schenectady, N. Y., accompanies his remittance of \$5 with well wishes. He considers it a duty and a pleasure "to train along with those who are boosting your excellent publication." It is indeed an excellent form of boosting.

We enter the name of Hugh B. Hooper of Chattanooga, Tenn., as a member of our Honor Club. Mr. Hooper is a member of the A. P. S., No. 7117.

One of the most familiar names in philatelic circles is that of Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman of Washington, who has held many political honors and now represents the Plainfield, N. J., district in Congress. Mr. Ackerman has travelled far and wide, even to the circling of the globe, and his philatelic holdings are numerous and valuable. It would take much space to note all the honors that he has attained along philatelic lines. We take great pleasure in adding Mr. Ackerman's name to our Honor Club.

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ALBANIA 1911, 25pa, No. 53, scarce* 7.75 1919, Nos. 84 to 90 except 88 3.75	FINLAND 1891, 7r black & yellow 3.00 1901, 10M black & drab (75) 1.00	MONACO 1919, 1fr yellow, No. 107* 1.35 1919, 5frs dull red, No. 108* 12.00	SPANISH 1911, 1p orange, No. 112* 2.50 1911, 4p orange, No. 113* 4.00
ALBANIA 1913, 10pi red, No. 11* 35.00 1913, Nos. 15, 16, 17, each* 12.00	FIUME Nos. 1 or 7, each, used or* 7.75 10k, No. 20, used or* 7.75	MONACO 1920, Nos. 109 113*, scarce 3.90 1920, Nos. 116, 117* 1.40	SPANISH 1911, 1.410p*, Nos. 138-140 1.10 etc., Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6* 1.50
ALBANIA 1920, Nos. 120, 122, 124, each* 3.75 1914, Nos. 301 to 305* 6.00	FIUME Nos. 86 to 99*, scarce 1.75 Nos. 100 to 103, used or* 3.75	NETHERLANDS 1852, 15c orange, nice 3.75 1864, 15c orange, nice 3.75	ELOBEY 1905, 3p orange red* 1.20 1907, 1c to 1p* 1.15
ARGENTINE REP. '91, 20 peso grn., fine 15.00 17.10p vio. & bl. (245) 2.45	FIUME 1L on 25c, No. 118, used or* 6.95 25c blue, No. 113* 1.95	NETHERLANDS 1905, 10gld orge (93*) 8.00 1913, 10gld red (108*) 6.50	ELOBEY 1907, 3p lake* 1.00 1907, 1c to 1p* 1.15
ARGENTINE REP. 1917, 20p claret & blue, No. 246* 10.00 1917, 20p claret & blue, No. 246 4.95	FIUME Nos. 122 to 126* 4.90 Nos. 128 to 133* 5.50	NETHERLANDS 1867, 50c gold, average 2.25 1920, 2½g, No. 118* 1.75	FERNANDO PO 1907, 4p violet* 1.10 5p brown* 1.25
AUSTRIA 1884, 30c orange, No. 362 4.00 40h olive, No. 1160, used or* 2.75	FIUME Nos. 161 to 171* 1.50 Nos. 701 to 704, 710, 712, each* 1.75	NETHERLANDS 1920, 2½g, No. 119 1.00 1924, 5gld blue, Jub. 1.75	FERNANDO PO 1907, 10p orge brown* 2.50 1907, 50, 75c, 1p* 1.20
AUSTRIA 10k violet, No. 1169, used 175.00 6h orange, No. 1203 1.90	GREECE About everything else in Fiume 1.95 1911, 25dr blue, No. 213 ..... .95	NICARAGUA Zelaya, 50c, No. 7 1.50 Nos. 51-62 (exc. 5c) 2.90	RIO DE ORO Nos. 38, 39, each* 1.50 15 on 75c, No. 40* 1.20
BAVARIA 1910, 5M green, No. 76* 1.00 1911, 20M brown 3.00	GREECE 1916, 10dr blue, No. 239* 1.35 1918, 25dr blue, No. 259* 1.75	NICARAGUA Tough country, you say. You bet, and some rare ones, too, but just side along that list of 20th.	SWEDEN 1852, 175 red violet 2.50 1862, 175 red violet 13.00
BELGIUM 1919, Helmet, 2frs, rare (131) 8.00 1919, Helmet, 10frs claret, No. 136*, rare 4.50	GREECE 1923, 10dr on 1d, No. 276* 1.75 1923, 25dr on 25dr, No. 266* 2.75	PANAMA 1904, 1c, No. 109 1.00 1903, 1c green, No. 151 5.00	SYRIA 1919, Nos. 1 and 3, each* 1.00 1919, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, each* 1.00
BELGIUM 1916, 6f 25c on 5M, No. 725* 2.50 An awful scarce stamp. 5.75	GREECE 1912, Nos. 501 to 505, scarce 3.50 Nos. 510, 511, each 1.75	PANAMA 1903, 2c rose, No. 152 5.00 1903, 20c, No. 321*, scarce 2.40	SYRIA 1919, 4M on 1c, No. 4* 3.25 1919, 9pi on 50c, No. 9* 1.95
BRAZIL 1899, 50r, No. 147a, rare 5.75 1910, 5000r brown, No. 44* 1.75	GREECE Nos. 516, 517, each 2.00 10pa green, No. 590* 2.75	PANAMA 1903, 10 on 20c, No. 379* 7.00 1903, 10 on 20c, No. 380* 3.50	SYRIA 1919, 10pi on 1fr, No. 10* 3.50 1919, Nos. 11 to 19* 1.75
BRAZIL 1913, 50,000 grn. & blk. (526*) 5.00 1913, 100,000 red & blk. (527*) 7.50	GREECE 10dr blue, No. 694* 3.00 10dr blue, No. 714* 2.75	PANAMA 1903, 20c blue, No. 375* 5.00 1903, 10c blue (452), used or* 1.50	SYRIA 1919, 20pi on 5frs, No. 20* 4.00 1920, 3m on 5c, No. 23* 1.20
CHINA 1912, \$5 green & rose, No. 133* 4.50 1912, \$5 green & rose, No. 143* 4.50	GREECE 25dr indigo, No. 715* 5.75 Nos. 751 to 762 265.00	PARAGUAY 1908, 60c pink, No. 136a* 1.45 20 peso, No. 145* 1.90	SYRIA 1920, 20pi on 5frs, No. 24, rare* 17.00 1920, Nos. 25 to 28* 1.20
CHINA 1912, \$2 brown, No. 171*, rare 2.25 1913, 10 black & green 2.40	GREECE 1d on 25c, No. 805* 8.75 5L on 1s, No. 804* 6.75	PARAGUAY 5c on 25c, No. 155* 1.00 20 on 5c, No. 166* 1.35	SYRIA 1920, 20pi on 5frs, No. 29* 4.00 1920, 20pi on 5frs, No. 30*, rare 7.00
CILICIE Nos. 19, 20, 21, 55, 60, each* 1.95 No. 14 or 85, each 3.00	GREECE 1d on 25c, No. 805* 8.75 2dr bronze, No. 962* 2.75	PARAGUAY 1907, 60c, No. 114* 1.50 Nos. 370, 371, 372, 374, 374a, 3.75	SYRIA 1920, 20pi on 5frs, No. 43* 2.50 1920, 100pi on 5frs, No. 44* 15.00
CILICIE 10pi on 50c, No. 107* 2.40 50pi on 1fr, No. 108* 9.75	GREECE 3dr silver, No. 963* 3.95 5dr gold, No. 964* 5.75	PARAGUAY 1907, 60c, No. 114* 1.50 Nos. 370, 371, 372, 374, 374a, 3.75	SYRIA 1920, 20pi on 5frs, No. 58* 75.00 1920, Nos. 59 to 67* 75.00
CILICIE 10pi on 5fr, No. 109* 35.00 5pi on 40c, No. 115* 4.00	GREECE 5dr gold, No. 964* 5.75 We have a fine stock of Greece. Let us have your want list.	PARAGUAY 1907, 60c, No. 114* 1.50 Nos. 370, 371, 372, 374, 374a, 3.75	SYRIA 1920, Nos. 201 to 204* 30.00 1920, Nos. 206 to 210* 1.90
CILICIE 20pi on 1fr, No. 116* 13.75 50pi on 1fr, No. 120* 1.45	HAYTI 1906, 1pi claret, No. 136* 1.50 1907, 2c on 50c, No. 153* 2.25	PERSIA Nos. 505 to 510 3.50 30k, No. 510* 4.75	SYRIA 4m on 10pa green, No. 511* 1.10 2pi blue black, No. 527* 3.70
COLOMBIA 100pi on 5frs, No. 127* 3.50 Nos. 125, 126, each* 1.25	HAYTI 1913, 1pi red, No. 173* 1.50 1914, 1pi claret, No. 192* 1.75	PERSIA Nos. 610 to 616* 25.00 Nos. 560 to 577* 6.00	SYRIA 1pi ultramarine, No. 531* 5.00 5pi violet, No. 532 17.00
COSTA RICA 1905, 100 peso blue, No. 324 1.45 1921, Nos. 106, 107, each* 1.00	HAYTI 1914, Sc red, No. 174* 2.50 1914, Nos. 175, 176, each*, rare 7.00	PERSIA Nos. 616 to 664 (exc. 649, 658) 4.00 Nos. 635 to 615*, rare 150.00	SYRIA 1pi violet & black, No. 538* 1.70 1pi bright blue, No. 548* 27.50
COSTA RICA 1921, Same, tete beche pair*, each 2.00 1921, 15c, No. 108* 1.75	HAYTI Nos. 272, 273, 275, 308, 520*, each 1.50 1919, 2 on 50c, No. 287*, rare 5.00	PERSIA Nos. 917 to 933* 5.75 1899, 5s orange red, No. 158* ..... .80	SYRIA 20pa rose, No. 565* 1.90 1pi blue, No. 570* 37.50
CRETE 1901, 2dr brown, No. 70 1.45 1901, 5dr green & black, No. 71, used or* 3.75	HAYTI 1919, 5 on 7 on 50c, No. 303* 1.75 1919, 5 on 50c, No. 305* 2.40	PERU 1899, 5s orange red, No. 158* ..... .80 1915, 1c on 1c, No. 187* 3.75	SYRIA 50pi indigo, No. 557* 50.00 Nos. 651, 652* 2.25
CURACAO 1899, 1g 50c on 2½g, No. 28*, rarity 6.75 1915, 1½, 2½g* 2.40	HEJAZ 1pa lilac, No. 14* 4.50 Nos. 15 to 19* 6.25	PERU 1915, 1c on 1c, No. 187* 3.75 Peru, 2c on 10c* 2.50	SYRIA 2pi slate, No. 654* 2.75 We can supply most of the other Syrians not advertised.
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1919, 10kr, No. 579* 8.00 Nos. 601 to 603* 40.00	HEJAZ 1pa lilac, No. 14* 4.50 Nos. 15 to 19* 6.25	POLAND 1918, 10k, No. 53* 20.00 1918, 90h violet, No. 50* 3.75	THRACE 1919, Nos. 114, 115* 1.85 1919, Nos. 107 to 115, used 2.50
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 14h red, No. 615, used or* 2.40 50h carm., No. 620* 20.00	HEJAZ 1pi blue, No. 108* 5.00 2pi magenta, No. 109* 2.50	POLAND 1918, 10h red, No. 402* 15.00 1918, 20h red, No. 401* 4.50	THRACE 1919, 2L red, No. 215* 3.25 1919, 2d red, No. 217* 9.50
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 15h on 2h, No. 634, used or* 8.75 10h on 24h, No. 635, used or* 6.75	HUNGARY 20pa red, No. 106* 3.75 1pi blue, No. 108* 5.00	POLAND 1918, 30h red, No. 406* 7.75 1918, 40h red, No. 407* 4.75	THRACE 1919, 3d carmine, No. 218* 4.90 1919, Nos. 219, 220* 2.50
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 20h on 54h, No. 637, used or* 3.90 Nos. 705 and 708, each used or* 1.35	HUNGARY 20pa red, No. 110* 7.50 1871, 15k brown, No. 5 3.50	PORTUGAL 1895, St. Anthony, 15dr carmine & bistre. Scarce 4.00 China 1904, 3½r, No. 20* 1.70	THRACE 1919, 25dr blue, No. 221* 3.50 1919, 2d vermilion, No. 233* 8.50
DENMARK 1915, 10f rose, No. 54* 1.50 1908, 25 on 10c, No. 58* 4.25	HUNGARY 1871, 25k violet, No. 6 3.00 10k, No. 1017* 8.50	RUSSIA 1904, 50k, No. 17 3.75 1904, 5r, No. 21 2.50	THRACE 1919, 3d carm. (234), used or* ..... .75 1919, 5dr ultramar., No. 235* 8.50
DUTCH INDIES 1911, 2½g slate, No. 100 1.25 1911, 2½g slate (219*) 1.50	HUNGARY 3kr, No. 1314* 5.75 3kr, No. 1315* 13.75	RUSSIA 1901, 7r, No. 22* 3.00 1917, Nos. 50 to 63* 3.00	THRACE 1919, 10dr indigo, No. 236* 8.50 1919, Nos. 237 to 247 1.00
ECUADOR 5 on 25c, No. 193* 1.95 1922, 100M black (90), used or* 2.40	HUNGARY 10f red, No. 1324* 9.00 20f brown, No. 1326* 3.75	RUSSIA 1917, \$3.50 on 3½r, No. 64* 3.00 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 65* 4.20	THRACE 1919, 25dr indigo, No. 252* 7.00 1919, 5dr ultramar., No. 259* 2.35
EGYPT 1866, 10pa brown, No. 2 1.85 1907, 10p rose, No. 54* 1.50	HUNGARY 25f blue, No. 1329* 8.75 10k, No. 1318* 39.00	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 50pi carmine, No. 268* 2.40 100pi blue, No. 269 2.00
ELOBEY 1907, 10p rose, No. 54* 1.50 1908, 25 on 10c, No. 58* 4.25	ICELAND 1911, 5kr brown 1.75 1920, 5k brown & indigo, fine 1.25	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 200pi green & black, No. 270 15.00 1914, Nos. 278 to 283 2.10
EPIRUS 1915, Nos. 149 to 160 2.25 1916, 1d, 2d, Nos. 189, 190 2.35	ITALY China, 2 on 5c, No. 1* 2.50 4 on 10c, No. 3* 5.00	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 1914, 10pi, No. 284 2.90 1916, 50pi, No. 437* 1.00
EPIRUS 1916, 3dr carmine, No. 191 1.90 1916, Nos. 194 to 202 2.50	ITALY Pechino, \$2 on 5L, No. 30* 2.95 Tientsin, \$2 on 5L, No. 23* 2.95	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 1871, 5pi, No. 824* 2.35 1871, No. 1426 1.10
FAR EAST REP. 10k on 3½, No. 10* 2.50 14k blue & rose (11*) 2.85	ITALY Turkey, 4pi on 1L, No. 12* 10.00 20pi on 5L, No. 13* 23.00	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 1871, No. 1426 1.10 No. 1488* 5.00
	JAPAN 1902, 10y, No. 321 2.50 200h, No. 176. A rare strp* 2.75	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 1914, 10pi, No. 284 2.90 1916, 50pi, No. 437* 1.00
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	KARELIA Nos. 420 to 430* 5.75 Nos. 431-439 except No. 433* 3.00	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 1914, 10pi, No. 284 2.90 1916, 50pi, No. 437* 1.00
	LATVIA 1892, \$1-42, \$5, fine. A hand-some set 3.00 1859, 30c, No. 10 2.90	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 1871, No. 1426 1.10 No. 1488* 5.00
	LIBERIA 1913, 10k black & red, No. 328* 1.40 1914, 1p, No. 379* 1.00	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 1914, 10pi, No. 284 2.90 1916, 50pi, No. 437* 1.00
	LUXEMBURG 1859, 30c, No. 10 2.90 1859, 2c black* 1.40	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 1871, No. 1426 1.10 No. 1488* 5.00
	MEXICO 1914, 1p, No. 379* 1.00 Nos. 381 to 383* 2.50	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 1914, 10pi, No. 284 2.90 1916, 50pi, No. 437* 1.00
	MEXICO 1914, 5p red & black, No. 433* 1.75 1916, 5c orange, No. 515* 1.95	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 1871, No. 1426 1.10 No. 1488* 5.00
	MEXICO 1916, 5p red & black, No. 527*, scarce 3.50 1916, 5p red & black, No. 538*, scarce 3.50	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 1914, 10pi, No. 284 2.90 1916, 50pi, No. 437* 1.00
	MEXICO 1916, 1p, No. 519* 1.20 1911, 4c red, No. 906* 2.00	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 1871, No. 1426 1.10 No. 1488* 5.00
	MEXICO We have a splendid line of other 20th Mexico. Want list, please.	RUSSIA 1917, \$5 on 5r, No. 68, rare* 15.00 1917, \$10 on 10r, No. 70* 5.50	TURKEY 1914, 10pi, No. 284 2.90 1916, 50pi, No. 437* 1.00

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AZERBAIDJAN 1922, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 150, 250, 400, 500, 1000, 2000, 3000, 5000r, Nos. 15 to 29*	1.50 .35
BELGIUM 1916, 75c on 60pf, No. 721*	1.00 .70
BOSNIA 1917, 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80, 90h, 2, 3, 4, 10k, Nos. 105 to 122, ...	3.36 1.10
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COSTA RICA 1911, 4c red violet & black, No. 81*	.40 .10
COSTA RICA 1911, 10c blue & black, No. 84*	2.50 .48
COSTA RICA 1911, Nos. 91, 92*	1.20 .38
COSTA RICA 1911, 4c (55*) (scarce)	.40 .10
URACAO 1890, 1g 50c on 2g 50c brown lilac, No. 28*	10.00 6.75
ZECHOSLOVAKIA 1919, Nos. 704 to 708*	7.45 2.75
DOMINICAN REP. 1920, Special De-livery, 10c blue, No. 301. A cheap but scarce stamp	.50 .17
UTCH INDIES Nos. 133, 134, 135	1.25 .28
UTCH INDIES 1905, 2 1/2g slate blue, No. 56	.60 .18
UTCH INDIES 1912, 1g brn. (119)	.25 .04
REECE 1908, 40, 50, 75c, Nos. 269, 270, 271	1.95 .50
REECE 1918, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25drs, Nos. 255 to 259*	6.75 2.10
REECE 1913, Nos. 804 to 809*	62.00 26.75
REECE 1912, 10dr blue, No. 714*	6.00 1.95
REECE 1912, 25drs indigo, No. 715*, scarce	15.00 5.75
REECE 1912, 3dr silver, No. 963*, scarce	10.00 3.95
AYTI 1912, 5dr gold, No. 964*, scarce	15.00 5.75
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ELAND 1902, 50a gray & blk. (43)	.50 .19
ELAND 1920, 2k ol. & grn., No. 122	.80 .35
ELAND 1922, 6.9p, 1sh, Nos. 38, 39, 41, 1.13	.35
ELAND 1923, 1sh green, Sword of Light, No. 56	.08
BERIA 1921, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, 75c, \$1, \$2, \$5, Nos. 183-194. Pretty stamps	7.83 2.95
XEMBURG 1921, 5frs dark vio-let, No. 122*	1.00 .37
DO CHINA 1921, 10frs blk. (342*), Official	2.00 .70
DO CHINA 1907, 2frs grn. & blk.,* good stamp	1.25 .48
DO CHINA 1907, 10frs blk. & vio.,* scarce	5.00 2.35
INACO 1919, Charity, Nos. 102 to 107*, scarce	7.40 2.45
INACO 1920, 1fr+1fr, No. 117*	1.50 .65
AMBRIQUE 1917, 2 1/2r to 700r, Nos. 184 to 195*	43.05 14.75
LESTINE 1920, 5pi plum, No. 22. A good stp. & cheap	1.00 .39
RAGUAY 1908, 20c/2c, No. 167*	2.00 .65
RSIA 1912, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 30k, Nos. 504-510, used. Cheap for these	12.95 3.50
RSIA 1922, 1c to 30k, Nos. 646 to 662, exc. Nos. 649, 658. Not common	3.75
ILIPPINES 1911, 10 peso green, No. 274. Nice copies	5.00 1.50
ILIPPINES 1911, 4 peso blue	.15 .05
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UMANIA 1903, 5L dull vio. (168*)	1.00 .35
UMANIA 1905, 2L brn. & blk., No. 175*	1.25 .39
RTUGAL 1921, Aeroplane, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25c*	1.35 .75
RTUGAL 1924, Aero, 1c-2c, Nos. 263-278*	2.00 1.10
SSIA 1922, 10,000r blue (204*), rare	2.00 1.10
SSIA 1922, Nos. 332 to 335*. A unique set	3.50 1.10
SSIAN CHINA 1910, 20, 35, 50, 70k, No. 37, etc. 2.85	.65
SSIAN CHINA 1910, 1r brn. & orange, No. 45	.75 .18
SSIAN CHINA 1904, 5r blue, grn. & blue, No. 21, ...	5.00 1.75
SSIAN CHINA 1910, 5r blue, grn. & blue, No. 47	8.00 2.75
MEL 3M to 100M, Nos. 93-101*	.04
MEL 100,400,500M, Nos. 429-431*	1.25

ST. THOS. & PRINCE 1909, 2 1/2r brn., No. 312	5.00 1.35
Nos. 226 to 231*	27.60 8.75
SALVADOR 1918, 1c on 6c, No. 452	.50 .15
1918, 1c on 6c, No. 453	.60 .19
TURKEY 1913, 10pi red brown, Pictorial, No. 266	.40 .10
1913, 25pi ol. grn., Pictorial (267)	1.25 .28
TURKEY 1913, 50pi carmine, Pic-torial, No. 268	1.25 .32
1913, 25pi green, No. 245	1.25 .42
UPPER SILESIA 1920, 5pf on 15pf violet, No. 10*	10.00 3.25
1920, Nos. 10 and 10a, b, c*	49.00 12.50
SIAM 70 diff. stps. A fine lot in first class shape which will list about	12.00 3.75
NEWFOUNDLAND 1910, 6c Guy, No. 92a*. Scarce stamp and cheap	1.50 .65
1918, Caribou, 10c green	.20 .06
NEWFOUNDLAND 1920, 2c on 30c slate, No. 127*	1.00 .39
1920, 3c on 15c red, No. 129*	1.50 .48
JAMAICA 1921, 1sh orange, No. 96	.10
1921, 2sh brn. & blue, No. 97	.40
BELGIUM 60 different, 20th only. Parcels Post stamps. Will catalog over	4.50 1.25
NICARAGUA 100 diff. 20th only. Fine lot and cheap	13.00 3.50
NICARAGUA 160 diff. 20th only. Nice little collection, & cheap, for collector or dealer	33.50 8.25
GERMANY 100 diff. unused 20th only, including high values, etc. Will cat. between \$3 and \$4	.45
CONGO 1922, 25c on 40c brown red & black, No. 81. A good stamp	1.50 .45
NETHERLANDS 1913, Jub., 1gld claret. A good little stp. and price is really less than wholesale	.50 .15
LEEWARD IDS. 1921, 2sh violet & blue on blue, No. 60*. Fine mint copies	5.00 1.95
SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE 1903, 1/2a light green, No. 156*	1.00 .25
1903, 1a or 2a*, ea., Nos. 157, 158	1.50 .35
NETHERLANDS 1898, 5g claret. Fine lightly can-celled copies at wholesale	.60 .15
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Only about eight to ten copies are known and this is worth much more than the catalogue price.

LIVINGSTON, ALA.

1c blue 800 1,750

This is the most admired Confederate stamp and is easily worth double the catalogue price. About nine are known.

MACON, GA.

2c green on gray-green 1,000 2,000

Only three copies of this rarity are known and the catalogue price is much too low.

MARION, VA.

5c black 500 1,000

10c black 2,000

Six or seven 5c Marion are known, but only two or perhaps three of the 10c. Both stamps are rarities, especially the 10c.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

5c envelopes 25 25

10c envelopes 25 100

The 5c and 10c envelopes are priced the same but the 10c is scarce and at least four times as rare as the 5c.

MT. LEBANON, (LOUISIANA)

5c brown 1,500 3,000

This is catalogued as Mt. Lebanon, Tenn.; it should be La. It is called 5c red, but the copy I have seen is in brown, of a very slight reddish tint. Only one copy is known, that from the Ferrary sale and it must be classed among the greatest rarities.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

5c red on white 1,200 3,000

5c red on blue 1,200 3,000

Two of each are known and these are among the greatest rarities.

NEW SMYRNA, FLA.

5c black 1,500 3,500

10c on 5c black 1,500 3,500

I cannot hear of a single copy of the 5c; if any collector has one I should be glad to hear of it. Of the 10c on 5c only one copy is known.

PITTSYLVANIA, C. H., VA.

This comes on two distinct papers and the color is hardly red, but red-brown. I should catalogue as follows:—

5c red-brown on wove paper 350 1,250

5c red-brown on vertically laid paper 2,000

This has always been a scarce stamp, nearly if not quite as rare as the Danville. I believe that only about eight copies are known with margins and a few clipped to shape of stamp. In Ferrary collection there were two with margins which were doubled and sold as forgeries and one genuine trimmed to shape. I can only hear of two copies on the laid paper and that must rank as a great rarity. The catalogue price of \$350 for the common paper is far too low as for years copies have sold at not less than \$1,000.

PLEASANT SHADE, VA.

5c blue, unused 175 300

5c blue, used 250 450

This is a fine and very saleable stamp, only about four or five used copies are known, and while there are more unused, it is a scarce stamp worth a good bit more than catalogued.

PORTLAVACA, TEXAS.

10c black on white wove 2,000

This stamp was in the collection of H. E. Deats and seems to be accepted by good authorities and I think it should go in the catalogue.

RHEATOWN, TENN.

5c red, used 300

This is priced \$300 used but no postmarked copies are known and the used price can only stand for penmarked copies, which are occasionally found so used on covers.

RICHMOND, TEXAS.

In addition to the envelopes listed the following are known and should be included:—

5c red on white.

10c red on amber.

10c red on blue.

SALEM, VA.

5c black on vertically laid paper 500 2,000

Only two copies are known, one of which sold some time ago for \$1,500. This should rank with the great rarities.

SPARTANBURG, S. C.

This should be catalogued differently, I have seen as follows:—

5c black on porous paper ruled with blue lines 350 350

5c black on thinner better paper, no ruled lines 600

Of the latter I have only seen two copies.

TELLICO PLAINS, TENN.

5c red 250 100

10c red 250 200

These come in strips of three stamps, two of which are 5c and one 10c, therefore the 10c is twice as rare as the 5c and should be priced accordingly. No used copies have been seen.

UNIONTOWN, ALA.

2c green on blue 1,750 2,500

One of the greatest rarities, only two copies being known.

10c red on blue 1,200 2,500

Just about as rare as the 2c. I know two copies and think a third one exists.

The catalogue has another 10c on white paper but I am unable to trace a copy.

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—The advertisement of A. Atlas Leve in our Jan. 28 issue contained an error in that five "Black Jacks" were offered in connection with the new specialized U. S. catalog at \$2. The word "five" should have been "fine" referring to a single copy. It could hardly be expected that Mr. Leve could give five of these stamps for the price indicated.

—Some new Japanese stamps have just been issued and a letter from C. A. Yarrington, of Tokyo, is franked by some 2 sen brown, 3 sen carmine and 10 sen dark brown in a new design, the description of which we shall leave to our new issues editor. The stamps are issued

imperforate and without gum, though they have been seen rouletted and also with a pin perforation.

—Walter J. Rozmin sends us the cartoon page of the Chicago Herald and Examiner of Jan. 30, 1924. It contains a Gallagher-Shean set of pictures in which stamp collecting gets a free advertisement.

—The Syracuse Stamp Club of Syracuse, N. Y., is holding this entire month (Feb'y) its annual stamp exhibition at the Carnegie Library. The exhibits change weekly. This year's exhibit winds up March 3rd with the Fifth Annual Banquet of this very lively and growing stamp club. A. A. Leve has the exhibit in charge.

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EDITORIAL

Frederic J. Haskin, a Washington correspondent, whose ability as a special writer has made him a commanding figure in the field of journalism, has contributed a column article on stamps to the newspapers that avail themselves of his services. Mr. Haskin begins his remarks by saying that the zeal of American collectors has succeeded in acquiring in the auction marts of Europe the world's greatest stamp rarities; and in consequence, the United States has become "philatelically famous." It is refreshing to read the intelligent comment of Mr. Haskin and the fact that his observations are sympathetic to philately predisposes us in his favor. He tells that collecting makes a strong appeal to the individual or none at all; and he very opportunely quotes from Hergesheimer: "If it were not for collectors—if it weren't for men with money and time and discrimination, if special collections of special things weren't made—we'd never know about ourselves or what we were. It's history of the best kind." Mr. Haskin tells of the instruction and tradition of some of the different stamp designs and bears directly on their investment possibilities by saying that "rare stamps, like diamonds, are an excellent investment." He says that stamp knowledge is so limited that the possibility of entertaining angels unawares is not a remote one. The postmaster provisions in the possession of Mr. Arthur Hind of Utica are described and appraised and the famous British Guiana king-pin is the basis for a little story, on a background furnished by the Ferrary sales. The article is high-class but that factor does not monopolize our satisfaction; we rejoice that a writer possessing the acumen and news-sense of Mr. Haskin finds in philately a subject worthy of his best attention.

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In an interview with Mr. Elliott Perry, we learn that he is in sight of the completion of his great task in plating the ten cent black of 1847, United States. For months Mr. Perry has been studying intensively the stamp in its plate relation and his work has been facilitated by the co-operation of dozens of collectors who have placed their specimens at his disposal; and naturally he is grateful for the aid. All of the stamps on the plate sheets of two hundred stamps are to be assigned to their places and it is superfluous to say that the finished

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A letter from an occasional correspondent strikes a minor chord in its closing sentence: "You have taken stamp collecting away from the boys." His verdict follows a list of reasons that supports the conclusion, he says; and we shall reduce his findings to a few words. He says that the "big" element is over-emphasized in stories of stamp men, collections, prices and other news and transactions. Everything is dishied up with a big ladle with the consequence that the collector who perforce must use a spoon feels that he is not participating to the full in collecting and that he is ignored in philatelic calculations. There is a foundation for the contention of our correspondent but fact does not justify the unqualified statement that he makes. Philately is progressing and growing in every way and the chronicles of the day reflect its present condition and the hopes of the future. All of the stories of big things are a true index to the doings of the philatelic day and we do know that huge sums of money are being spent for stamps and that high prices are paid for specimens and that some collections almost surpass description. It is inevitable that these circumstances be dwelt upon with satisfaction in a news sense and it is useless to try to retard a general movement. We do not believe that the boy thinks that he is overlooked in a collecting sense and we know that he is not. The fact that philately is getting away from its provincialism and to some extent overlooks the smaller details that once were enlarged upon certainly does not bother the boy of this day and the chances are that only the old "boy" who has roseate recollections of the earlier years would institute the comparison that has been noticed.

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A friend at Washington has been kind enough to send the following information for the benefit of a reader who asked regarding mails for Labrador and who said that he could establish no postal connections there. "In reference to the enclosed letter I must admit that I have been too busy to attend to it for many weeks. Upon inquiry, I find that the second assistant postmaster-general issued, late in November, 1923, the following notice, which seems to cover postal developments in Labrador and which I have copied: 'This office is in receipt of information that all classes of mail for the southern part of Labrador, known as the Straits ports (Strait of Belle Isle), can be delivered up to the close of navigation, about the middle of December.' In some instances owing to weather conditions, the period of navigation extends later into the year, while in other in-

stances it is suspended earlier. In either case, a parcel received too late to be delivered at destination is held in Newfoundland until the opening of navigation the following spring. The above modified the items 'Newfoundland' appearing on pages 152 and 210 of the annual Postal Guide for 1923, and the item 'Labrador' appearing on page 206 of the same Guide." We suggest that the inquirer consult the Postal Guide for further particulars.

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From Mr. Fred R. Schmalzriedt, Detroit, we have heard of the death of Theodore P. Ladue, son of a former mayor of Detroit at Boynton, Florida, at the age of 63. Mr. Ladue passed away on January 30th, the result of an intestinal trouble. From Mr. Schmalzriedt's letter, we quote: "Mr. Ladue attended the meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Society meeting at Mr. Crossman's residence last Wednesday evening and was in my office on Thursday urging me to go down to Florida and spend some weeks with him, telling me I needed the rest. Mr. Ladue was a charter member of the D. P. S., and also a member of the Michigan Stamp Club. The body will arrive in Detroit in time for burial Monday afternoon; and D. P. S. members will act as pall-bearers, I am advised." In a newspaper notice, it was said that Mr. Ladue was a member of the Detroit Produce exchange and the Detroit Philatelic society. At the time of his death Mr. Ladue was proprietor of the firm of Theodore P. Ladue & Co., which he established in 1861. We deplore the death of this estimable philatelist whose loss will be felt by the members of that exceptional organization, the Detroit Philatelic Society, in particular. Mr. Ladue's chief philatelic characteristic was a quiet but absorbing interest in the issues of the United States and colonies and as well those of British North America.

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The Chicago Daily News recently answered an inquiry as to the number of post-offices in the world as follows: "The post-office department says that there are 266,008 post-offices in the world and in all of these a letter will be given the same treatment; that is, according to the size of post-office, the letter will be delivered by a city or rural carrier, or held for call." We are surprised that the number of offices is not greater when it is realized that in this country alone there are almost one-quarter of that figure. Our guess would have been about a million, with the population of the world something around two billions.

THE TOKYO DISASTER

Cyrus A. Yarrington, Yusen Building, Tokyo, Japan, gives us a first hand view of the effects of the great earthquake in Japan. He writes as follows:—"My collection and my philatelic library were burned up on the first of September. My loss is about 5,000 yen, which was the inventory on which I was

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THE NEW JAPAN.
"The first of the earthquake emergency stamps of Japan reached London early last month and were described in the *Daily Telegraph* of December 6th. Subsequent mails have brought the completion of the series and the news that these improvised stamps are in general use throughout the country. The stamps of the Mount Fuji type, which were issued in January, 1922, in three denominations only, will probably not be re-issued. The design was not popular, and after the first three values had been issued and met with adverse criticism, the preparation of the remaining values was abandoned. The 4 sen and 8 sen stamps in that type may prove to be comparatively scarce.
"For some months, at any rate, the earthquake emergency stamps will be in general use, and when the Government Works at Tokyo get into working order there will be an entirely new issue. The emergency values are ½ sen grey, 1½ sen blue, 2 sen marone, 3 sen carmine, 4 sen yellow-green, 5 sen violet, 8 sen vermilion, 10 sen red-brown, and 20 sen dark blue. Of these the values ½ to 8 sen are in one design showing Mount Fuji, in a frame of cherry trees in blossom, with the chrysanthemum crest, and in each of the upper spandrels, a dragon-fly. The other design is less complicated, with the sun in the centre, the chrysanthemum above, and the value in a tablet flanked by dragon-flies. A feature of the sun here is that, unlike the previous occurrences of this emblem on Japanese stamps, it is shaded horizontally instead of vertically, the heraldic "azure" (blue) instead of "gules" (red).

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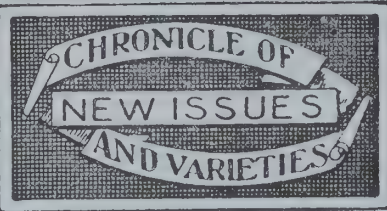
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UNITED STATES.—Wilson Memorial Stamp.—On Sunday, February 3rd, Woodrow Wilson, who no doubt will rank as one of our greatest Presidents passed to the Great Beyond. On the following morning, I wired the President of the United States, the Postmaster-General, and the Third Assistant Postmaster-General as follows:—

"A distinguished War President has given his life in the services of his country. Would not a Wilson Memorial Postage Stamp be a fitting tribute to his memory?"

On the following day I received the following communication from the White House:—

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4, 1924.

"My dear Mr. Ward:

The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of Feb. 4th, and to say that it is at once being brought to the attention of the Postmaster-General.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) C. B. SLEMP,
 Secretary to President."

I later confirmed my wire to Mr. W. Irving Glover, the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, and called his attention to the fact, that such an action on the part of this Administration would be a delicate compliment to the late President.

It is to be hoped that such a stamp will be issued, and I trust to be able to give further details in my Chronicle of next week.

Philatelic Stamp Agency.—I am informed by the Philatelic Agency that they have recently called upon the services of two additional clerks from the Washington Post Office, and as a result have been making considerable headway in filling the extraordinary large number of orders. On Monday, Feb. 4th, there were about five hundred orders behind but expected to have all completed by the end of the week. Their business during the last couple months have totalled in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

1847, 10c Minor Varieties.—Two additional minor varieties of the 10c 1847, which we will now be looking for and which are of equal interest to the shifts is one wherein Washington seems to have a hair lip, caused by a gash, and a second variety where he seems to have a stick pin. In examining carefully a number of these stamps these varieties have been noted.

1867, 3c Grill, New Variety.—The Nassau Stamp Company informs me that they have located a copy of the 3c 1867, in a used condition, grided 15x18. Heretofore we have known of the specimen grided 18x15 of which possibly one or two copies are in existence, but this is the first copy that has been noted, wherein the fifteen dimension is horizontal instead of vertical. They do not inform me as to type of grill, but state that it differs from the grill of the 18x15 variety so it is of necessity from a different grill roll.

Soldier's Mail in France.—The information Service of the Post Office Department sent out a very odd story under date of Feb. 1st. It seems that a St. Louis dealer recently purchased from the Government a quantity of letter boxes that were used in France, for the purpose of posting letters from the soldiers, home. Odd to say, when these were removed from their posts and sold, they were not inspected, and as a result

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nk carelessness on the part of some-
e has no doubt resulted in much dis-
pointment on this side, when the let-
s did not arrive from the loved ones.
edless to say, the Department has im-
diately forwarded to the party ad-
ressed, each piece of mail found and
s enclosed it in a separate envelope
ompanied by a letter from the Post-
aster-General explaining the circum-
stances. Postmasters have been re-
quested to use every possible effort to
e that they are delivered. The Post
ice circular states that "Perhaps some
the writers of these letters are still
ver there." Possibly many of the ad-
essee have gone to their Long Home,
t every effort will be made to see that
ese missives mailed more than five
ars ago shall at last reach their desti-
nation."

AUSTRALIA.—Mr. R. Roberts has sub-
mitted for chronicle the 6d value in a

light brown shade. The watermark is
narrow A.

BELGIUM.—The 20c Postage Due has
been bisected diagonally and used to
supply a deficiency of the 10c value at
Liège.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

CEYLON.—Mr. R. Roberts has sent us
for chronicle the 5R on bright emerald
paper all through on old multiple CA
watermark.

COSTA RICA.—The Economist Stamp
Co. submits three values of commemo-
rative stamps printed by the American
Bank Note Co. They are 10c brown,
with a scene "En Commemoracion del
primer Congreso Postal Panamericano";
12c rose red, with the likeness of Colum-
bus and 20c blue picturing "Colon en
Cariari."

DAHOMY.—There is to be a new
series for this French territory, and the
main design depicts an ostrich hunt on
the banks of the Niger. The present
series, excepting changes of colour, has
been in use since 1913.—*Philatelic
Magazine.*

FRANCE.—The series for the Olympic
games are to be printed in two colours
and there will be four values:—10c
green and light green, 25c blue and red,
30c brick red and carmine, 50c blue and
light blue. The artists responsible for
the work are M.M. Becker and Daussy.
—*Philatelic Magazine.*

FRENCH GUINEA.—Two new high
value provisionals are announced from
here: 10fr on 1fr green on yellow and
20fr on 5fr violet on lilac.—*Philatelic
Magazine.*

GERMANY.—The Economist Stamp Co.
have shown us the 4 millionen green,
with the surcharge "5 Milliarden" in
black. Also a 30 millionen violet and
50 millionen in blue.

Mr. J. L. Riedel calls our attention to
a set of six stamps in gold currency
that have recently been issued as fol-
lows: 3pf brown, 5pf green, 10pf
carmine, 20pf blue, 50pf orange and
100pf violet. Mr. Riedel adds that they
are all in the key plate type of the last
high values but have blank space at the
foot. They have also been issued with
the diagonal surcharge "Dienstmarke"
for official use.

JAMAICA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the
5sh pictorial stamp on script water-
marked paper. He also further advises
that they are printed in small sheets of
30 (6x5).

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—The Economist
Stamp Co. report the 5d stamp of Great
Britain with the surcharge "Morocco
Agencies" in two lines at the top and
"50 Centimes" in two lines at the base.
all in black.

POLAND.—The Polish currency is
rapidly falling, and the 25,000m provi-
sional chronicled in our last number
was apparently the advance notice of a
long series to come on the lines of the
Russo-German-Danzig game. Now we
have the 50,000m on the 10m blue
(Sower), overprint as on the 20m
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Tausend on 15pf, deep violet, 75 Tau-
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Mr. Ladue had been a collector of postage stamps for over forty years. He became interested as a boy in a general collection which he maintained for many years. In later years he had given up general collecting and concentrated his attention on U. S. Adhesives and Entires, Canada and British North America and the Canal Zone. His collections of these three countries were among the leading specialists holdings in Detroit, and represent considerable value to his estate. It is not known what disposition will be made of his philatelic holdings.

Mr. Ladue had been in business in Detroit all his life. Originally he was associated with his father as a wholesale dealer in hides and wool. In 1890 he moved to the State of Washington, where he resided in Seattle, Tacoma and Bellingham, for five years. He then returned to Detroit and organized a wholesale produce commission firm which in late years has been known as Theodore P. Ladue & Co.

He was a member of the Produce Exchange, the American Philatelic Society, No. 1704, and a charter member of the Detroit Philatelic Society.

He was buried from his home on Feb. 3, 1924.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boker Sterling, of 941 Edgewood Avenue, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their home on Monday evening. To mark the occasion they entertained at a family dinner party and covers were laid for sixteen, the guests including Mr. and Mrs. Sterling's children and grandchildren. The table was most attractive, yellow roses and candles being used. The centerpiece was an elaborate wedding cake, and the favors and other decorations were carried out in gold. The place cards bore the initials and dates of the bride and bridegroom and the name of each guest engraved in gold. The house was profusely decorated with yellow roses and daffodils.

Mr. Sterling was most pleasantly remembered by the clerks in the office of the Inheritance Tax department of the state house on Monday. Their gift was thirty gold pieces and was a great surprise to Mr. Sterling. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling received many gold remembrances from their children and from Mrs. Van Hart, also cards and telegrams from a host of friends.

Mr. Sterling is widely known through his scientific research work as a mushroom expert as well as his interest in stamp collections. His picture and an interesting sketch appears in this month's issue of the *American Philatelist*.

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THE COLLECTORS CLUB, NEW YORK (Special Report for the WEEKLY.)

One of the most successful meetings of the season was on the occasion of a Medal Competition held in the Club rooms on Wednesday evening, February 6th. The competition was limited to 50 pages of any collection and brought in some sixteen entries and the Judges (Messrs. A. F. Lichtenstein, John N. Luff and Charles J. Phillips) were not able to announce the awards until after 9.30 p. m. The results were as follows:

Silver Medal.—Mr. Joseph T. Lozier for United States (general issues).
Among these we noted 1847 5c orange, superb unused; 5c orange-brown, block of 4 unused; 5c red-brown, block of 6 unused; 10c vertical unused strip of four with top and left side margins, being Nos. 1, 11, 21, and 31 on the pane.
1857, 30c orange, block of 6 unused; 90c blue, block of 4 unused; 90c blue horizontal unused pair one stamp with four lines at bottom in place of three and considered one of the gems of the collection.

1869, 10c-15c Type I and 24c, all in unused blocks of 9; 90c block of 4 unused; 15c, 24c and 30c, all superb used; inverted.

1870, with grill, set complete unused, including that extreme rarity the 24c.

There were a large number of other blocks of great rarity and beauty and the matchless condition of the stamps was very noticeable.

Silver Medal.—Lawrence B. Mason; U. S. Locals.

A very fine and interesting collection nearly all on the original covers. Among them we noted:—Adams City Express Post, 2c black on buff

Barnard's Cariboo, COLLECT, green, used with two 12 1/2 Canada of 1857.

Barnard's Cariboo, Vermilion, PAID, large type, used on Wells Fargo's frank.

Barnard's Cariboo, COLLECT, green, small type, one of them being used with two 3d blue British Columbia and U. S. 1861 10c.

Bouton's Manhattan Express, red on buff with initials of Bouton and black PAID cane.

California Penny Postage frank in blue used with U. S. 1851 10c.

City Dispatch Post, 3c black on white

used on original circular of the company 14 Feb., 1842.

City Dispatch Post, 2c black on white with initials C. C. added. The "C" on right is inverted, used on cover.

City Dispatch Post, 2c vermilion C. C. lower right hand corner of sheet.

Cummings, 2c green on cover with Cumming's handstamp on cover; another black on yellow, cane. "C" in black.

Dupuy and Schenck, black on pale rose on cover cancelled V in pencil.

Frazer & Co., 2c black on yellow.

Kidder City Express Post, black on blue-glazed, cancelled PAID in red on cover.

Overton & Co. Letter Express, black on greenish on cover.

Metropolitan P. O. Express, 2c red, die cut to shape of shield, cane. FREE in black and used with three copies of U. S. 1851 1c, Type IV.

Bouton, 2c black on white, with "Swarts" written over in MSS.

Swartz, black on bluish and blue on white, on cover.

Wells Fargo Pony Express, \$2 red cancelled "Pony Express," used on U. S. envelope 1857 10c. \$1 red, cancelled "Wells Fargo," used on U. S. envelope 1857 10c on white.

Alfred F. Lichtenstein, Cape of Good Hope, would have received a Silver Medal on points, but was noted "Not for competition," as he was one of the Judges.

This collection consisted of 50 pages of the Perkins, Bacon & Co.'s printings only and included superb blocks of all values, in unused and used. A specialty was made of the cancellations which had been carefully worked out and numerous examples were shown with the rare red and blue postmarks. One wonderful block was the 6d lilac 18 superb unused, and the same stamp also in block of 4 unused and 6 used were not so common.

Among the rarities in the bisections we noted on full covers:—1d red on blue used with half of 6d gray (4d rate) cancelled "Worcester, Dec. 12, 60"; 1d red on blue used with half of 6d lilac, cancelled Grahamstown, May 4, 1868.

On part cover there was a bisection we have never previously met with—Half of a 1sh yellow-green cancelled Grahamstown, Sept. 13, 186(or)3. An interesting item was a pair of 4d blue

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125t on 1000M, 250t on 200M, 250M on 500M* rose	.08
400t on 15pf, 400t on 40pf, 800t on 5pf, 800t on 300M, 800t on 400M green, 800t on 400M brown, 800t on 1000M*	.25
2 million on 200M, 2 million on 300M, 2 million on 5000M*	.15
250t on 400M, 250t on 500M vermilion, 400t on 25pf, 400t on 30pf, 800t on 10pf, 800t on 200M*	.20
250t on 300M green, 800t on 500M green*	.18
2 million on 5000M red, rouletted*	.10
2 million on 500M rose, rouletted*	.10
2 million on 200M red, rouletted*	.10
1 billion on 100M violet*	.10
500t, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 million Marks*	.12
10 million Marks*, rouletted	.05
20, 30, 50, 100, 200, 500 million, 1 billion, 2 billion Marks*	.18
20 billion marks, blue and brown*	.05
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All above are unused.	
50 million, 1 billion, rouletted	.10
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10 billion on 50 million green	.05
10 billion yellow green & dark green	.08
5 billion orange & brown	.05
5 billion orange & brown, rouletted	.10
5 billion on 2 million violet	.10
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5 billion on 10 million red, rouletted	.10
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Bronze Medal.—Admiral Fred. Harris;
Ceylon, pence issues, and Sicily.

A very fine collection noted for the
beauty of the stamps and for scarce
varieties of Ceylon early issues on the
original covers. In the rare imperf
there were examples of the 8d, 9d
(two), 1s9d (two) and 2sh. The Sicily
stamps were also a nice little lot of fine
copies but not at all strong in the re-
touches.

Bronze Medal.—G. F. Gehrman; U. S.
general issues, 1847 to 1860.

A collection of choice copies and many
interesting items, among which we
noted:—

1847, 10c on cover with blue "10" can-
cellation; 10c with split "I" in OFFICE.

1851, 1c reconstructed block showing
crack on 3 stamps; 3c pair on cover
showing crack on one stamp.

1857, 1c perf., with crack on Type II.

Diploma.—C. M. Ams; Gambia.

A beautiful collection with a number
of imperf. stamps of the No. wmk. and
CC issues. The perforated Crown and
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sheets with the various printings and
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ties of double embossing were shown in
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Diploma.—A. H. Lamborn; Hungary
20th century.

A very complete collection with all the
rarities and remarkable for the skilful
manner in which it had been written up.
The stamps were all well selected and
were in the most perfect condition.

Among the other exhibits were:—
Confederate States, C. F. Gehrman.
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The attendance of members and their
friends was very large and both rooms
of the Club were uncomfortably crowded.

Evidently these competitions are very
popular and it is hoped the governors
will arrange another one before the close
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LETTERS FOR SHANGHAI, CHINA

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

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—Here is Mr. B. L. Sterner's idea: "The 'Add-a-pearl' plan has been adopted by me in collecting and when I cut a corner in my general expenses I use the money to buy a gem for my album. Maybe the high-priced jewellers do not like this (ha, ha), but my stamps are my string of pearls." Snappy stuff.

—The editor of the *Gossip* is a cautious chap. He says that he could not afford to take a trip to Bermuda; neither could we.

—Make way for Mr. Gilbert M. Burr, Meshoppen, Pa.: "I note in the WEEKLY of February 4th, your editorial on the proposed stamp to commemorate the coming international exhibition in Philadelphia in '26. I sincerely believe it will be a deplorable act if this is carried out, because how many collectors, like myself, gave up the collecting of foreign stamps when these countries began the issuing of a new stamp, or set of stamps, with almost every change of wind. The recently issued Harding Memorial, imperforate, has a strong inclination in that direction and do not let us follow it up with something worse. Confine commemorations of this kind to postmarks which will not cause criticism."

—Here is the winning entry in the contest for the celluloid toothpick for the most crying act of generosity perpetrated by a stamp dealer who, with characteristic modesty, wants his name writ in water: "A customer came in yesterday and said that I promised some years ago when he bought a five-cent 1847 from me for five bucks to give him as much if I ever wanted to sell it. The stamp was a fine one and I said that I would not give him five dollars, but seven dollars. Does it spoil the story when I say that I sold the stamp at once for twelve iron men?"

—A subscriber asks if he is not entitled to some kind of prize, as when he read a paper at the stamp club meeting the other night, one of the members went to sleep and announced that fact with a snore. We should like the words for a philatelic lullaby.

—"I saw Joseph Schildkraut in the 'Highwayman,' and as you said, he

voiced the stamp sentiment that you described recently. When he uttered the words, I gave the young lady who was with me a dig in the ribs with my elbow in my glee, whereupon the atmosphere became colder, and it has been below zero ever since," writes a young man whose confession is respected.

—A writer in an esteemed contemporary begins his article: "Does something seem to be missing when you look at your stamp collection?" We have always advised that when a collector showed his stamps he should keep a strict watch on them.

—Here is a clever piece of suggestion, adopted by a collector who felt that another collector had owed him the money long enough. He sent a postage due stamp, on the back of which he indited the living words: "When this you see, remember me." The point is that he got the dollar that was owed him.

—We have recently organized a stamp club in Princeton (Ill.), which meets in our office every other Saturday. We have ten members and they are all live wires, too. At present we are having reports on different parts of "The Boy's Book of Stamp Collecting," by D. B. Armstrong. We also have a puzzle contest consisting of questions on Scott's, with the view of teaching the younger boys to study their stamps. We would be delighted to send copies of our questions to any other stamp club upon receipt of postage. Then, too, we have our auction sales where the boys (and others) donate duplicates, the money going into our treasury. The prices realized at these sales is astonishing. If there is any other way in which we can be of help to other stamp clubs, we will be only too glad to do so if they will address this office.—W. W. ANDERSON & Co., 324 Elm Pl., Princeton, Ill.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Brown and Miss Barbara Brown are sailing from New York next Tuesday (26th) on Steamer Megantic for 30-day trip to the West Indies. The itinerary includes Panama, Canal Zone, Venezuela, Trinidad, Martinique and other West Indies.

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—Following are the new officers of the Allentown (Pa.) Philatelic Society: President, Wm. J. Schwarz; Vice Pres.,

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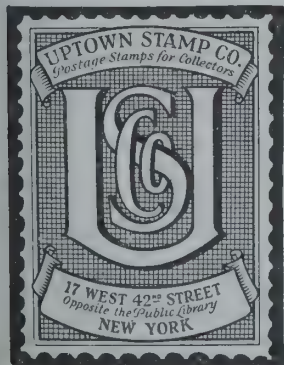
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The letters that come on the subject
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 while almost without exception in favor
 of the proposal include several that speak
 in clarion tones against it. In fact, the
 dissenters seem to feel more strongly
 against the issue than the proponents of
 it do for it; and if a compromise is not
 effected it would be folly to pursue the
 subject to the length of attracting notice
 officially. While differences of opinion
 properly may be aired between our-
 selves, we must present a unified front
 to the outsider. The gist of the argu-
 ment for the stamp, aside from any con-
 siderations of benefit from advertising
 for philately in an impressive way, is
 that no tradition would be shattered by
 a special stamp, and that furthermore,
 the tendency has been to accept issues of
 the kind as commemorative stamps. While
 it is a far cry perhaps from celebrating
 Fulton's "Rocket" by a stamp and Phil-
 adelphia's Exhibition in the same way,
 many philatelists think that their pursuit
 is worthy of this recognition. The ques-
 tion must be threshed out now and it is
 evident that the topic is one that is con-
 ductive to expression of opinion on both
 sides.

Just how the subject of the special
 stamp will be disposed of remains to be
 seen but regardless of any decision that
 may be arrived at, the discussion is worth
 while. Sentiment enters largely into the
 composition of the philatelist and we
 have no right to trample upon it. A con-
 viction that it is demoralizing to ask for
 a stamp that would be alleged to be
 speculative is warrant enough for oppos-
 ing it. If, on the contrary, such a stamp
 would be deemed a deserved tribute to
 philately with resulting great benefit to
 it in an advertising sense, partisans of
 the stamp may encourage the movement.
 Of course, we do not delude ourselves
 that even if it were the unanimous wish
 of collectors that a stamp be prayed for,
 it will be forthcoming. Then the fight
 will have just begun; and at best, it is
 debatable just what the decision of the
 department would be. If correspondents
 will continue to give their reasons for
 taking sides on the question, a new angle
 will be presented, perhaps that will
 smooth the way for action in unison;
 and at any rate, we may always fall
 back upon the idea of a special philatelic
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 tion for precancelled Harding stamps,
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 up to the present it had not precancelled
 any of these stamps and was averse to
 overprinting the memorial stamps. The
 Harding stamps are to serve a special
 purpose and the ordinary two cent
 stamps could well take the place of the
 mourning stamps, it was intimated.
 Further, it was said that the black stamp
 did not show up the printing as plainly
 as could be desired.

An inquiry signed by Professor Ar-
 nold J. Wilson, Chicago, asks for
 authoritative information on the subject
 on the first stamp dealer in America.
 He "wants to be sure of his ground" as
 he wishes to quote the date. We can
 only answer the question by quoting
 from J. W. Scott's *American Journal of*
Philately, 1868, as follows: "It is now
 eight years since obliterated postage
 stamps first became an article of mer-
 chandise in the United States, and from
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 science to the present day, we have no-
 ticed a continued increase in the number
 and ability of its followers. We recollect
 seeing for the first time, in the fall of
 1860, a poor man standing at the end
 of the City Hall Park with a hun-
 dred or so foreign stamps nailed (!) to
 a board for sale (how any philatelist
 would be horrified by the sight now).
 These were all sold at the uniform rate
 of five cents each, the proprietor not hav-
 ing the slightest idea of the comparative
 scarcity of the different varieties. The
 rapid sale of the specimens exposed to
 view soon induced other parties to en-
 gage in the same money-making busi-
 ness, till a reaction was thus brought
 about; this, however, was caused equally
 by the excitement attending the breaking
 out of the rebellion." Thus it will be
 seen that the commercial beginnings were
 somewhat vague and undefined and the
 dealer "exclusively in stamps" was a
 later development. It is safe to say that
 the first public vendor came into notice
 late in 1860 and from that time on, stamp
 dealers flourished, in their small way.
 The civil war put something of a crimp
 in the business as was natural, but the
 seeds were in fertile ground and soon
 shot forth. John Walter Scott as an in-
 dividual did more to make stamp deal-
 ing a systematized and recognized busi-
 ness in this country in the early days
 than all of the other dealers combined,
 and as a dealer on a relatively large
 scale, he deserves the credit of being one
 of the first real dealers.

From Mr. Al Burns, Terre Haute, In-
 diana, we have heard of the death of
 Herman Kupper, A. P. S., No. 6435, 135
 Sampson Street, Garfield, N. J., about
 the first of February of this year. Mr.
 Burns writes: "He had been confined
 to his bed with rheumatism for the last

seven years, unable to use any part of
 his body except his hands. He came to
 this country from Switzerland and about
 three years ago he began to develop a
 small business in stamps with the large
 collection he had accumulated in past
 years. His death was caused by a stroke
 of paralysis. He was interested prin-
 cipally in British, French colonials and
 precancelled." The case of Mr. Kupper
 was an unusual one and, sorely inca-
 pacitated as he was, he turned to his
 stamps as a means for support after he
 had derived so much satisfaction in col-
 lecting them. They proved to be a staff
 to him and in a sense he was sustained
 by them to the end.

Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack, Lakewood,
 New Jersey, whose great work, "Vic-
 toria: The Half Length Portraits and
 the Two Pence Queen Enthroned" made
 its appearance, with the imprimatur of
 the Collectors Club, New York, has just
 been elected an honorary member of the
Sociedad Filatelica Argentina of Buenos
 Aires. Mr. Pack, too, was awarded the
 new medal of the Collectors Club; and
 these honors coming on top of the Lord
 Crawford medal make Mr. Pack feel
 very grateful.

Self-imposed tasks for the perform-
 ance of which there is no immediate re-
 ward require no little determination to
 follow through but if the average phil-
 atelist will take it upon himself to "sell"
 at least one outsider the philatelic idea
 during the week, month or year, the
 advantageous results will be helpful to
 all of us. A suggestion has come from
 Clarence Goodings of New York, a boy
 scout, that each collector should resolve
 to get "at least one convert to stamp
 collecting" during the next twenty-four
 hours. Good boy, Clarence, and if your
 speed is somewhat swift, we shall try
 to act on your idea.

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 licity given to its warning that letter
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A correspondent asks: "What have we to regulate the price of a shifted transfer? Scott gives no value on them and I have seen none advertised." In this respect, the correspondent if taken literally, is mistaken. Scott does price some of the shifted transfers on early U. S. I believe that the correspondent in question has in mind the shifted transfers on the two cent red brown, 1882, inasmuch as the rest of his letter refers to this stamp.

It would be difficult for this department to set a valuation on any particular varieties of this kind, that being the function of the cataloguer. However, a few general remarks may not be amiss. There are shifted transfers and shifted transfers, especially on the issues of 1870-71, 1873, 1879, etc. Some are great and some are small. The editor has not his catalogue at hand at this writing, but if his memory serves him correctly Scott's valuation of a shifted transfer on the one cent 1873, is \$4. There are quite a wide range of shifted transfers to be found on this stamp. In some the shift shows plainly as lines of color in white spaces of the design where no lines are supposed to be. For example, in some varieties the letters will be found partially doubled, extra lines showing in the white part of the letters. In others, lines of the design will be found partly doubled so that extra lines show in the white spaces, for example, of the ornaments at top or bottom, or at the sides. In one example the little trio of pearls at one side of the oval containing Franklin's portrait is so doubled that there seems to be an extra pearl at the top, showing against the lines of the background. These, in the opinion of the writer, are major shifts and are what the cataloguer means when he puts a list price of \$4 on them.

However, as has been said there is

quite a variety of these—at least 20-25 in this issue alone to the knowledge of the writer—and some are much scarcer than others. This being the case it would seem that the catalogue price would apply only to those varieties which are commonest and that the scarcer ones should bring a nice premium over catalogue price. For example, if a certain shift happened in one stamp out of 200 subjects on a certain plate that was only used for a few days or a few weeks copies of this shift would be rare compared with a shifted variety occurring on a plate in use a year or two.

But here again values are regulated by demand. Only the bred-in-the-bone specialist goes in for collecting more than one variety of a shifted transfer on a certain stamp. Therefore, the demand existing for the more rare shifts is weak. In other words, almost any good example of a shift on a particular stamp will do for the majority of specialists and having filled that space the collector is not seeking further copies. So, while the scarcer examples undoubtedly should bring a premium above catalogue, the increase would not be nearly in the same proportion as would be the increase on certain varieties of blue, green or red cancellations, for example.

Now there is another class of shifted transfers which must have consideration. These the writer classifies as minor shifts. These are cases where the lines of the background of the stamp are doubled or shifted in certain places. In the one cent blue, 1870-71, 1873 and 1879, these background shifts occur at various locations on the stamp but most frequently in the lower right hand corner. Another case of minor shift is where there is a doubling of the lines showing in some of the white parts of ornaments or letters but the doubling is so slight that it is scarcely perceptible. These the writer also classes as minor shifts. Chances are that the cataloguer does not mean these shifts when he fixes the price at \$4 on the one cent, 1873, for example, for being so minor they naturally would escape the eye of anyone except an observing and thorough going specialist and it is necessary for one to have studied the subject for some time before he can recognize them at all. In other words the eye must have become

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so familiar with the entire design of the stamp that it instantly takes in any variation from the normal or most of these minor shifts would be passed up. Minor shifts happen to be much commoner than the full-fledged variety and for these two reasons, while they have a substantial philatelic value, would not command nearly as high a price as the pronounced ones. In the opinion of the writer a minor shift of this nature would be worth about one-fourth the price of a major shift.

Prof. Frank E. Robbins, 819 South State Street, Ann Arbor, Mich., shows copies of the two-cent red brown, 1883, and two-cent green, 1887, showing guide dots at the left and completely outside the design. Also copy of the two-cent green with guide dot merging into the design at the extreme left just about on a level with Washington's chin. He says these dots are quite common and come about one in each 8 or 10 stamps.

C. C. Fisher, instructor in machine design at Cornell University, submits some examples of double perforations on the three-cent 1861, double perforations showing at both bottom and top. Double perforations, due to the carelessness of those who operated the perforating machines, are always interesting and have a legitimate place in the specialist's collection. They are not by any means common, either.

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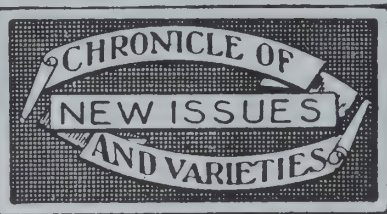
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Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.
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UNITED STATES.—1922-23, 2c Carmine, Imperforate Vertically.—Dr. Warren L. Babcock has shown me a further variety of the new 1922-23 series of unusual interest, namely, the 2c carmine, portrait of Washington, imperforated vertically and perforated 11 horizontally on the usual unwatermarked paper. The variety comes from a right pane of sheet 14689. I cannot say if it is the upper or lower pane, as the piece shown me consists of two horizontal rows of ten, forming a block of twenty with the plate number on the right margin. The block in question has been partially blue penciled, the method used by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing to indicate that the pane should be removed by the inspector and scrapped.

In submitting the block, Dr. Babcock writes:—"This is part of a sheet of which only fifty stamps were preserved. It was noticed to be defective by the Postmaster of an up-state Michigan town." It was to have been returned to Washington but was fortunately located before it left for the return trip.

1922-23, 2c carmine, Portrait of Washington
Imperforate vertically.

Collectors should watch their Post Offices carefully, for this is the second variety of this kind that has recently come to light in the way of part-perforated stamps, the 10c orange, portrait of Monroe, having been recently chronicled. It has been surprising that even more oddities do not escape the vigilant attention of the Bureau inspectors, who must go over millions of stamps monthly. They are certainly to be congratulated in allowing so few errors to get through.

Harding Memorial Stamp.—Mr. C. J. West has shown me a block of the 2c Harding Memorial stamp perforated 11, wherein one has a little dash in the upper part of the left figure "2". Mr. West states that he has examined a number of sheets from plate No. 14857 and finds this variety constant.

Mr. D. C. Sprague writes that he has found a pane of the 2c Harding, perforated 10, with double print. We have not seen this variety and therefore cannot definitely state as to whether it is a double print or an over-inked impression. We hope to have more details regarding the variety later.

Wilson Memorial Stamp.—In further reference to proposed Wilson Memorial stamp, I am in receipt of a communication from the Third Assistant Postmaster General under date of February 6th wherein he states that the Department thanks me for the suggestion and assures me that it will receive their careful consideration. As I have heard nothing further regarding the matter, I am under the impression that they will not act favorably upon the suggestion, and that we will not have such a variety to add to our collection.

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For your information, I came into possession of a nice block of four of the new 5-cents cigarette tax stamp, first issue; you had mention of seeing these stamps, some months ago, but not the recent one. They have since reprinted the design of these stamps and I haven't seen the new 5c."

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—Mr. Emil J. Hall sends us the 15c rose, airplane stamp, that has recently been issued. In the center of the stamp is a view of the airplane flying over the native country and at the left are the words "Servicio de," at the top "Transportes Aereos," while at the right "En Colombia." The figures of value are in each lower corner with "Centavos" between and just above "S.C.A.D.T.A."

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS.—A new denomination, viz., 1½d red, will shortly be on issue here, a supply having already been despatched by the Crown Agents for the Colonies. Plate 11, Wmk. Script A, 1½d red.

The 10s green and red on emerald script CA, and £1 purple and black on red, old wmk., have also been despatched, both being from Plate 11.—Stamp Collecting.

HUNGARY.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 2kr green in the design of A13 with the surcharge "Porto 30 Korona". Also, the same stamp has been overprinted "1000" and "2000" with the same words as before mentioned. All the surcharges are in red.

ITALY.—The new provisional, 7½c on 5c, is intended for use on printed matter. We are to have another commemorative issue very soon, and this is to consist of six values (10, 15, 30, 50c, and 5l) printed in two colours and the subjects of the lower values are to be taken from "I Promessi Sposi," the novel which spread Manzoni's name over Europe. On the 1l value the birthplace of the writer will figure and his portrait will adorn the 5l denomination. Alessandro Manzoni was born in 1780 Milan, became a Senator of the kingdom of Italy in 1860, and died in 1873.

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JUGO-SLAVIA.—Another belated War issue is announced from here, a 10p stamp overprinted "O.R.I.", having the value of 1di and sold at double face for the benefit of the war invalids. The design is after a well-known picture depicting the first Serbian hospital, and the overprint represents "Society of Wounded Invalids" (Ouprava Ratnih Invalida).—*Philatelic Magazine*.

KELANTAN.—We are indebted to Mr. R. Roberts for a copy of the \$1 green and brown on script watermarked paper.

MONACO.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us a new set of two values. They are 10c green of the design of A9 and 40c yellow brown picturing the railway bridge at Monte Carlo and the Church of St. Devote beyond the arches.

PERSIA.—A new series of nineteen values, depicting rulers of Persia and Mosques, all in two colours with borders in gold, is now current.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

POLAND.—We have received the following information from Messrs. Bright & Son: "On looking through a parcel of about 600 used copies of the 10,000 on 25 mark Polish, we have discovered a copy with a very clear double overprint. These Polish Provisionals seem to be very carefully printed and this we should think is something in the nature of a rarity. It has evidently passed through the office with others and was not noticed."

SWEDEN.—Mr. R. Roberts has called to our attention the 30 ore blue, which has been issued imperforate x perf. 10.

STAMP NEWS IN BRIEF.

Colombia.—A correspondent kindly sends us a cutting which states that, in view of the possible abuses arising from the employment of the often badly printed and otherwise defective "Provisional" stamps which have been in use of recent years, and the fact that offices are now once more supplied with stamps of English manufacture, all the "Provisional" stamps will be definitely withdrawn from circulation on January 1st, 1924. The dies from which the stamps have been produced are to be destroyed under direction of the Administrator of the National Lithographic Works, in the presence of two witnesses.

All post-offices are to be provided with suitable indelible ink for post-marking, in order to stop the practice of cleaning used stamps.

Germany.—In sending us the 20 milliards stamp in the definite type, Mr. R. Roberts states that it had a franking value of four times its face value, being sold to the public at 80 milliards. The new series listed this month, with values indicated in gold pfennig, will probably have the effect of stopping the rush of new issues from Germany, and we should soon be able to see which of the recent issues are going to be good. No doubt there will be a definite "gold pfennig" series in due course, as the present makeshift method of using one basic design and overprinting it with the required value is hardly likely to be continued.

Letland.—The "War Invalid" stamps issued on November 10th, were sold at a premium of 10s and will be current for one year (when, no doubt, they will be replaced by another Charity set). 200,000 sets were printed, and we hope that the collectors of real stamps will leave them for the charitably-minded Latvians to purchase. Mr. George Jaeger kindly gives us information about these stamps.

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—Some of our readers are so curious. Mr. L. M. Morse wants to know when stamp hinges were first used. It is hard to say, but among the old albums among our books, we find in the third edition of H. Stafford Smith's Permanent Album, published about 1875, the hinge remains of the stamps that were taken out. This, despite the fact that in the preface we read that "collectors are urged to gum only a portion of the stamps when fixing them in this album."

—From Mr. C. O. Selander, 837 Locust Street, Denver, Colorado, we have received the following letter and, in passing, we may say that Mr. Selander's case has been referred to us as one that has been authenticated: "Six years with tuberculosis spent chasing the cure. My best pastime and hobby is a small stamp collection which grows all too slowly. Stamp collecting is a wonderful sedative to a worried mind and I can pass a great deal of time entertaining myself with them, if only I have the stamps to work with. Would it be against your ethics to give me a few lines in your weekly telling of my disability and hobby, broadcasting the announcement that any duplicates collectors could send to me would be very, very welcome?"

—"I suppose that you are justified in saying that if U. S. are too high, collect foreign that may be had more reasonably, but, noticing that many of the big fellows stop at 1890, I began my U. S. collection

with that issue. I want to say that I have been able to get almost all the issues from that date on in superb used condition, and it is some job to get them, I tell you. Soon, certain of these stamps will rank with the scarcities, judging from my experience." Sensible words, Mr. Morgan, as we are apt to ignore what seems to be close at hand.

—An error occurred in the advertisement of the Daoust Stamp Co. Feb. 4. The manager writes us that in pricing Canada Scott's No. 25 at 25c a mistake was made, the correct price being 75c, with ten copies at \$6. We hope this correction will give the firm even more patronage than had it appeared correctly in the original advertisement.

—The latest house organ is the *Hia-watha Philatelist*, published by the Hia-watha Stamp Shop, Syracuse, N. Y. It is a neatly printed leaflet of eight pages and will be sent anyone upon request.

—The Brooklyn Stamp Club now meets at 123 Schermerhorn St. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The next meeting will be Feb. 27.

—J. C. B.—We do not have the name of Mr. Robbins on our mail list. This in reply to your post card communication to this office.

—Parties are inquiring concerning Heang & Chang of Penang, Straits Settlements. We can only say that there is no good word we can offer concerning the operations of this firm. Various collectors have been victimized and up to this time no redress has been possible.

—Word reaches us through P. M. Wolsieffer of the death of Herman Kupper, Garfield, N. J. It will be remembered that we recently solicited help for Mr. Kupper, who had been the victim of a robbery of his stamp treasures. His death was due to a stroke of paralysis.

—H. F. Colman has just issued a neatly printed price-list of U. S. and British Colonial stamps, also accessories. A copy will be sent on request. Address Second National Bank Bldg., Washington, D. C.

—Jos. Gallant, Hempstead, N. Y., has been appointed General Manager of the Weko for all countries except Europe. Mr. Gallant will be in charge of all Weko affairs and will appoint all state representatives and secretaries in the near future. There will be only two headquarters of Weko, Europe in Endorf, Upper Bavaria, and for all other countries in Hempstead, N. Y.

—Briggs, the artist, with the soul of a stamp collector, wonders what a special delivery stamp thinks of in his series of pictures the other day.

—We loaned a cover with a fifteen cent black Lincoln on it for exhibition purposes in a neighbor's store window on Lincoln's birthday, and many a passer-by stopped to look at the envelope in its frame and the card of explanation.

—"My, how long you let the nail grow on your index finger," said we to a caller, who replied, "Yes, I use the nail to turn over stamps when I want to see their backs."

—A counterfeit of the 90 cent, 1869, inverted center, was shown us recently, and we will say that at least the stamp was engraved. The forger aimed too high when he shot at a stamp that does not exist.

—"Stamps are not so bad," says a collector who put some money in them in the days of "easy come." A real estate man has just taken the collection as a cash payment on a piece of real estate.

—From Topeka, Kansas, a subscriber sends a clipping from the *Capital*, Senator Capper's newspaper:

"News that the United States, along with several other countries, has abandoned its post-office in Shanghai, China, didn't create much of a ripple in Topeka except in one small circle, and there it started things moving quickly.

For many years the United States and several foreign governments have maintained their own postal services in Shanghai because the Chinese system was inadequate and unreliable. The withdrawal of the foreign post-offices is tantamount

to a declaration of faith in the Chinese Government and all it works. This was mildly interesting to most Topekans—vastly so to about 40 or 50 of them—philatelists.

The average reader of the news dismissed the closing of the Shanghai post-office without a second thought. But the stamp collectors leaped into action.

They commenced to order from the postal department at Washington, complete sets of the stamps that had been used and sold in the Shanghai office. A complete set of the stamps costs \$2.86 and some of the collectors ordered as many as 10 sets. Rare stamps are queer things. As a rule it is their defects or their uselessness that makes them valuable. Hence the scramble for the Shanghai stamps which are now out of date.

Ernest A. Smith, one of Topeka's leading collectors, whose vocation is carrying mail in the postal service and whose avocation is picking up rare stamps, says the office in Washington thru which stamps are sold to the collectors, was swamped almost immediately with 2,200 orders for the Shanghai stamps and soon was two months behind in getting them out.

The Shanghai stamps are regulation United States stamps except that they are 'overprinted' with the word 'Shanghai' and their denominations are raised to double their value in the United States.

When the Harding memorial stamps were issued, according to Smith, the government didn't issue any 'imperforate' stamps—being stamps without the perforations between them that permit them to be easily torn apart. For some reason a collector thinks far more of an 'imperforate stamp' than of the common variety with the little perforations between them. The philatelists besieged the postal department with requests for the printing of an 'imperforate edition,' and the government yielded to their request.

There is an office of the department in Washington which does nothing but fill the orders of collectors thruout the

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A dozen or more members of the Buffalo Club made the trip to Lockport. As soon as they were seated in the trolley car, it being too cold a night to go by auto, the fun began and more than one sale was made on the way down to the mystification of other passengers who could not understand why men should be exchanging perfectly good dollar bills for colored bits of paper.

Arriving at Mr. Hoover's home the company was delightfully received by the host and his charming wife and daughter. Shortly the club members retired to Mr. Hoover's den and there in the midst of stamps, rare old books and mementos of hunting and fishing expeditions was spent one of those rare evenings that always live in memory.

Mr. Hoover's collection of covers housed in two enormous albums was a center of interest. When the Buffalo men began to happen onto pages of five and ten cent forty-sevens on cover, whole sections devoted to the three cent 51-57 and the like they expressed their appreciation with many an exclamation of delight. Such items as a beautiful "Paid" in red paint on the ten cent forty-seven, railroads on the three cent 51, blocks of four of some of the earlier issues, 24 cent, 1870-71, on cover and the like were well worth looking at. His covers include a profusion of Northern New York cancellations on the three cent 51 and other earlier issues, most of these coming from finds which he personally made in the Adirondacks and anyone knows how interesting such items are.

One of his cover collections consists solely of covers used before stamps and these are exceedingly interesting, including as they do a large number of railroads, steamboats and other valuable early cancellations.

Mr. Hoover has also a very fine collection of stamps off cover housed in two large U. S. albums and these contain many rare items, including several blocks, one of them a block of six of the 24-cent 1869. There are also a number

of other albums housing specialized collections of U. S. stamps and it may be mentioned here that his collections of one, two and three cent, 1870 to 1882, inclusive, are very large and include a host of desirable items. For example, Mr. Hoover has a pair of three cent greens with the famous gin barrel cancellation in blue that would make many a collector envious. There is a delightful profusion of red and other colored cancellations.

There were many other nice things which Mr. Hoover showed to the Buffalo collectors. In fact, they were literally too numerous to summarize in such a brief item as this. Colonel Atwater of Lockport was also present and showed some of his interesting things.

Mr. Hoover insisted that the Buffalo Club hold its regular business session and auction, so these things were taken up in their regular order. The auction was brief but interesting, one of the nice things changing hands being a fine copy of the one cent 51, showing a minor plate variety and a fine New England town cancellation on the stamp and cover. The piece brought a price of \$5. Several lots of the three cent 51-57 and 61 on cover were sold and the ruling prices were fair, although governed by average condition of the lots.

Later in the evening refreshments were served and at the dinner table the subject of finds came up. Many an interesting tale was told but Mr. Hoover capped the climax when he told the story of how he personally found the only Lockport provisional that exists, the one that Mr. Hinds of Utica now owns and which for years reposed in the Ferrary collection.

Plans have been made for a joint meeting of the Buffalo Collectors Club and the Bison City Stamp Club at the Buffalo Y. M. C. A., at which time Mr. MacLaren of Cleveland will exhibit his wonderful collection of covers and tell his experiences in making finds.

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Here is an advertising story. But it is also a stamp story and a rip-roaring good one.

It was told to me by W. W. MacLaren, of Cleveland, of whom almost every collector has heard, while we sat at dinner in the Hotel Statler in Buffalo one night recently and later Mr. MacLaren gave the members of the Bison City Stamp Club and the Buffalo Collectors Club who gathered at the Y. M. C. A. to examine his excellent collection a résumé of the many things we discussed over the evening meal.

There were several of us who had the honor of discussing stamps with MacLaren at the Statler earlier in the evening, Doc Fisher, Harry Flierl, Harry Klotzbach, Adolph Steeg, George Graham and it is safe to say that we converted a couple of ordinary waiters and at least one head waiter to the gentle art of philately.

Naturally, everyone leaned on the words of MacLaren, the man who has proved that nice finds of good old stamps can still be made at original sources by any collector who has the ingenuity to devise a means of getting at them, and at an expense that is not too excessive, considering the results and the fun there is in it.

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Mr. MacLaren began to collect stamps when he was seven years old. At that time he and a boy chum got together a few stamps and pasted them in a book. At the end of a year they had 150 stamps. Then they decided to split the partnership and one of the mothers suggested that they draw lots and then take alternate stamps for their own. Young MacLaren drew first pick and he took a red Austrian stamp as his first choice. His chum took a German. The red

Austrian is still on hand and occupies the premier place in MacLaren's collection of today.

The present MacLaren collection was started ten years ago. It originally was a general collection. Four years ago MacLaren, while on a fishing trip, got to thinking about his stamps and the demands the collection made upon his limited time. He had built up a large general collection and had reached a point where if he was to go further he would have to spend a lot of time and money without any hopes of ever forming anything like a complete or very satisfactory collection.

He had always liked U. S. stamps particularly well and especially U. S. on original covers but this was a field (the early issues, we are speaking of) which neither his time nor his funds permitted him entering to any great extent. To make original finds of old U. S. covers and keep making them usually requires that the collector has not only money but days and weeks at a time to spend browsing about the country. Finally MacLaren worked out his plan.

In the first place he decided to get rid of such parts of his collection as he no longer needed under his new plan, and collect U. S. covers to 1869, U. S. off cover to a later date and a few others. He decided to try to secure original finds by advertising in small town newspapers.

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about supper time. "Come right in and you can look at the stamps while I get supper for my husband," the lady told him. He was ushered into the kitchen and she brought in a small nail keg and laid a fresh newspaper on the floor in front of him. "There are the stamps," she said, "you can dump them out and if you find anything you want, you give me whatever it is worth." Mr. MacLaren poured out the contents of the keg onto the newspaper. There was a pair of old shoes, some old clothing, a rusty horseshoe (which he took for a sign of good luck in his endeavor, and half a dozen dirty envelopes with soiled and damaged three cent greens on them. The keg had been in the woodshed and water from a leaky roof had drained on it so that any stamps there might have been would probably have been spoiled anyway.

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That started things going. Since that he has made many remarkable finds, a larger number of ordinary finds and some that were not so good. For example, one early lead led to a find of thousands of fine old covers running back to the days before stamps were used and continuing to about 1869 in the Eastern part of New York State. He has made some nice finds in New England, in Pennsylvania, middle western and southern states. He has browsed about here and there through the magic medium of his newspaper advertising and has taken his stamps as he has found them with the result that he has built up a really remarkable collection of old covers and old stamps and has done it within his limited means.

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The advertising brings MacLaren an enormous lot of replies and his experience shows that he doesn't get stamps out of more than one in every ten who write in. Offers come to him of guns, old curios, old books, etc., and one old lady wrote him that she would sell an old paisley shawl. Some people write: "I have some old stamps of the 1902 issue. What will you give for them?" But he answers each and every letter

carefully and courteously, whether he finds any stamps or not. It pays.

One old lady wrote in that she had no old stamps but she sent him three old newspapers. They were really old newspapers and MacLaren enjoyed looking at them and showing them to some of the newspaper men with whom he worked. Then he registered them back to the sender and wrote her an appreciative letter, "If you ever find any old stamps before 1870," he said, "send them to me. I will buy one or a thousand."

A few months later this old lady sent him a single three cent 1851 cover. It bore the very rare New York City 1853 date that was used for twelve days and then discontinued, no more being dated out of that post-office until 1855. This is one of the prize covers in his collection.

Many a time, by being nice to people who apparently show by their first letters that they have nothing, MacLaren makes finds in the end. Some of these turn into stamp hunters for him and go about among their friends looking for old stamps. In most of the cases where Mr. MacLaren has made finds and bought the stamps his first letter has not completed the deal. He usually has to conduct quite a correspondence with each person and use all the known arts of business letter writing in order to overcome the natural aversion of the average non-philatelic person to sending old covers away to a stranger.

When he makes a purchase in a certain locality, MacLaren uses the name of the seller as reference and this often helps him establish himself with other people in the vicinity. Some of the people he buys from can be induced to write to others nearby and help establish Mr. MacLaren's credit in distant points.

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There were hundreds of others worth describing but the space of this article does not permit further descriptions. In this case it seemed to me that MacLaren's methods of making old finds and his experiences were of sufficient interest in themselves to form the basis of a real advertising-stamp story and, as I mentioned in the beginning, that is what I have written.

Since MacLaren was in Buffalo on that memorable evening a week or so ago I have heard at least a dozen of the fellows speak appreciatively of the pleasure his visit gave them. It was great stuff and we all give the Cleveland stamp hunter a rising vote of thanks.

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M. & M. ADDENDA.

By CHRIS WEST.

P. T. Ives.

Mr. Franklin S. Smith, who has been interested in U. S. revenue stamps for half a century, has kindly called the writer's attention to two of the P. T. Ives overprints, of which mention has not been made elsewhere. These are the 1c and 5c Proprietary stamps of the first issue bearing printed cancellation in three lines similar to others noted. On the 1c stamp the overprint reads P. T. I.—Aug—1865 and on the 5c stamp the overprint reads P. T. I.—July—1866.

Charles S. Hale.

Most of the known copies of this stamp do not appear to have been used, but in the Castle collection there was a copy in the condition one would expect to find if used on a box of matches. This is the only cancelled copy the writer has seen. The printed cancellation or surcharge is in black type and reads as follows:—

G. & H.
Nov.
30th,
1877.

If the overprint is genuine and the date of first issue, viz., December, 1877, as given in the Boston Book, is correct the cancellation must have been predated. No information regarding what the initials of the overprint stand for is available. Perhaps they stand for Griggs & Hale, although there is no record of any such firm in the match business.

Akron Match Company.

The Deats collection contained a vertical pair of this stamp with printed cancellation reading downwards. On the upper stamp the "F" of "Feb." is nearly 3mm tall. On the lower stamp the letters of "FEB" are only 2mm tall. The figures "70" are also from different fonts of type. It would appear that the printing office in which this cancellation was set up did not have sufficient type of one font and therefore used type from two or more fonts in the "set up." The two different overprints noted therefore do not come from different printings, but are varieties of type used in the same printing.

Louisiana Match Manufacturing Company.

Lot No. 306, in the auction sale of Match and Medicine proofs, specimens and essays, catalogued by the J. W. Scott Co., which took place June 24-25, 1909, is described as follows:

"Louisiana Match Manufacturing Company. S. Frank, Agt., 1c black, die proof of frame. Unique and valuable."

From this description it appears that this die did not have the same lettering as on the well known Louisiana Match stamp which bears the name of L. Frank (Scott, No. 5183), "S. Frank, Agt." is quite evidently the Simon Frank, Agt. of the Louisiana Match Factory mentioned in the New Orleans Directory of 1876-77.

If the reader will turn to the article on the Louisiana Match stamp he will find quoted a note in Mr. Carpenter's engraving order book, which states "Frank's die was not approved by the Government during our contract. The

frame work only was executed and was transferred by us to our successors, the National Bank Note Company."

The die proof sold as lot, No. 306 was evidently the frame engraved by the Carpenter firm and the description indicates that this die may not have been used at all. The die used for the stamps was engraved by the National Bank Note Company and was No. 4267 of their dies. The inscription on the accepted design reads LOUISIANA—MATCHES and the initial of the proprietor is "L." Unfortunately all this still leaves us in the dark regarding the connection between L. Frank and Simon Frank.

B. O. Bowers.

After the dissolution of the firm of Bowers & Dunham of Cheshire, Connecticut, Mr. Bowers removed some of the machinery from the Rag Hollow factory to Plainfield, New Jersey, and for a short time operated a match factory in the latter city. The Diamond Match Company endeavored to prevent the operation of this factory, claiming that their patents on match making machinery were being infringed. Mr. Bowers would not admit that he was infringing, but maintained that the patents had expired. The controversy was finally settled by the Diamond Match company purchasing the Plainfield factory—lock, stock and barrel—at a price quite satisfactory to Mr. Bowers. The Plainfield factory was probably in operation only a few months, during the latter part of 1881 or possibly in the early part of 1882.

There is no definite information regarding what stamps were used there. Mr. Bowers' best recollection is that he had a new stamp, bearing a rooster as the principal feature of the design, but no such stamp, nor record of such a stamp, can be traced. The only rooster stamps that had then been recently in use were the stamp of Charles Busch which were last issued January 20, 1881, and the stamp of J. W. Eisenhart which was last issued May 16, 1881. Possibly one of these dies was transferred to Mr. Bowers. The writer has a vague recollection of seeing a die, or plate proof bearing a rooster and similar in design to the Busch stamp but inscribed B. O. Bowers, but has been unable to find or trace any such proof and is inclined to believe his memory is at fault.

For further data regarding B. O. Bowers the reader is referred to the firm of Bowers & Dunham in the article on the Rag Hollow match stamps.

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THE MATTER OF COMMEMORATIVES.

By CHARLES F. SCHELL, M.H.C.

At present there seems to be among the members of the fraternity a feeling that commemorative issues are all speculative, unnecessary, and highly undesirable. Why has such a feeling come to exist? Our analysis of this situation must carry us to the root of all evil; the price. In my opinion most of the animosity toward commemoratives is due to the fact that the pocket-book nerve is severely irritated by some of them. Completeness is the desire of the large majority of collectors. Consequently the appearance of a new commemorative issue calls for the outlay of cash. But, as we fairly lump all commems. together in our condemnation, or are there some which may be classed as desirable while others deserve to be branded as villains and pickpockets?

Is the thing that we object to, commemorative stamps, or is it really so-called, commemoratives? What is the true purpose of a commemorative stamp? It is generally supposed to be for the purpose of calling attention to some important event in history, or to some fair or exposition. Is this accomplished by the issue of a limited number of stamps which are on sale at the back window of the second branch of the post-office annex in some fourth rate city for the space of two hours on one day? Is this kind of thing that has soured many collectors against all commemorative issues.

To me it is a pleasure to add to my collection a small set of attractive labels which can be bought at the time of issue for a reasonable percentage over face and I begrudge no government the eight or ten cents that they receive for the stamps, but when the issue is limited and the postmaster-general buys up the entire stock for the purpose of stinging stamp collectors, I buck, and refuse to be interested in the issue at all. To summarize, I see no reason for any objection to any issue of stamps which is placed on sale to the general public in quantity sufficient for all who want to obtain the stamps at their face value provided that the face value of the stamps is not excessive.

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I am spending the winter at a quiet little harbor in Bermuda, between Hamilton and St. Georges, and Mr. Severn and Mr. Davenport, unknown to me, separately drove through. I regret very much not having had the chance to entertain them.

As a collector and trader in stamps for the past fifty-three years, I did not waste much time before starting for finds. To my surprise almost every family here has at sometime collected or gathered for dealers, and I have been able to purchase many good lots; but not No. 1a, 1865, imperforate one penny rose; that has been my special hunt. However, I uncovered a few of the scarce 1874 provisional surcharges and one of the three pence on one penny rose, the rarity.

Personally I have not been able to obtain much information at the Postmaster-General's office on the probable time of appearance of the higher values of Bermuda on the script paper; but in all probability some will be released soon. The 2½ penny apple green being in wrong color will be among the earliest changes.

I believe the reluctance to give out stamp information, is really only from wonder that an American tourist should wish to know their postal doings.

Hamilton is not at all equipped for the greatly increased postal business; but with the unfailing courtesy of the Bermudians, the attendants do everything they can to supply your wants.

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THE PRECANCELL REVIEW.

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New Issue Notes.—The Christmas season produced a quantity of new varieties, most of which are from offices new to the precancel collector. The old issues from these places are bound to be good owing to their short life and the limited quantity precancelled. Take Lisbon, N. Dak., for instance. The government furnished the postmaster at this small town with a handstamp to precancel a stock of stamps for the purpose of affixing them to packages in the busy holiday rush. As the stamps were previously cancelled, that labor was done away with at a great saving of time and a greater efficiency was created by the elimination of this task. There were 1917 issue stamps of the 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15 and 20 cent denominations on hand. Next Christmas when the handstamp will again be employed, these will have been replaced by the 1923 issue and it is readily seen that the 1917 stamps will be very scarce. This instance is representative of hundreds of others and the precancel collector who is wide awake in this transitional period is going to be well rewarded when the true scarcity of many of the present emissions is realized. The rush for Harding precancels should not obscure the judgment of the collector for many items of the 1912, 1914 and 1917 series are also very good from the investment standpoint.

The 8 cent Grant is attaining circulation. The past week (Jan. 21-28) has brought out Auburn and Brooklyn, N. Y., Mt. Morris, Ill., and Cape Girardeau, Mo., among others. The 6 cent Garfield has not yet appeared except in one lone instance. Nearly four months ago I ran across a copy bearing the New York staggered roller precancellation (Type IV). This roller is used by a large mail order house to precancel all stamps sent in remittances, so it is apparent that most anything can appear in and out of season. Sears-Roebuck in Chicago use a handstamp for the same purpose, as well as mail order houses in Seattle, Wash., Kansas City, Mo., St. Paul, Minn., and Portland, Ore. A bonafide cover belonging to a friend of mine has, together with 2 or 3 stamps of the 1917 series, a 30c Columbian issue. All

were precancelled by the Sears-Roebuck handstamp.

To date no office has precancelled the 9, 12, 30, 50 values and upward of the 1923 series. I shall appreciate readers calling to my attention the first cities to use them. A list of the first cities to precancel each denomination should interest one. To the best of my knowledge the following table is accurate:

1c Franklin,	Chicago, Ill.
2c Washington,	Chicago, Ill.
3c Lincoln,	Chicago, Ill.
4c Martha Washington,	New York City
5c Roosevelt,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
6c Garfield,	New York City
7c McKinley,	Milwaukee, Wisc.
8c Grant,	New York City
9c Madison,	
10c Monroe,	Chicago, Ill.
11c Hayes,	Torrington, Conn.
12c Cleveland,	
14c Chief Hollowhorn Bear,	New Brunswick, Conn.
15c Statue of Liberty,	Kansas City, Mo.
20c Golden Gate,	Chicago, Ill.
25c Niagara Falls,	Niagara Falls, N. Y.
2c Harding,	Van Buren, Ark.
10c Special Delivery,	East Orange, N. J.

Outstanding in the news for this week is the fact that Chicago which has used the U-1 electro for over 25 years, has been furnished a new plate of a distinctly different type. The letters of "CHICAGO" are spaced quite far apart while those in "ILLINOIS" are close together. Serif capitals may fittingly describe their general appearance. It may happen that the old plate will be discarded and if so, the 1923 series in the U-1 type will be worth saving.

Birmingham, Ala., Warren, Pa., and Waterloo, Iowa, are the latest additions to the 1 cent Bureau printings.

Alabama.—Cullman, Huntsville, and Russellville are using handstamped types. Cullman has two handstamps; one with the name in capitals and the other in caps and lower case letters. Huntsville formerly precancelled with the box roller, but in December, 1923, was furnished with what we know as the U-3 handstamp. Russellville are hard to secure. I have only seen the 3, 4, 10 and 20 cent values.

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cent and 20 cent is likewise a new town. The cancellation is handstamped in small letters. Helena has a plate of exactly the same style as its sister city in Montana. This is the U-1 electro, in precancel parlance. Some I have are 7, 8, 5, and 10, the latter two being the 1923 series.

Arizona.—When you find any from this state you can be sure of their desirability. Globe and Phoenix are the heaviest users but they are mighty hard to get. Tucson also issues a goodly number but as a rule they are so illegible that you can hardly tell when you get one.

California.—50 cent Gardena (U-7); 6, 8, 30 Glendale; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 of the 1923 series and Harding from Pasadena (handstamped in large letters); and 12 cent Yuma City are the newest to chronicle from the foremost state of the "Golden West."

Colorado.—Not much new except some more discoveries on the Pueblo multigraph precancels. They are a real study in themselves and worthy of attention by the precancel specialist. Delta

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has precancelled the 1 and 2 cent dues with a neat type; Grand Junction has been furnished an electro type similar to U-6. Dr. Mitchell informs me that he has the 1, 3, 6, 8, 12, 15, 20, 30 of the 1917 series and 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 20 up, 1923 series, bearing this new print.

Delaware.—Milford appears in the U-18 type, which is like that of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Ashley Le Duc submits a 1c 1923 with the following explanation: "Milford precancels only the 1 cent denomination for the Caulk Dental Co.'s use on monthly circulars. Your dentist friend can probably furnish you with one every month."

Mr. Le Duc also sends us news of Clayton, Delaware, issued as follows: "Yesterday (Jan. 10) I was in Clayton and visited the P. O. An obliging young lady showed me the stamps as they are kept ready for affixing to parcels. The various denominations all bore a red cancellation which produced a pretty effect. By some mixup in a recent order, the P. M. received 1 cent Pilgrim stamps instead of regular one centers and this was the only 1 cent variety on hand. As a rule the cancellations on the regular issues read up or down in about the same proportion, as no effort is made to print them all one way or the other. The handstamp precancels five at a time. I was unable to get figures on the amount of the issue but I understand they precancel odd lots as they need them. There is a school for colored children in Clayton which sends out a great number of circulars. These are franked with stamps that have been precancelled by a special plate furnished for that purpose. This is done right at

the school, according to the postmaster. The young lady assistant seemed quite puzzled when I told her that a certain group of people had a penchant for collecting precancelled stamps. However, she was most courteous which, coupled with the fact that her good looks almost induced me to forget I was married, made the visit a pleasant one indeed."

Miscellaneous.—Mr. Nils Ericson accords me the privilege of viewing a true precancel rarity. This came to him from a firm in Connellsville, Pa., during the regular course of business. A quadruple strike is what makes it a singular item and moreover when two overprints are in red ink and two in black, one takes a second look. All the impressions are clearly outlined. It's a "Hummer", to say the least.

Some new Hardings that have appeared are Britt, Ia. (Type set), Connorsville, Ind., Forest City, Ia., Reno, Nev., Independence, Mo., Mexico, Mo., Lisbon, N. D., Dazey, N. D., Devils Lake, N. D., Pasadena, Calif., and Raymond, Wash.

New Albany, Ind., Ogdensburg, N. Y., Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., and Marinette, Wisc., are now using U-18 on the 1917 and 1923 series.

Oklahoma City has been due for some time to appear with a new plate on account of the name being changed from plain "Oklahoma" to Oklahoma City. The new precancels are now out and an improvement over the previous ones.

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HOW TO TAKE PROPER CARE OF YOUR EYES.

By EDWARD S. KNAPP.

I noted in the November 26 issue of the WEEKLY an observation in the Editorial section by Mr. Charles J. Phillips, that one would benefit one's eyesight by the intensive study of stamps, rather than harm it, as many seem to believe, and I think a few words on the subject are not out of place.

I have a pair of eyes that would be termed by an oculist "normal," and this has to do with eyes that are normal, as I am citing my own experience.

A few years ago one October, I started to take a great interest in plating stamps and in the intensive study of their lines and general makeup, the study of which necessitates to the normal eye the use of a more or less powerful magnifying glass. I was studying the Confederate States lithographs, which are not as clearly defined as line engraved stamps and therefore presumably more of a strain on the eyes.

During that winter, and until late May of the next year I never left New York City, and every day I worked for at least three or four hours (frequently more) on this intensive study. It was "stamps," morning noon and often night. At first, I could work for long stretches at a time, but after a while I found that my eyes got "tired," after an hour or two, and around the first of May, I began to get headaches every time I worked more than an hour at a stretch. Anyone that has tried reconstruction and plating work knows how fascinating it is, so there is no use of asking me if I stopped when I found that my eyes were bothering me, I sure didn't—but, when I moved to the country on the first of June, my eyes hurt

me and I had headaches pretty constantly.

A friend of mine is a well known oculist, and I saw him one day in the country, just after I had moved down, and told him I guessed he would have a new patient and what I had been doing. I have never had a headache since that day, from eye strain. I gave up stamps for a month entirely, on his advice, but now I can work on them longer than I ever did. The "cure" is a very simple one, and for anyone who has normal eyesight, I believe is "positive."

I will try to explain it as it was explained to me in a little story my friend told me. No technical terms, as I do not know them myself.

The lens of the eye may be likened to any other lens (an opera-glass, for instance).

To see a long distance this is elongated.

To see a short distance, this is contracted.

To see a midway distance, would be somewhere between the two states mentioned.

If a person works his eyes at one and only of these distances, they gradually become "set" for that distance. The same as a man who works in a gymnasium, on any one exercise, and only one, gets muscle bound.

If, however, you work them at all three distances, you work all of the muscles and you strengthen them at all distances.

My friend had spent two years on a ranch in the West. He said he was especially impressed with the truly remarkable eyesight of the cowboys who worked on the ranch and there was no better example of why their eyesight was so good.

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me.

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month, don't look at even one,
through a glass. Play a lot of golf,
here you have to judge the dis-
tance of the shots and get some of the
shermen to take you out net fishing,
here they have to locate the schools of
sh at a distance. In a month your
eyes will be absolutely well, to do all
the close work you want with them.
Keep this in mind hereafter, and work
em at long distances, whenever you
can. Play billiards, in winter occasionally
keep them in shape at moderate dis-
tances, and you will never have any more
trouble with them."

Anyone who has normal eyes and
will follow this idea, can work inten-
sively on stamps and *do his eyesight*
good. Try it.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, 1923.
By HARRY E. HUBER.

After the combined King George and
Arms Type stamps were received at
Road Town, Tortola, in June, 1922, and
a stock issued to the Post Office, the
surplus lot was placed in the Treasury
vaults for safekeeping. In December,
1922, the Post Office needing supplies of
several values, the packages in the
Treasury vault were opened, only to
find that many sheets, especially of the
higher values, were stuck together, and
could not be separated. The 1s suffered
more than the other values, and practi-
cally the whole reserve stock had to be
destroyed. The few that were saved
exhausted in May, 1923; in the process
of separation, the surface of many of
these stamps was "skinned." In the
hands of the Crown Agents there was a
small miscellaneous lot of stamps of this
series, retained for sale to stamp dealers,
and these stamps were sent out to Tor-
tola pending dispatch of a further print-
ing of the 2d, 2 1/2d, 1s and 5s.

In the first printing of stamps of this
series, issued June 15, 1922, the 3d and
5s (on yellow), 1s (on green), and the
2s6d (on blue) alone were on paper
watermarked multiple Crown and Ro-
man CA. The 2s of Barbados' small
Seal series on blue script paper was issued
as far back as Nov. 14, 1921; yellow
script was first used for the 5c. Feder-
ated Malay States, issued March 1,
1922, and the first British Colonial to
be printed on green script was the 10s
of St. Kitts-Nevis Tercentenary series,
issued January 2, 1923, followed by the
4s of Dominica (double medallion series)
on March 1, 1923.

Received at Tortola early in August,
1923, the stamps of the second printing
were issued on September 1, at which
time they were also released to English
stamp dealers by the Crown Agents.
These were printed from the same key
(numbered 1) and duty plates as before,
but a marginal line had been added to
the latter, so that the sheets of 120 (2
panes of 60) have a double instead of a
single marginal line.

The 2d is in slate instead of gray of
the first printing, and the 2 1/2d is
changed from ultramarine to orange. St.
Kitts-Nevis, alone of the Presidencies
forming the Federation, has not adopted
orange for the 2 1/2d stamp, using brown
instead. The 2 1/2d of the Federation
series, printed in orange, was issued on
Sept. 22, 1923 (at Montserrat); Domini-
ca's 2 1/2d orange and black on March
1st, and the orange 2 1/2d of Antigua and
Montserrat, on Sept. 27th and April 5th,
respectively.

It had been expected that green script
paper would be used for the second
printing of the 1s, but as the quantity
requisitioned was not large, some of the
small remaining stock of the Roman CA
green paper was used. The double
marginal line alone distinguishes sheets
of this second printing from the first.
The 5s was printed on yellow script
paper.

No Leeward Islands stamps, script
watermarked, have been requisitioned, or
sold by the British Virgins, and the
stock sent out some ten years ago is still
large; their needs evidently were greatly
overestimated.

Mr. R. Hargrove, sworn in as Com-
missioner of the Presidency, on Jan. 5,
1923, resigned in May on account of ill
health, and returned to England in July.
Mr. F. C. Clarkson, Colonial Engineer
of Dominica, again acted as Comis-
sioner until Capt. O. L. Hancock arrived
and took over the administration on Nov.
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ath of W. F. Colman, a well known
amp dealer and collector of the Capital
ity. Mr. Colman was found dead in
s automobile at the corner of K and
th Streets N. W. His machine struck
car parked alongside the curb and a
sserby observing the apparently life-
ss body at the wheel called a policeman.
eath was no doubt due to heart failure.
e is survived by his widow and a
ughter. Mr. Colman had been em-
oyed for thirty-four years by Dulin
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any of our readers as a longtime ad-
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Soon there will be news from Wash-
ington that will cause collectors to prick
up their ears. The terms and specifica-
tions will be found very interesting.

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An old reader says that he has "the
papers" to prove that stamp collecting
was founded in 1859 and not in 1860, as
he alleges that some one has said in the
WEEKLY. He cannot get us to knock the
chip off his shoulder.

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From Philadelphia, a clipping comes
with no clue to the sender, from what
seems to be a high school paper, with the
cast of a company giving an amateur
play, "The High-Brows." One of the
characters is "Looie Nutt," an "eccentric
collector of stamps" and now we know
why the sender wants to be nameless.

* * *

Mr. Charles J. Phillips, 151 Central
Park West, New York, has been asked
to act as American agent for the Mel-
ville fund which is to be used for a
presentation to Mr. Fred J. Melville, in
commemoration of his twenty-five years
of faithful service to the cause of philately.
The cause is a worthy one and we have
robbed the old sock of the few pennies
remaining in it, in order to show that
our intentions are good.

* * *

A good old boy says that he gave a
stamp talk at a school and had an audi-
ence of six or seven; and as he wanted
to make the occasion a happy one for the
budding philatelists, he gave each one a
few new issues with his compliments.
He was asked enthusiastically to fill a
return date and this time his audience
numbered four or five times as many as
on the first afternoon but he distributed
no gift stamps to drive his points home.
A third invitation has come and the
secretary of the stamp club writes: "We
like you for yourself but a few of the
boys think that they could remember
you better if you brought some stamps
as you did at the first lecture." That is
right; remember them with stamps. The
point of the story is that we have to give
him the stamps this time.

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From an English stamp paper dated in
1869, we take the following answer to a
correspondent: "Your provisions respect-

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ing your stamps enclosed for inspection,
entertained from the disreputable char-
acter of the city, whence you procured
them, are realized by the patent fact that
they are all worthless impostures." From
a careful reading of the sentence, we
gather that something was the matter
with the stamps, if we do not put the
case too bluntly.

* * *

The "anti's" are coming out in force
and are about on even terms with the
supporters of the drive for a special
stamp in behalf of the Philadelphia
exhibition in 1926. Some of the ob-
jectors are too much for us as for in-
stance, Mr. Vincent X. McCarthy,
who writes: "Admitting that precedent
has been smashed to smithereens
and that they all are doing it, i. e., is-
suing stamps on this or that pre-
text, wouldn't you feel that it would
cheapen the U. S., if it were to is-
sue a 'tribute' stamp and follow the
lead of some of the countries? Hon-
est confession is good for the soul." If
conventions have been broken so ut-
terly and are never to be restored in
full force again, why not get a share
of the favors that will be passed
around in years to come—if we can?
Of course, we all want to keep phil-
ately unsoiled and if we could feel
that precedent would be violated by
the acquiescence of the authorities to
recognize our cause, we should real-
ize that the less said about the ques-
tion the better. As it is, let the mer-
ry war go on in order that we may
see under which flag the majority of
thinking philatelists enlist.

* * *

A poem has come from a young
reader in Chicago that is based on a
good idea and we shall content our-
selves by referring the moral to read-
ers. The verses are inspired by the
troubles that are mentioned so prom-
inently in the newspapers and it is
shown that if oil does not still the
troubled waters, it is well for all phil-
atelists to embark on the good ship
"Sanctuary" (from which the poem
gets its name) and sail over them and
forget the distressful snarls that tan-
gle up the affairs of life. The idea
of a ship with a passenger-list com-
posed only of philatelists is a clubby

one. Many collectors maintain that
nothing compares with the stamp al-
bum as a means for getting away
from the discomfitures of the day.

* * *

An inquiry from a correspondent
who has taken us to task for boost-
ing philately so persistently in the
past asks in effect how we know that
stamp collecting will be adopted by
the masses if it is brought to their
attention. We do not know that it
will but it is certain that if all the
people could be told about philately,
a percentage of them would develop
into collectors. Just what the pro-
portion of converts would be is an-
other story, but a short time would
tell the tale for as Mr. Haskin, the
Washington newspaper correspondent
has said, you either take to stamps
emphatically or not at all. We hope
that philatelists will not abate a jot
in their efforts to gain publicity for
their pursuit; and as for the dwindle-
ling band of reactionaries, they are
hopelessly out of date in their in-
difference to present-day strivings.

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One may rejoice to see a work
such as Mr. Pack's elaborate Victo-
rian studies which makes a note-
worthy addition to the list of great
books on philately. The splendid ex-
amples of the kind published during
the recent years must mean that the
students who appreciate these serious
efforts are increasing in number. We
are removing that strange psychology of
indifference to philatelic masterpieces
and it is hoped that the day is dawning
when the meritorious book stamped
with all the refinements of the pub-
lishing art is not fore-doomed to a
financial failure. We shall never for-
get the remarks of J. W. Scott, when
he was elected to the presidency of
the American Philatelic Society at Al-
exandria Bay, New York, in 1917,
when he said that a certain high-class
monthly of that day appealed "to
probably twenty-five people in the
United States." It is certain that Mr.
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stamps from Ceylon and the Two Sicilies.
Admiral Harris, who is recognized as
one of the ablest engineers in the navy
and was Chairman of the Emergency
Fleet Corporation in 1917, has been an
enthusiastic philatelist for several years.
He specializes on a few countries, and
his collection of Ceylon contains some
of the finest known copies of early is-
sues from that island.

For the club medal competition, which
was the first held in more than a year,
early twenty members exhibited fifty
pages of their best collections. Presi-
dent John N. Luff, Charles J. Phillips
and Alfred I. Litchenstein, who acted
as judges, found the exhibits of such
high rank that it was decided to give
silver medals instead of the customary
bronze medals to the two best collec-
tions and these were awarded to Joseph
C. Lozier for his United States stamps
and Laurence B. Mason for his fine
lot of early locals, including all of the
rare varieties of Blood's penny post is-
sues, practically all being on original
envelopes.

Admiral Harris got a bronze medal
and similar awards were made to
Charles F. Gehrman for his United
States and Confederate stamps and to
William S. White for his United States
revenues. Diplomas of merit were pre-
sented to A. H. Lamborn for his stamps
from Hungary and Charles M. Ams for
his Gambia stamps, many issues of which
were shown in entire sheets. One of
the best collections shown was Mr. Lich-
enstein's volume of triangular Cape of
Good Hopes, but as he acted as a judge
it was not in the competition.

A feature was the splendid condition
of the stamps and the unusual number
of large blocks of the rare issues. Among
other exhibitors were D. Pick, W. C.
Kretz and Vahan Mozian.

A delegation of philatelists from
Springfield, Mass., headed by John W.
Prevost, will be entertained by the direc-
tors of the club on Feb. 20, when Mr.
Prevost will show his large collection of
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—In connection with the placing of the U. S. official collection upon exhibit in Kansas City, Mo., announcements were made in each class-room of every school calling attention to the privilege given the pupils.

—Emil Staehle of Saginaw, Mich., philatelist and Rotarian, gave recently a philatelic talk before the Saginaw Rotary Club. The local paper gave the address a good write-up and the occasion seems to have attracted considerable attention from the general public.

—A "Green Book" has just been issued by the Broadway Stamp Co. It has some 52 pages and a wide range of sets and single stamps are listed. It bears a green cover and offers "to save many a green-back to the collector." Apply to the firm, 115 Nassau St., N. Y. City.

—The postmaster at Poquonock, Conn., is using a magenta ink in connection with his canceller. Our correspondent writes:—"Here is one postmaster who has no black ink or is minus a postal guide."

—Los Angeles wants the A. P. S. convention in 1925. What is more, the city is going after it and nearly one thousand dollars was raised recently for the entertainment of the delegates.

—Riordan, who has been arrested in Buenos Ayres for forging postage stamps, enters as a defense that it is necessary to provide a supply to meet the large demands of collectors. In the Harrisburg, Pa., Patriot, G. M. Staplin combats this statement and shows that the true philatelist is such a student of his stamps that counterfeits are easily detected and that there is absolutely no market for forgeries.

—A correspondent signing himself "Russell" takes exceptions to the surcharging of Southwest Africa stamps in English and Dutch alternately. He thinks that the official who evolved the idea should be knighted by the British Colonial government. He also scoffs at the imperforate Hardings.

—J. E. Handshaw has an advertisement this week which should be of interest to every dealer. This special announcement will prove of unusual interest to all who desire to buy at wholesale. The young dealer will find many offerings that will lend variety to his stock.

—L. J. Seeley of the firm of J. O. Moore Inc., Hammondsport, N. Y., left

for Europe Friday, February 22, on a pleasure trip for a couple of months. Mr. Seeley writes:—"Of course I shall do some stamp hunting, else there would be no pleasure in the trip." Congratulations and good luck!

—A very handsome auction catalog is at hand from Gustave Gelli, of Brussels, Belgium. The sale will be held March 7 and 8 and a superb line of stamps is listed, including many rarities. A supplement accompanies the catalog and in it are six full page plates of illustrations of the rarities to be found in the sale.

—The following notice has been sent out by the post-office department:

"This department is in receipt of an announcement from the International Bureau at Berne, reading as follows:

"On this occasion the Polish office charges me with informing you that the increase in rates has resulted in a shortage of stamps for prepayment. It has, therefore, exceptionally authorized its post-offices to indicate the postage paid on foreign letters by the note 'Taxe percue—mk.' and it requests the offices of the Union to consider articles bearing that note as duly prepaid."

Articles received at delivering post-offices marked for the collection of postage by the New York or other exchange offices will be delivered after the affixing of postage-due stamps, as formerly. Articles from Poland, however, the envelopes or covers of which are without postage stamps, but marked 'Taxe percue,' indicating that postage has been prepaid in money, may be delivered without the collection of postage, pending the time when postage stamps will again be used in Poland.

PAUL HENDERSON,
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—The Metropolitan Stamp Co., 7 W. 42nd St., N. Y. City, has published a handsome booklet of 44 pages listing a large line of stamp offerings. The collector is urged to add this booklet to his office supplies.

—"We beg to inform you that a second air mail service between Nong-Khay and Bangkok, via Roi Ed and Korat, has just been established. We beg to send you herewith for your inspection a specimen cover of the first-day flight which carries the date of 11-12-23. The aero cancellation shows an aeroplane in a circle and the town of Nong-Khay and date in native and English characters, the design being the same as the Bang-

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—The tenth annual banquet of the Michigan Stamp Club, Detroit, will be held Saturday evening, March 15, at Elks Temple Building, Lafayette Blvd. The committee on arrangements consists of A. C. Hutchinson, Renne Meller, J. R. Rood and T. M. R. Lupfer. Any stamp collector living outside the city is given a hearty invitation to attend.—H. W. BOERS, Publicity Manager.

—The Emco Monthly Circular for Feb. 1 takes the form of a wholesale pricelist of 32 pages, and is packed brimful of interesting bargains. No dealer or collector should be without it. Sample copy from the Marks Stamp Co., Toronto, Canada.

—The annual meeting of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions was held Monday, March 3 at 6 o'clock P. M., at the Collectors Club, 120 W. 49th Street, New York City. The names presented by the nominating committee were elected as Directors to serve three years:—C. Chase, W. H. Hendrickson, E. Klein, E. S. Knapp, J. N. Luff, L. B. Mason, H. C. Needham, C. J. Phillips, B. Schlessinger, E. Stern.

THE MARQUIS SALE.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the opening announcement of what is destined to be a notable auction sale. We refer to the Marquis sale in which 4,200 lots are to be sold during the days from March 21 to April 5. It is rightly advertised as one of the most extensive auction sales that has ever taken place in the United States. The Marquis claim is evidently well sustained.

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Some of the 4c on both white and amber were overprinted in the South and received an overprint known as type IV wherein the vertical bars are close together. These are Scott's Nos. 2705-06 and catalogue 35c.

Later, a few of these were found with wide spaced surcharge Scott's No. 2698b and No. 2698c (See Addenda to Catalogue, page 1383) and these scarce varieties are listed at \$5.00 each on both white and on amber. I offer while they last, either variety, entire, unused at \$3.75 each or the two varieties at \$7.50. If you desire, I will include the type IV varieties without extra charge or these two separately at 25c for the two.

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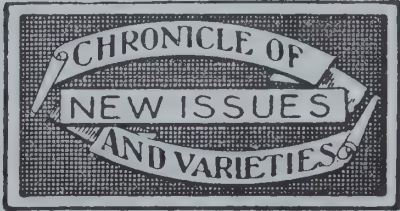
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UNITED STATES.—The Huguenot-Wallon Commemorative Series.—The National Huguenot-Wallon New Amsterdam Commission has prevailed upon Congress to issue a special fifty-cent coin in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the settling in this country of the Wallons, and through their efforts the Postmaster-General has authorized special postage stamps to be issued in commemoration of the same event.

The "Wallons" is a name applied to the people who inhabit the French departments of Nord, Aisne, Ardenne and Callais and the Belgium Provinces of Hainaut, Namour, Liege, Brabant and Luxemburg. They claim to be the "Belgae" of Caesar. They differ from their French neighbors of the South, hence "Wallons" which means "strangers." In the early sixteen hundreds they came to Holland as exiles, and were therefore strangers or pilgrims in a double sense.

They were neighbors of the Pilgrims in Leyden and came over in the good ship "New Netherlands" along with one or two other ships, names unknown and landed in what is now the United States in 1624. Some of them settled in New Netherlands now New York, some went to Connecticut, some went to the Delaware River, and while a good portion were left at Manhattan Island, the majority were taken up the Hudson River and settled at Fort Orange, now Albany, N. Y. These pilgrims came from Holland, under charter granted the Dutch West India Company, and in all there were about thirty-two families and they possibly arrived in either May or June of 1624.

There was a further settlement in the South, somewhere in Georgia and this Colony was wiped out in its entirety by the Indians and by disease.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America are arranging to celebrate this three hundredth anniversary and they have set aside April 27, 1924,

as a date when special services will be held in these churches throughout the country. Under date of December 5, 1922, President Harding accepted Honorary Chairmanship of this commission, and the King of Belgium, the President of France and the Queen of Netherlands similarly honored the commission.

The Department has decided to issue commemorative stamps and if the Commission furnishes the designs in ample time, it is hoped that the emissions will be ready to place on sale by the end of April, possibly April 28th, which is the Monday following the Sunday when the churches will formally celebrate the occasion. It is now thought that there will be two denominations, a 2c red and a 5c blue. It is expected that the 2c will depict a scene from the northern settlement, and the 5c a scene from the southern settlement. The Secretary of the Commission has promised to submit suitable suggestions at an early date, and the Department will no doubt act promptly.

Bureau of Engraving & Printing Changes.—Since our last *Chronicle*, Mr. L. A. Hill, former Director of Bureau of Engraving & Printing, has resigned, and Major W. W. Kirby has been appointed temporary Director. Major Kirby is from the Army and had charge of the lithographing of maps in France for the American Expeditionary Force. It is expected that he will make some radical changes in the Bureau resulting in the stamps and bank notes being produced by method of engraving which will defy counterfeiters who use the photographic methods of reproduction, and will further cut the Bureau's bills almost in half. Instead of the present building being overcrowded, it is expected that they will be able to do the same work in a much smaller amount of space and will be in a position to have excess room for the overflow from the Treasury Department.

I have been given a short résumé of what this new method is, but before giving our readers the details I have written for the testimony given by former Director Hill before a Committee of Congress, at which time he explained everything in detail. I understand that the appointment of Major Kirby is only temporary and that he has been borrowed from the Army to make certain required changes in the Bureau. It is to be hoped that Mr. Hill may again be re-appointed for I understand he has given excellent service and has put the Bureau on a business basis.

Harding Memorial Stamp.—All of the Harding Memorial stamps with the exception of about eighty or ninety thousand in imperforate condition have been distributed by the Bureau so that with

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the exception of those in the hands of the Post Offices throughout the country the official supply is exhausted. If this lot of imperforates is not taken by the Philatelic Stamp Agency they will be perforated and distributed in the usual way. As the demand upon the Agency however, has been great, there is little doubt but what these will be taken. I am informed that they have the same plate numbers as the imperforate stamp that have already been distributed by the same source. So far the Agency has had four hundred thousand of the imperforate stamps less eight sheets of four hundred each which were missing from the first lot, the Bureau having sent only four hundred ninety-two sheets in the first lot instead of five hundred sheets as ordered.

The Department recently sent to Marion, Ohio, ten sheets of these imperforate stamps so that to date one thousand and two sheets have left the Bureau.

Air Mail Service.—The \$1,500,000 item from the Post Office Appropriation Schedule covering Mail Plane Service from New York to San Francisco has been eliminated. While this does not mean the abandonment of this important adjunct to the aviation development in the United States, nevertheless it does mean some delay in the establishment of this service. As a result of this action by Congress we will have no present use for the Air Mail series of postage stamps recently issued for the Coast to Coast service.

Rotary Print, 1923, 1c, Perf. 10.—note in the business mails coming from Los Angeles that they are using in that city the 1c rotary print design of 1923 perforated 10. Heretofore, all of these stamps with the exception of those distributed to the Philatelic Stamp Agency have been precancelled. The Los Angeles cover bears date of February 11th.

GUADELOUPE.—Mr. William M. McFarlan sends us the following notice from the *Dominica Chronicle*:—"The Government of Guadeloupe will shortly issue a series of new postage stamps and has offered for competition two prizes—1,000 and 500 francs respectively—to be awarded to the best designs presented by local artists."

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15c orange and black ("Quel Ramo del Lago").

20c blue and black.

25c blue and black.

As mentioned a fortnight ago, the 11c picture of the house in which the great romancist was born, and the 51c portrait of Manzoni himself. All the stamps are of transverse oblong format, and we understand they were on sale in Milan and Rome on December 29th.—Stamp Collecting.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 4d black and red on yellow wavy watermark paper.

NETHERLANDS.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the following postage due stamps: 1c on 3c, 2½c on 7c, 5c on 1½c and 25c on 7½c.

NICARAGUA.—The Metropolitan Stamp Co. have shown us the 1c violet of the 22 series with the overprint "R. de C. 24" in two lines in blue.

POLAND.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 20mk red, type of 17, with the overprint "Mk Mk 25,000" in two lines in black.

PORTUGAL.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 40c of the current design in brown.

ST. HELENA.—Whitfield, King & Co.'s Bulletin report that they are officially informed that all the remaining stock of the 1912 issue has been withdrawn from sale and completely destroyed.

ST. KITTS & NEVIS.—We learn from Whitfield, King & Co.'s Bulletin that the Tercentenary stamps were withdrawn from sale on December 31, 1923.

SWEDEN.—Mr. R. Roberts advises of the appearance of the 5ö brown in the series of A16, imperforate x perforated watermark wavy line.

SYRIA.—Mr. A. U. Lynch informs us that he has received the 50c stamp of France, No. 164, with the surcharge "2.50 Piastres" in three lines.

NIL DESPERANDUM.

(With apologies to Bill Bloss)

DEAR ED:

I was lookin' at MEKEEL's a few weak backs,—I mean weaks back,—and I read about that collector who didn't have any luck a-tall down in the moonshine country trying to find a "find", and says he's off that stuff. I say, don't lose hope, brother, these things come when you least expect 'em, just like your battery goes dead when you want to take a friend(?) home to get rid of him, and the last car has gone.

Let me tell you something happened to me. I've got a friend over in Cornwall sends me all the stamps he gets. He being one of these artists is non-philatelically inclined, if you get me, and all he wants for the stamps is some butterflies from this great Northwest. No, Lucinda, I don't mean flappers from Hennepin St. Mpls. I mean the real thing from the real Northwest, the place where they raise those apples you folks ought-to-but-don't-buy-by-the-box. Well, bugs being my middle name, that's easy for me, but I gotta get back to my story.

The other day I got a letter with K. G. in the corner, and I had to open it twice, being one of those doubled barrelled envelopes they use over there, and in it was another bunch of stamps. "Hohum," says I, "just another lot of misplaced Irish accents," my friend being in cahoots with somebody in Ireland. Well, I was goin' to shove 'em back into both the envelopes when I saw a blue corner stickin' out and it didn't have no perfs. either. "What's this?" says I. "Maybe it's that 2M blue, not ultramarine, Esthonia I've had on 40 want lists." And I pulls it out. Say, Ed, I nearly fainted. What do you suppose I had? In there amongst all them Tanganyika giraffes from Tanga (I wonder if that's where they make all the new dances), and some of the latest German atrocities, and a bunch of Irish from Bwala anha Cleeah (that's how they pronounce Dublin), was,—well, Ed, I hate to tell you. You might try to trade me out of it. Anyway, it was a Number One, and came from Norway at that. And it had a regular bullyvard most all the way around it and part of an Ice-Bergen cancellation, what the auctioneer fellers call a "Black Town," tho I don't see no reason for ballin' them out like that. It's a pippin all right and I've been lookin' for it longer than that 2M blue Esthonia, so I'm glad it wasn't that. But what gets me is, how it escaped philatelick eyes, if you get me, all these years. So keep on hopin', brother.

And now I gotta cut this and go hunt up some bugs for this artist. But tell me, Ed, how'm I gonna find a bug with a cat val of three fifty to send him? That's what I want to know.

E. J. NEWCOMER.

DEATH OF OSCAR STEIN.

The Midwest Stamp Co. sends us a clipping from a Kansas City Star announcing the death of Oscar F. Stein of that city. Mr. Stein was working on an electrical equipment when he was thrown against a pulley wheel, suffering severe fractures from which he died Feb. 14.

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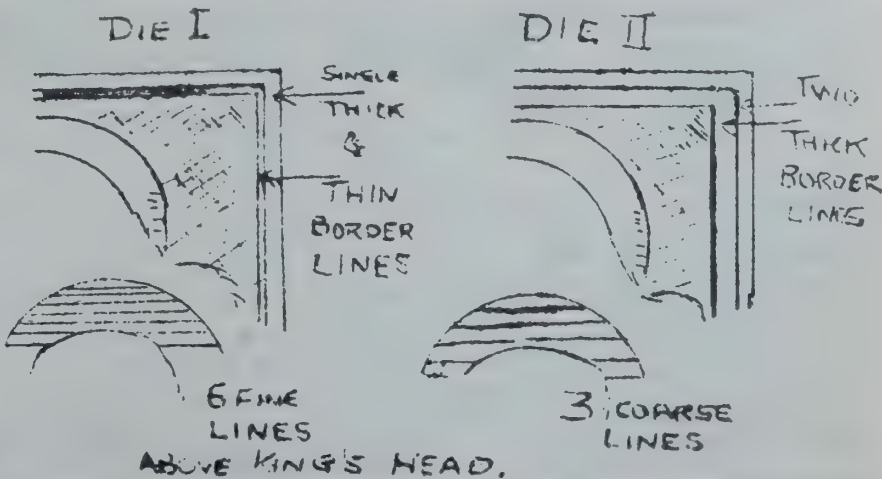
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Incidentally, not being a dealer and therefore having no facilities for caring for a large correspondence outside of my daily work, I have had to neglect considerable correspondence of late, including such requests for approval selections as I have been unable to fill. I hope this advertisement will prove a satisfactory explanation and apology to those collectors who so kindly wrote me for selections and whose requests I have been unable to comply with. I have not replied simply because I have been swamped with replies from my advertising, the correspondence connected with the "Early Low Values Specialized" Department and my regular business. I will keep such letters on file and, in the future, whenever I have selections called for, will send some along. I thank you,

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It would be a very interesting thing for us to know how many of our subscribers have been taking the WEEKLY for a period of a quarter century or more. Every now and then a correspondent writes:—"I have been a subscriber to the WEEKLY for twenty-five years." In this class belongs H. L. Stevens, of Germantown, who in renewing for five years' writes that he cannot do without it. He first received the paper in January, 1896, and this is some record.

On Saturday, February 16, we received three applications from the following:—Charles M. Ams, N. Y. City, Herbert E. Kendall, and Robert H. Newell, and it stands as a record day. Mr. Ams is a well known specialist and his frequent advertisements in the WEEKLY along specialistic lines indicate the hold that our hobby has upon him. Mr. Kendall is secretary-treasurer of the Peoples Building and Loan Assn., of Nashua, N. H. He began collecting in 1880 and finds much pleasure in the contributions that are found in the WEEKLY. Mr. Newell, sending his application, uses one of our regular renewal slips.

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By TOM HYATT.

Some time ago I had occasion to advertise for sale some stamps in the form of booklet leaves. Of the twenty-two replies which I received, only four were from men who did not have their own printed or engraved letterheads. One was an attorney; two were doctors; one an artist or decorator; one a sales agent; one a county clerk; one a hospital superintendent; one the vice-president of a newspaper; one a member of the New York Produce Exchange; one on the staff of an insurance company. The letters of all of the twenty-two indicated that the writers were men of intelligence; and the fact that they had money to spend on collecting stamps indicated that they were prosperous—at least, fairly so.

The point I wish to make is this, men who are collectors, whether it be of stamps or of etchings; books or porcelain; antique furniture or paintings, are men of affairs, to collect is a sign of intelligence. No man can be a successful collector unless he studies the things he collects. And to study requires the desire to do so, as well as the necessary mental equipment.

The rounder, the poolroom shark, the card expert, these never collect anything but debts, headaches and regrets. The wife of the collector seldom sits by a lonely fireside wondering if he will be in by two o'clock, if at all. The chances are that he is at the other side of the table with his collection and figuring if he can possibly afford the new variety that he wants.

True enough, he sometimes spends just a little more than he really ought to on his collection, but the rounder would be hunting his bootlegger to spend the same money.

It does not need any brains to be a scoffer; but the man who is collecting has not the time to scoff, he is getting pleasure and perhaps quite a little education from his hobby.

Your collector is no money grubber. He does not hoard. He uses his money.

He knows it as a medium of exchange, not as an idol. His spare money does double duty, he has the fun of buying and possessing things that give him pleasure and constant joy. And the chances are that his heirs will get all or nearly all of the money out of it that he put into his collection.

One of the joys of collecting is that no collection is ever complete. There is always something beyond, always hope of attaining the unattainable. If the number of stamps in the whole world were confined to one thousand and they could all be easily gotten by anybody, nobody would ever bother anything about them. Joy lies in the journey and not in the journey's end. The only drawback to heaven is that nothing lies beyond.

Your collector is never lonely. Each of the things he collects is a friend to which he can turn with affection and interest. He keeps young in spirit and out of mischief by keeping busy. Folly and disorder lie in wait for the idle mind. Collectors always have something to think about and to interest them.

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Mr. J. M. de Mendonca, Jr., formerly of Yokohama and now at Kobe, is amongst our members in Japan who have happily escaped the awful fate which overtook so many in the earthquake, fire and typhoon of last September. We quote some portions of a long and interesting letter Mr. de Mendonca has written to the President, dated from Kobe, November 22, 1923:

I beg to inform you that, commencing from 25th Oct., the following new Japanese postage stamps were put on sale at the different post-offices throughout the Empire:—½ sen, grey; 1½ sen, blue; 2 sen dark brown; 3 sen, vermillion; 4 sen, green; 5 sen, violet; 8 sen, red; 10 sen, brown; 20 sen, dark blue.

I have been informed that owing to the Government Printing Office in Tokyo being destroyed by the great earthquake and fire of the 1st of September, these stamps were issued to replace those stamps that were destroyed by the disastrous earthquake and fire. The Postal Authorities, in order not to run short of stamps, decided to print the new stamps in Osaka, and in less than two months after the earthquake they were put on sale. As the machine for perforating the stamps and other accessories were destroyed as mentioned above, and as there are no such kind of machines in Osaka, these stamps had to be issued without perforations, and so every one of them are imperforated and no gum on the back. If you go to any Post Offices in Japan now you will find a pot of gum or paste on the counter for you to use for the new stamps. It is rather an inconvenient job. I do not know if these stamps are to be used permanently or provisionally. In case they are to be used permanently, I think the 4 sen, 8 sen and 20 sen stamps of the Mt. Fuji type issued on January, 1922, will become obsolete, and there is a chance that the 4 sen and 8 sen stamps will become rather rare.

I suppose you must have read in the newspapers about the great calamity in Japan. Well, I am one of the survivors, and take the liberty of relating the terrible ordeal I passed. I was working in the office and all of a sudden there was a tremendous shock that lasted over 6 minutes. The first thing I did was to get under a door and my quick action saved my life. A man next to me had his leg crushed by the falling of a brick chimney, and it took me half an hour to pull him off the debris, and fire started next door. I was nearly suffocated to death by the dense cloud of dust caused by the falling of the office building. When I got off from my sheltering place I noticed all the tall buildings were down and not a single house was left standing. I felt a bit uneasy, thinking of the fate of my family. Fire started in every direction, and I started to run home in the hope of finding my family. On the way home I saw many dead bodies lying here and there, and I could hear the groaning of those that were injured. Children started to cry over the dead bodies of their parents and it was altogether a pitiful sight. All the streets were blocked by the debris, and I had a lot of difficulty in reaching home, which is two miles from town.

When I came home I found my wife, my child (only 2½ months old), my mother, sister and three small brothers, all saved. They had also a very narrow escape and the chimney fell a few feet away from the place they were seeking shelter. The house was in a slanting position, and I went inside and the first thing I did was to get my stamp collection. As the fire was approaching towards the house I saved only my stamp collection and few other valuable belongings and went to a field close by, together with my family. I could not find my duplicates and I did not want to stay any longer inside the house as there were many strong shocks after the first big shock, and any moment the house might come down, and I did not want to lose my life on account of my duplicate stamps. I let them go, and I was contented with what I saved.

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Clipping from the London "Times" of Dec. 10, sent in by Cecil F. Blogg.

The New Year will provide an event of considerable importance to philatelists and others interested in the production of our postage stamps. As briefly announced in *The Times* of October 8, the British stamp-printing contract will be taken over on January 1, 1924, by Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, Limited. This is the fourth change of printers since the adhesive postage stamp was first introduced into this country.

Eighty-four years ago, on December 3, 1839, the firm of Bacon & Petch (now Perkins, Bacon & Co.) quoted the Treasury for the printing of the first postage labels at the rate of 8d per thousand, exclusive of paper. It was intended that the stamps should be in readiness for public issue on January 10, 1840, the date on which Inland Penny Postage came into force, but the work could not be completed in the time, and the original penny postage label did not in fact make its debut until five months later. Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. continued to print the smaller denominations of British postage stamps down to the end of 1879, when the Government contract was transferred in its entirety to Messrs. Thomas De La Rue & Co., who since 1855 had been printing postage and revenue stamps of 2 1/2d and upwards by their typographic process at a cost much below that of the line-engraved method employed in the Perkins, Bacon ateliers. From 1880 to the end of 1910 all adhesive postage and revenue stamps of Great Britain were engraved and printed by De La Rue, but in the latter year the stamp-printing contract was secured, in part, by Messrs. Harrison & Sons, Limited, printers in ordinary to the King. Only surface printed duties from 1/2d to 1s were produced by this firm, excluding the 6d stamp, for which doubly fugitive ink is used throughout.

The printing of this value is carried out by the Stamping Department of the Board of Inland Revenue, at Somerset House, while the recess printed high values of the existing Georgian series have been produced, first by Messrs. Waterlow Brothers & Layton (1911-15); second, by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. (1915-18); and, lastly, by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. (1919). The work of all these printers presents characteristics that facilitate its recognition by philatelists. Many varieties of considerable philatelic interest were evolved, also, as a result of provisional printings made by Harrison & Sons from the old Edwardian De La Rue plates pending the advent of stamps of the present reign. The original Harrison contract, expiring at the end of 1920, was extended for a further period of three years in view of post-war conditions, but is finally terminated at the end of 1923.

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When work is begun on the new British contract, surface printing will be the method employed, as heretofore, nor is any change of design contemplated. A new series of marginal control letters and numbers will come into force, however, and serve to distinguish the Waterlow printings, even in the unlikely event of their presenting no other differences to the philatelic eye. Some months must necessarily elapse before any of the stamps printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons are on sale at post-offices, and, in all probability, they will not find their way into circulation until May or June next.

The number of new postage stamps issued during 1923 will amount to rather less than half the output for the previous year, which was 2,304. Up to the end of November only 1,010 new varieties had been recorded, and the number foreshadowed for December is considerable. This welcome falling off has enabled philatelists to keep pace with new issues as they appeared, and to study each novelty more closely than was practicable when new stamps were being poured forth from the presses of the world in an apparently ceaseless stream. Except for Germany, whose stamps are still in the throes of transition, most important countries appear to have achieved something approaching finality in their post-war stamp issues. Nearly one-third of the stamps issued in 1923 have been of a special character, commemorative, charity, air post, etc. The collapse of the mark has also been responsible for inflating the number of provisional surcharges. Collectors may find solace in the knowledge that the annual output of new postage stamps has at last reverted to the pre-war average of 1,000 specimens.

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Belgium.—The new 5fr is not to be reprinted, as its colour is often confused with that of other stamps, by artificial light. Mr. P. Massez is our informant.

China.—The official decree of the Directorate-General of Posts, dated Peking, 18th October, 1923, states that the new stamps to commemorate the promulgation of the Constitution of the Chinese Republic will be sold in sets of four values, by Second and Third Class Offices up to 31st March, 1924, and at Head and First Class Offices to 30th June, 1924, unless stocks are previously exhausted. After the latter date they will be unobtainable at any postal establishment, and under no circumstances will a fresh supply be printed. According to this decree the set is also in use overprinted for Chinese Turkestan, but we have not yet seen copies. A naive remark in the decree adds that "The Commemorative Stamps are good for franking purposes and may be obliterated at the time of purchase if desired."

Czecho-Slovakia.—Dr. Victor Weinert sends us some interesting details about the new Commemorative issue. The gum is quadrillé and the monogram, C.S.P., which appears on the back is, apparently, also done in the gumming and therefore disappears from used stamps. Two plates were used for each value, indicated by Plate Nos. I and II. The stamps were first officially on sale on October 27th, but stamp dealers in Prague already had them on the 20th. They will be on sale till December 31st and are available for both internal and external correspondence until that date. They are sold at double face value, and, postal rates being already very high, no large public use of them is expected. The numbers printed being 1,500,000 50h, 1,000,000 100h, 300,000 200h, and 200,000 300h, there does not seem to be any likelihood of a shortage of the lower values, though attempts to corner the two higher values are possible. So far, however, there has been no such attempt, and the stamps are such a drug in the market that postmen are given a certain quantity of them to try and sell on their rounds. The Charity funds which will benefit if the issue sells are the Red Cross, Child Welfare, and Postal Employés Charities.

The new issue is expected to be in the same design, but typographed instead of engraved.

In May, 1924, another Commemorative issue is expected, to commemorate the union of Czecho-Slovakia with the so-called "Carpatho-Russia," the north-eastern portion of the former Kingdom of Hungary. According to the Peace Treaty this country is independent, but

it has been held by Czecho-Slovakia since May, 1919. The proposed designs for the series will include a view of Ungvar, the capital of the country, a portrait of Korjatovic, the leader of the Ruthenes, and a portrait of President Masaryk.

A daily-air-mail service was instituted on October 29th between Pressburg and Prague. The special fees are 30h for a letter, 20h for a postcard, and 10h for printed matter. Special stamps for these purposes are expected very shortly.

Finland.—Mr. G. A. Fereday tells us that it is announced that the 90p red and 1½m blue will make their appearance as soon as stocks of the surcharged stamps are exhausted. Our correspondent thinks, however, that the change in the colour of the 1½m is unlikely unless some alteration takes place in the present postal rates.

Holland.—Mr. P. O. Altorffer states that the numbers printed of the recent provisionals is as follows:—2/1c 80,600 sheets, 2½c 120,000 sheets, 10/3c 90,000 sheets, 10/5c 28,000 sheets, 10/12½c 17,470 sheets, 10/17½c 5,200 sheets, 10/22½c 5,200 sheets, all sheets being of 200 stamps each. With reference to our paragraph in the November M. J. the same reader states that the sheets of imperf. stamps were of 200 each and not of 100 as there stated.

Italy.—*San Marino.*—We are indebted to a reader for a copy of a decree which states that from the end of November the 1 lire "War Volunteers" stamp (listed this month but which we have never seen) and the Red Cross stamps of 1923, with the exception of the 50c, will cease to be available for postal use, and gives instructions for the destruction of the dies and plates used in the production of all values of the Red Cross series and of the Volunteer stamp.

Kingdom of Italy.—Mr. R. M. Aringer kindly sends us a cutting showing some of the types of a proposed new issue for this country, which, if properly produced, will be a distinct improvement upon the labels to which we have so long been accustomed. The designs shown include a portrait of the King of Italy, a female head crowned with a castle, and Romulus and Remus suckled by the wolf. These three designs are by M. Paschetto, and of those which we have not yet seen, four are by M. Parmeggiani, two by M. Marussig, one by M. Grassi, and one by M. Constantin, the series consisting of eleven designs in all.

Japan.—Our Eastern friends have our sincere admiration for the rapidity with which they are tackling the problems presented as a result of the appalling earthquake disaster. Already new provisional stamps have been produced and, though they are imperf., and the paper used obviously only a temporary stop-gap, the designs are as beautiful, and the technical skill shown is as great (in view of the difficulties), as we have always been accustomed to expect from Japan. So far only one stamp

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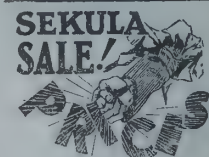


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Norway.—In a recent interview, the explorer Amundsen is quoted as saying that he hopes to defray part of the expense of his next trip by means of a special issue of Norwegian stamps. We hope Norway, hitherto a philatelically clean country, will allow him to do nothing of the kind. If the issue materialises, no doubt there will still be enough "mugs" to make it a financial success.

Portugal.—Mozambique Co.—New values may be expected shortly, consisting of 3, 4, 4½, 6, 7, 12, 60, and 80 and 2 escudos. Though they are pretty stamps, these Mozambiques serve legitimate postal purposes and we often see them on letters arriving in the ordinary course of business. Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

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We are very glad to present this week a picture of the collector who found the only Lockport, N. Y., local known to exist. We feel quite sure that a short article dealing with the philatelic possessions of Mr. Hoover will be of interest. He very courteously replied to our request for a photograph by sending one on and saying that he did not shrink from publicity providing it could be made of interest or service to the reading public.



In reference to the finding of the Lockport local he has little to say other than that it was found in a lot of old papers in an office where he had full permission to browse through the old correspondence and pay for what he got. The strange looking cover in question was found among a lot of covers used before stamps came into being, and included in the lot were 1851 and 1857. Mr. Hoover tossed the local aside at first as useless, but later included it in the few covers selected. When he got home he examined the local, it looked queer and it was a year or more before he sent it to a New York dealer for an offer. When his price was asked the response was, "Four sets of unused de-

partments, Navy, Treasury, Justice and Agriculture." The sets came minus the Navy error but on calling attention to the omission the error was supplied.

The trade was probably the equivalent of about \$100 cash in those days, and Mr. Hoover was pleased because the stamp had no official recognition and without that was worthless. It illustrates that the finder of unlisted rarities is more or less at the mercy of cataloguers.

Mr. Hoover is very much interested in the 3c green and has written an article which will appear in a future issue. It is entitled "A Comparative Study of the 3c Green" based on an examination of two separate unpicked finds rich in the older issues of the banknote companies. It required about six weeks steady work of twelve-hour days to select 8,000 copies from the 32,000 stamps and arrange and classify them into seven divisions and subdivisions and ascertain the comparative recurrence of the various varieties. Here is found a fairly comprehensive checkup on catalog prices and in which they do not suffer by comparison.

Mr. Hoover has a collection of foreign stamps in two volumes catalog value about \$9,000 but he no longer takes much interest in it and the collection is regarded negligible so far as anything helpful to philately is concerned.

In U. S., however, he has some thirty volumes which are of extreme interest and his possessions have been greatly admired by those who have been privileged to view it. His ideas as to arrangement and treatment of the stamps of the U. S. are original and in the opinion of experts may be far from "ideal," but they suit Mr. Hoover.

For some years he has been writing editorial matter for the Hearst newspapers and a sympathetic and human interest in the stamps of our country has often been evident. In this he takes practical issue with his friend and superior Arthur Brisbane in regard to philately and philatelists. He regards every stamp as a friend and he loves the old friends

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C. P. S. BANQUET.

The annual banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society held February 21, 1924, at the Hotel Morrison, Chicago, was attended by forty-nine persons, who finally left the scene of festivities with reluctance. The presence of a number of ladies added to the interest of the occasion and all went as merry as a wedding-bell. The attendance was a representative one and proved that the Chicago society has attained a position well worthy of its best traditions. Regrets were received from Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer of Philadelphia, who boasts of membership No. 1, Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack of Lakewood, N. J., H. H. Bandholtz, U. S. Army, Constantinople, Michigan, Mr. S. Valentine Saxby, Duluth, Minn., and a score of other prominent philatelists. The president of the society, C. E. Severn, acted as toast-

master and those called upon did their work creditably, indeed. Mr. B. D. Butler was the first speaker and he entertained the members with a clever presentation of his philatelic ideas and told of his general collection of nineteenth century, based on the catalogue, which lacks but a few hundred stamps to make it complete. Mr. A. W. Filstrup of Benton Harbor, Michigan, was followed with close attention and while he began as a general collector and still retains his old collection of about ten thousand varieties, he has excelled as a collector of early United States, of which he has a collection that ranks among the very best. Mr. Filstrup mentioned several of the stamps in which he is most interested and spoke of the ten cent of 1847, in particular. Mr. Sumner Gary told of pioneer investigations into the details of U. S. and referred to his discovery of the famous double print of the four cent of 1898-99. Mr. G. C. Rheinfrank made a hit with his spirited talk on the advantages to be derived from advertising philately and his humorous touches struck the bull's-eye. Mr. Rheinfrank showed his ability as an orator as befitted one who has appeared on the Lyceum and Chataqua circuits. Mr. W. A. Hitchcock told of his experiences with stamps in connection with reformatory work among boys, under the auspices of the Union League club; and Messrs. Zalud, Franzen, Adams and several others acquitted themselves to advantage. Mr. Fowler responded for the committee having in charge the management of the banquet and contrasted the old days with the present. Mr. Krause responded for Milwaukee and Mr. and Mrs. Lamprecht were present from Valparaiso, Indiana.

Mr. Julius Huber, one of the early presidents of the society, indulged in reminiscences of the time when his collection was called the best in Chicago; and he passed around menu cards of the banquet given by the Chicago Philatelic Society to the American Philatelic Society when it held its convention in Chicago, in 1887.

Mr. Max Golding was the valedictorian and in his inimitable manner, he kept the auditors in an uproar. His points usually made humorously, were delightful and he manifested a pride in stamp collecting that some of us would do well to copy. He told of how the scoffers at philately sometimes changed their tune when they saw the practical application of stamps. Mr. Golding made all the banqueters millionaires for the night as he distributed high denominations of mark bills with a lavish hand.

The president called attention to the changes that had been made in a year and spoke of the absence of E. C. Dodd, who died last year and that of Mr. H. N. Mudge, who scarcely felt able to attend because of the accident from which he finds recovery very slow. All in all, it was an evening very well spent and the occasion showed that the vitality of the society is high indeed.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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PAUL HENDERSON,

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—To the correspondent who makes inquiry about L. Harald Kjellstedt of Scranton, Pa., we must say with regret that this brilliant man passed away over four years ago.

—Mr. R. E. Emmett is informed that a new edition of the invaluable compilation, "Who's Who in Philately," London, will be available in due time and that he will find notices of the appearance of the work when it comes.

—A subscriber wants to know if a Centennial postmark, Philadelphia, 1876, is valuable. An envelope showing the marking would be worth, say a dollar.

—Harry H. Bandholtz, who last November attained the highest rank (major general) that is to be had in our army in peace time, is now comfortably settled in the old home town of Constantine, Michigan; and we are looking forward to a chat with him when he happens to run down to Chicago.

—From Mr. B. B. Wells, now in Buenos Aires, Argentine, we have a letter in which he says that the stamp dealers in that city are somewhat advanced and seem to do a good business. Early issues of the South American countries have the edge and U. S. are almost a negligible quantity of the stocks.

—The magazine section of the Boston Sunday Herald, of Feb. 24, contained a full page philatelic cartoon by Haydon Jones. It pictures a library scene in which a boy of seventeen and an older boy of approximately seventy are engaged in poring over a stamp album, while all the necessary accessories are scattered about. It is printed in colors and all in all makes a very fine feature. A stamp story found in the magazine deals with the stamp collections of some of our most noted philatelists.

—"I wonder how many dealers consider a man a 'piker' who only spends two to four dollars at a time. Personally, I think a man has a right to

shop for his stamps the same as any other article and if a dealer can't meet competition that is his business. I spend about \$10 to \$15 per month for stamps and pick up stuff from a large number of advertisers. Sometimes the things I send for only amount to a small sum; but every dealer to date has gladly sent the stamps with a very courteous letter of thanks. From what I can learn the bulk of orders received and on which our dealers depend for existence are well under \$4.00. I don't think this man has a right to put in such a slurring 'ad.' It will lose him lots of business, I'll bet."

—F. W. GRAHAME.

—We are indebted to Geo. L. Dutton of Philadelphia, for a rather interesting souvenir. It is an entire postmarked Valley Forge, Feb. 22, 1924, and is stamped with 2c imperforate Harding.

—I. Sonnee calls our attention to the death of Edwin M. Frankel, of St. Paul, who died, Jan. 26, at Pokegama, Minn., where he had gone in an attempt to win back his health. Mr. Frankel was forty-four years old, a member of the Twin City Philatelic Society and a former secretary of the organization.

—There is a letter at this office under date of Jan. 26 for Earl D. Emery.

—P. M. Wolsieffer informs us of the death of Archie L. Crinns at Asheville, N. C. We regret that we can give none of the particulars concerning Mr. Crinns' philatelic activities. There are many who will associate collecting and dealing in stamps with his name.

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—I note that in the issue of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY for Jan. 21, 1924, on page 46, there is reprinted the article on Easter Island which appeared in a recent issue of Scott's Monthly Journal. The original and your copy both carry a mistaken translation of Rapa Nui, the native name of the island. "Nui" in the Polynesian languages, does not mean "new" as indicated in this article but means "big." The name, then, might be freely translated as "Great Rapa." Iki means little and some think "Hawaii" a contraction of "Hawa Iki" or "Little Java."—HAROLD S. PALMER.

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—Dr. C. W. Hennan of Chicago, did not attend the banquet of the C. P. S., on Feb. 21st, for sufficient reason; and neither did he send in his regrets. Dr. Hennan, who is secretary of the society, and known as a collector of and dealer in Holland and colonies, in particular, had the unusual experience of becoming "dead to the hours" at what is sometimes called the busiest corner in the world, i.e., State and Madison Streets, Chicago. He fainted there on the afternoon of February 21st, and when he recovered consciousness, he was in his office on 63rd street and the time was eleven o'clock at night. Kidney trouble was the cause of the turn in the tide of the doctor's affairs and he was ordered immediately to the Mayos at Rochester, Minnesota, for overhauling; and now the good doctor does not know whether he will be away for two weeks or two months from his office. We await word from him.

—The United Stamp Company of Chicago continues its excellent record in publishing the Marquette Sectional Album and there are now thirty or so parts available for collectors. We remember when the work was started with the U. S. instalments and the steady progress of the publishers to the goal of a complete album calls for approving notice.

—The prize of a wax ear of corn goes this week to a "scalper" for the acutest act of self-repression. At a stamp shop, he did not try to take advantage of the evident friendliness of a big buyer and enter into conversation with him, although it would have been easy to have done so; and neither did he leave first and wait outside in order to corral the spender.

SPRINGFIELD NIGHT AT THE COLLECTORS CLUB, NEW YORK.

Notes by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

The Philatelists of New York and district were very happy to have a number of out of town visitors at the meeting of Wednesday, February 20th. Among these were Messrs. John W. Prevost, H. P. Atherton, E. P. Radford and G. W. Angers from Springfield, and Mr. Walker of the Pacific Philatelic Society.

The Governors of the Collectors Club entertained the visitors at dinner at the Harvard Club before the meeting which on this account started a little late which, it is hoped, will be obviated in future.

Mr. John V. Prevost was the star turn of the evening. He had brought with him four volumes of his large collection of French 19th century stamps and gave us one of the most interesting and historical talks that we have had for a long time. All this without notes, just in a free and entertaining style as he was turning over the pages of his album. Mr. Prevost has collected French stamps for some thirty years and has made a great study of the early cancellations. We jotted down a few of the many interesting facts he had to tell us, many of which we venture to think will be new to the readers of this paper.

Mr. Prevost said that no other country showed its history by means of its stamps as well as France did. The first stamps were the 20c, 40c and 1fc issued 1 January, 1849. The 10c was for what we call drop letters but often used in combination with the 1fc, to make the 1fc 30c rate to the United States. The 15c was used for Paris letters, and a used block of four was shown which is exceedingly rare as very few are known.

The stamps were ordered to be issued on 1 Jan. 1849, but a supply of the 20c were sent to Algiers and he showed a copy dated, 31 Dec., 1848, and said that two other copies were known, so French

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stamps must have been issued in Alg before they were in France. The Government ordered a number of dies cancelling the stamps and these were consist of the well known large gr. These were not all ready on January 1 so for about two weeks orders were given to cancel the stamps by means pen and ink and this was to be done that the penstrokes went across stamp on to the cover. Town n were also used occasionally and in cases old obliterations dating from were put into use.

Mr. Prevost showed the circular 3 January, 1849, ordering the obliterations to be the regular grill of 30 diameter but soon after we find another grill 25 mm. diameter had come into use.

On 1 July, 1850, the rate for sub letters was raised to 25c, when the value stamp came into use. The cancellation used on this was the g then a star of dots with a small number and in Paris letters A to M used for the sub-offices, in place of number. In some cases these sub-offices had a sub-office under them, in case a numeral 1 or 2 was added to the letter or letters, thus a cancellation A.S.1 would indicate sub-office No. 1 sub-office station A.S. Our stamps show that after the fall of the first Republic Napoleon III was ambitious and established the Presidency and placed his own head on the stamps of 10c and 20c.

Mr. Prevost then showed a number of Railway Mail cancellations, pointing out that letters such as BELF P indicated use on mail trains Belville to Paris, these are usually found on intermediate values.

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From 1862 a system of Carrier cancellations was adopted. The letter carriers were allowed to pick up letters on their rounds and these had to be obliterated with the letters OR=Rural Origin. Colored cancellations are scarce on early country letters, as few of these local post-offices had colored inks, but in Paris blue and red inks were in many offices and these were occasionally used.

Mr. Prevost drew our attention to a large number of special cancellations, some of considerable rarity, such as:—
C E R—Expeditionary Corps, Rome.
C E R 2—Expeditionary Corps, Rome, and train.
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which special bureau the letter was posted.

Some high numbers were reserved for French offices in foreign countries. Thus 5,104 was Shanghai, 5,118 Yokohama.

In 1862 the Paris cancellation was changed and Nos. 1 to 39 were adopted, one number for each sub-office. The speaker pointed out that none of these were rare although it was difficult to complete full sets on all the values. After the campaign in Italy Napoleon thought he was entitled to the laurels of victory and so added a wreath on his brow on the stamps of 1863-1870.

A rare cancellation consists of the letters PSC in a lozenge of dots. This was used in the special bureau of the Emperor at the Palais St. Cloud. Some of the Railway cancellations used in 1862-1870 were such as BES. P.—Besancon to Paris, and P. LAR.—Paris La Rochelle.

In the 5½c stamp of 1869 the speaker drew attention to the obliteration PGO for Paris Gare Onest. There were six stations in Paris and each one was distinguished by a separate letter after the PG.

Mr. Prevost drew special attention to the very interesting Bordeaux issues made during the siege of Paris. These were produced in groups of 15 subjects repeated ten times to make up the sheets of 150 stamps. He also drew attention to the variety catalogued by Scott as No. 44B and priced used \$1.50 against 15c for the No. 44. Mr. Prevost pointed out that No. 44B comes 11 times in each group of 15 stamps, and that No. 44 only comes four times.

Mr. Prevost showed one volume consisting of the very historical Balloon Letters, used to keep the inhabitants of Paris in touch with the rest of the world during the siege. The Investment of Paris lasted from the 18 September, 1870, to 28 January, 1871. The first balloon was sent off on September 23rd. The stamps used on these letters were the Siege stamps of 10c, 20c and 40c and the Laureated Heads of 10c, 20c, 40c and 80c.

The rate was 20c for 7½ grammes domestic, and 30c to Belgium, France, Switzerland, England, etc. Early in the siege a Journal of the news of Paris was prepared on very thin paper printed on pages 1 and 2 with the fly leaves 3 and 4 left blank for the sender to write his own news. About 19 different Journals were issued, some only put out one number and these are very rare.

These balloon mails had many curious experiences. One balloon landed in Norway and the navigator had to throw

overboard a lot of the mail to save himself from sinking in the ocean. The mail was afterwards recovered, in part, and Mr. Prevost showed some of these without stamps which had been floated off.

Mr. Prevost then showed one of his 20 volumes of French cancellations, this consisting entirely of cancellations used on French Mail boats. There were about 100 different boats that carried mail in the Mediterranean service, the name of each of these appears on the cancellation, such as "Ganges," which is not a cancellation used on the river of that name in India. In this collection the Mail boat cancellations are all mounted alphabetically.

Mr. John N. Luff moved a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Prevost which was carried unanimously.

A DEALER EXPERIENCE.

(A boy collector in Canada recently sent J. L. Riedel of Nurnberg, Bavaria, a bank note to the value of 10,000 marks and with it an order for no fewer than nine items from one of his old advertisements. We print Mr. Riedel's comment upon the matter as he writes us.—W. O. W.)

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EDITORIAL.

The post-office department has just
celebrated a "better-mailing week" and
postmasters and others have been asked
to bring a list of postal suggestions to
the attention of the public. In the
recommendations, several are noticed
that have a direct application to stamps,
as for instance, one concerning the use
of high denomination stamps, as fol-
lows: "Use a single postage stamp when-
ever possible to pay the postage on a
letter or parcel. The use of two or
more stamps when one higher denomi-
nation stamp would answer the same
purpose makes more work for the postal
service and increases the cost to the
Government in connection with the
manufacture of postage stamps." This
is a reasonable suggestion and one that
stamp collectors will view with approval.
During the war, Australia, for in-
stance, almost made it mandatory that
as few stamps as possible be used on
mail, in the interest of economy, but it
is fair for our government to ask that
the advice it now gives be followed,
on the score of the saving of time and
money.

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Recently, we interviewed Mr. Willis
H. Kerr, Librarian of the State Teach-
ers' College of Emporia, Kansas, who
gave that New Year's breakfast in
Chicago to the librarians who were
philatelists as well, during the conven-
tion of librarians held in Chicago. Mr.
Kerr said that the breakfast was at-
tended by Mr. J. I. Wyer, director of
the New York State Library, Mr. A. S.
Root, librarian of Oberlin College and
others who acknowledged the gentle
thrall of philately. Not alone does Mr.
Wyer collect but his wife and son do,
also; and the result is a philatelic
happy family. Mr. Wyer has a good
nineteenth century collection with not a
few countries complete; and Mr. Root
is a general collector. Mr. Kerr is an
unselfish worker in the cause and he
is putting in some telling strokes for
it. When the Forum Club at Emporia
had its hobby night, Mr. Kerr told in
his paper how he began to collect
stamps as a boy and at least his story
confirmed his own interest in stamps.
Mr. Kerr is untiring in prosecuting his
missionary work among the librarians
who as a class are particularly accept-
able as philatelists and all credit should
be given to him for wishing to share a
good thing with his fellows. His ex-

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us to cultivate other lines of endeavor
with the thought of engaging their in-
terest in stamp collecting. The more
that we bestir ourselves in this way,
the stronger we build the foundation of
philately.

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An anonymous reader in San Fran-
cisco sends the following news "copied
from a California newspaper" that for
fantastic statement stands in a class by
itself and deserves to be embalmed in
moonshine. It reads: "Collectors of the
harmless postage stamp who delight to
rummage through waste-paper baskets
in search of prey are trying to dictate
the choice of a presidential candidate
and are out to defeat the chances of a
prominent possibility because he spoke
slightly of these supposedly gentle
souls. Scratch a stamp collector and
catch a Tartar. A writer claims that
he has unearthed this strange conspir-
acy." This *farrago* of nonsense is so
far-fetched that it cannot be admitted
that it is not burlesque. Yet, that the
human mind has odd slants is known
and there is a suspicion that the creator
of the paragraph takes himself serious-
ly. It does not pay to try to be funny
as the item was inspired by a jocose
reference to H. L. Mencken's platform
on which he was to be elected to the
presidency, in which he said something
about stamp issues when he was presi-
dent. We bantered him and said that
he could never be elected by the phil-
atelic vote. Then one "all brains" edi-
torial writer gravely announced, on the
basis of our paragraph, that the stamp
collectors were in the saddle; and this
statement gave the cue to the balm-
y scrivener who wrote as aforesaid.

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The importance of philatelic adver-
tising in these mid-season days cannot
be stressed too strongly; and it is
probable that even the better advertisers
do not give the subject the consideration
that it deserves. A few observations
will be made in the hope that they
will lead advertisers to devote more at-
tention to their announcements for
which they pay the same price, be they
good or bad. It is needless to say that
all the advertisements in this number
will not bring results to meet the ex-
pectations of the advertisers. If we

could insure the success of every ad
that we carried, soon we could not print
a paper large enough to include all the
announcements received from clamor-
ing advertisers. It is not pleasant to
have to pay for publicity that does not
bring in a single reply and on the
contrary, the successful ad does not cost
more than the resultless one. It is well
to advertise but better to advertise well.
We suppose that no one could say be-
forehand that an ad would pay, but it
is certain that the advertiser who
studies his ads will fare better than
one who does not concentrate on them.
The best way in which to get advertis-
ing experience is by advertising but the
idea is to shorten the barren, prelimi-
nary period of introduction as much as
possible. A new advertiser who offers
what has been presented many times be-
fore by the old advertisers cannot hope
to attract much attention. If he would
make his announcement noticeable, he
will have to make his ad distinctive by
reason of the class of goods that he of-
fers, in connection with the prices or
by the setting of it in words or otherwise.
To obtain the interest of the reader,
an ad must hold its own in the competi-
tion it enters into, in the association
with the publicity of the other dealers;
and even then the probabilities are that
some time will elapse before it becomes
effective. Here, the element of persist-
ence becomes a vital one; and the day is
coming when the necessity for contin-
uous advertising will be accepted as a
matter of course. As it is, the path of
the few times advertiser is becoming
very rocky and he should look very
carefully before he leaps. While the
stamp business is still undeveloped, on
the whole, it is not so easy as it once
was to achieve a comfortable position in
it, and the same conditions apply to
philatelic advertising.

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A reader sends a note of warning to
the effect that the drinking water in
his city is so strongly chlorinated in
the determination to remove the fangs
from the bacteria that when used for
stamp immersion, it has given him sev-
eral shades. We hope that our corre-
spondent is an imaginative fellow and
that his misgivings have no foundation
in fact, although it is not to be said that
the results he claims are impossible
chemically.

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quote further: "I am still a cripple but
with help to lead me into a rickshaw
and pick me out of it, I have been to
meetings of the society and have en-
joyed them. If an empty shop could
be found in town, I would start a stamp
shop but I do not believe that there is a
empty one in town. Chinese landlords
and others, too, are getting as high as
three hundred dollars key money, or
premium for letting a tenant into
place; still, there are lots of new place
being built all the time. I never saw
a for sale notice on a house or shop
in the place. Come out here if you
want to go into the real estate busi-
ness." When the world boom for
stamps comes, stamp dealing will take
its place among the recognized busi-
nesses and the dealer will not have to
explain to the puzzled listener that his
means of livelihood is well within the
border of reason. Hasten the day when
one can say that one is a stamp dealer
with an air of finality.

—An inquirer asks if anything has been done about organizing a philatelic literature society in this country, such as was discussed some years ago. During the war period, the subject was considered and the idea abandoned; and it has not been revived. At the time, a few of the leading literature collectors spoke in favor of the suggestion and it is possible that the need for a society of the kind will lead to action in time to come.

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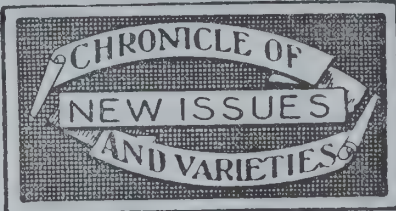
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The chronicle of United States is edited by **PHILIP H. WARD, JR.,** Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by **PERCY C. SMITH,** 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—Wilson Memorial Stamp—The Postmaster General was almost swamped with letters from all over the country suggesting a Wilson Memorial Stamp as a fitting tribute to a great President but he has decided that the time is not opportune for such an emission. In the first place the Harding stamp has just been issued under similar circumstances and is still current in many of the post-offices. To issue another stamp at this time would detract from the Harding glory and then Mr. Wilson would not receive the honor to which he is entitled in copying something that had just been done. It would not be surprising, however, if a portrait of Wilson should appear on some stamp in the near future.

1923, 12c Part Perforated—Mr. B. K. Miller writes that a postal clerk in a branch Post Office in Milwaukee found a sheet of the current 12c imperforated horizontally. After holding these for several days for any collector who might be interested he sold them in the regular course of business. This means that the 10c, the 2c and now the 12c have recently come out of the Bureau in a part perforated condition and collectors should watch their post-offices carefully for such varieties. We should be glad to receive early information of any such varieties located.

Government Framed Exhibition—The framed exhibition of postage stamps which was awarded a special prize at the International Philatelic Exhibition

held last year in London, has now started on its second trip around the country. It has been exhibited at several of the New Jersey post-offices, will pass to Louisville, Kansas City and then back to Washington after going to the Pacific Coast. It will reach Washington around July 1st and it is expected that its third trip will be through the Southern States. It is hoped that before the exhibition takes its permanent resting place in Washington that it will have been exhibited in every city of any size in the country.

Aquatone Method of Stamp Production—In my notes of last week, reference was made to a new method proposed for producing stamps and securities turned out by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing. I now have before me the testimony of Mr. L. A. Hill, former Director, before the subcommittee of House Committee on Appropriation. Mr. Hill testified that during the last twenty-three or twenty-four years there have been great developments in the art of photo-reproduction and that as a result counterfeits of American securities by this method are becoming more perfect from year to year. During this time only one or two hand engraved certificates have made their appearance, but because of the perfection being reached by the photo-reproduction method, good counterfeits of our notes are being circulated.

It seems that the Aquatone Corporation of New York are owners of a patent for a method of making photo-lithographic printing plates and it has been found by experiment at the Bureau that their method is more perfect than any that has ever come to the attention of the Bureau experts. It is an absolute reproduction of our steel plate engraving. The use of this patent has been offered the Department without charge and Mr. Hill exhibited to the subcommittee prints to show the possibilities to be derived from the use of this special method. He made up a dummy security representing a portrait, geometric lathe work and ornamental work in general. From this he made a plate in the usual way and then made a second plate by the Aquatone method. He called their attention to the fact that this reproduction is our present highly developed counterfeit. It is so good and so precise that it is a terrible menace to our securities. He then

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showed the subcommittee a counterfeit of the Aquatone print which was so perfect that anyone could detect it. In other words, they have the ability to truly reproduce plate printed securities, but the is an element of security in the Aquatone print that prevents its reproduction in a satisfactory manner. It seems that this method which does not require the wetting of the paper will save the Bureau just about 75% of its present cost. Mr. Hill proposes its adoption the Bureau stating that the process is absolute. It produces excellent results and it is a better security than the plate printing process now being used.

Further on in his testimony regarding appropriation for the coming year makes several statements of interest to the philatelist. On page 293 of the report he advises that, "Our work is done on wet paper—that is, the plate printing—and the wetting of the paper is the one serious obstacle we have in our process. The paper is drawn from the division of paper custody, after which it is wet, and it expands and shrinks. It is passed from the wetting division to the printing. The wetting division costs around \$220,000 a year for employment, and is but one of the functions that would be eliminated."

This special method proposed is practically been developed within the last eighteen months. Mr. Hill's testimony further shows that the Post Office Department is paying the Bureau 8c per M. for flat work, 0.053 cents for rotary press work and 0.0605 cents for precancelled work. During the six months ending December 31, 1923, around six billion stamps were produced by the flat bed method, about three and one-half million cancelled.

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Mr. Hill explains why more of the stamps for general use in the post-offices are not produced by the rotary press. He states that they curl up and this is because the stamps are wound on a spool after they leave the drying oven for drying the gumming. They are then unrolled from the spools, cut up in sheets of four hundred subjects and pressed in hydraulic press to flatten them. They are flat when they are sent out from the Bureau, but after lying on the post-office shelves for a while there is a tendency to resume the curl they had while in the spool. This he states they cannot top. It is interesting to learn that during the six months above specified, nearly three hundred thousand pounds of dex-

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trine was used for making the gum. This now costs 8.43 cents per pound against 7c per pound in 1923. The paper used in postage stamps has advanced from 6.37 to 7.97 cents per pound.

We wish to thank Messrs. LeRoy Thomson, Frank E. Robbins, C. W. Haynes, R. H. Mower and Dr. L. L. Myers for information of interest.

Shanghai—The Philatelic Stamp Agency discontinued the sale of the Shanghai stamps on December 1st as we had previously advised, although they continued to fill orders received before that date some weeks after. I learn that the supply of the \$1 on 50c and the \$2.00 on \$1.00 was far less than the demand and that these denominations became exhausted some time before December 1st. As the records show that the issue was not large, these varieties should prove very good property.

AZORES.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal reports the appearance of a 50c orange yellow, Ceres type, perf. 12x11½.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin informs us that the 3d value inscribed "Postage and Revenue" and printed on yellow paper has had only a very short life, having been issued about May of last year. They are officially informed that the stock of this stamp was exhausted sometime before the blue stamps arrived in the Protectorate and the yellow paper variety is likely to be an elusive stamp.

GRENADA.—Stamp Collecting announces that new printings of the 1d brown and 1½d black postage due are on order and will soon be forwarded.

POLAND.—Mr. D. L. Hardy has shown us the 5mk brown with the surcharge "100,000" across the centre of the stamp and "M K" in the upper corners. The overprint is in black.—Stamp Collecting.

NETHERLANDS.—Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin reports that the Charity stamps issued December 15, 1923, were on sale only one month having been

withdrawn Jan. 15th last and they are informed that the remainders will be destroyed.

POLAND.—We have received from Messrs. Bright & Son the following information:—

"We have today received from Poland 5 new denominations. These are all of the usual large Eagle type, except that a value tablet now runs right along the bottom of the stamp, and the centre bearing the Eagle has been raised closer to the top. The denominations are:

- 20,000 marks olive.
- 30,000 marks rose carmine.
- 50,000 marks yellow green.
- 100,000 marks orange brown.
- 200,000 marks turquoise blue.

Our correspondent informs us that the three lowest values have been issued too late, and are therefore not on general sale at the post-offices, i.e. to say that the postage rates have advanced so high that these stamps are of too low a denomination to be of any use or to have any demand.

In addition, there has been issued 30,000 and 100,000 marks Unpaid letter stamp in the large format. On the sheet of 20,000 olive in front of us, we find numbers 46, 77 and 100 on the sheet have an extra full stop after the 20,000, No. 83 in the sheet has an extra full stop just in front of the M of MK."

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—Stamps of a new design are being issued for Angola, Cape Verde, Portuguese Guinea, Mozambique and St. Thome and Principe, the denominations in each set consisting of the following:—¼, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80 centavos, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 escudos.—Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.

TURKEY.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal chronicles a set of eight values of a Peace Commemorative issue. They show a likeness of Kemal Pasha at the right with a view of Sakharia in the centre and left. The perforation is 12 and values and colors as follows: 1½pi

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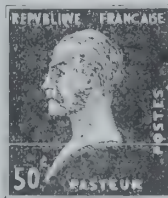
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J. L. Riedel writes us as follows:—"The above notice in your issue for January is very interesting. It is the first time I heard of these stamps. Let me say at once that they have not and will not be issued. Germany has not issued any new stamps since December 1st (a record!) and very likely will not do so for awhile."

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On this auspicious occasion an "open door" policy will prevail, and an invitation is extended to collectors everywhere to be present. A limited number of tickets are available for non-members at a special rate of seventy-five cents. These can be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. F. R. Saunders, 116 Concord Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, or by telephoning Kenwood O992W. Come and bring a friend. It is the desire of the Executive that each and every member should be present.

This society, since its organization, less than six months ago, has progressed very rapidly and it is debatable if any club in a city of Toronto's size can boast a better record. To date it has over forty active members with a number of applications under consideration and an unlimited number of prospects. It is now apparent that the membership quota set for this season will be exceeded, for during this time there has been but one resignation. Auctions, Displays, and talks on stamps are given and undoubtedly these are a vital factor in the success of the organization.

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At the last Executive meeting of the

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Local collectors are invited to affiliate and visitors will be welcome at all times. The Club has its headquarters at the Empress Hotel, 337 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, where meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays each month at 8.15 P. M. Send in your application before you forget.

NEW CANAL ZONE STAMPS

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The Wonderful Year.—Here's to the year that's awa! So far as philately is concerned, it has been one of outstanding achievement and progress. It has consolidated the enlargement of the stamp-collecting world that developed out of the War, the Armistice, and the Conquest of the Air. The year has marked great strides in philatelic knowledge, all the greater in that they make clear how vast a field is yet untitled by the stampic student. The London Exhibition—wonderful as it was from the point of view of new research—made it abundantly plain that there are more things to learn of stamps than were dreamt of in the Philately of a decade ago. So far as the specialistic study of stamps is concerned, it would be a foolish prophet who attempted to set a limit to its possibilities.

In the Public Mind.—The year has marked a distinct advance in the public acceptance—not merely toleration—of Philately as something more than an epidemic of the collecting instinct. At a time when news of our pursuit was carried into every nook and corner of our land, and to many places overseas, the

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The Stamp Birth-Rate in 1923.—The past year has been a remarkably prolific one in respect to the birth-rate of new stamps. The dying agonies of the paper mark in Germany generated a prolific litter of provisionals, more indeed in one year than the stable government of the Empire produced during its whole existence. Now that Germany has introduced the new mark, there will doubtless be an aftermath of stamps in the new currency to keep THE POSTAGE STAMP new issue chronicler busy. Collectors who see no further than their proboscides seem ever prone to suggest that Germany's exceptional output of new stamps is designed to extract easy money from collectors, but in reality the instability of her stamp issues is the natural reflection of the instability of the country, and especially of its currency.

The Panorama of the Nations.—In a broadly general way the stamp issues of the past twelve months have kept in close touch with national and international events. The Rhein-Ruhr, the Lithuanian coup in Memel, the Italian surprise at Corfu, the Fascisti movement, the Pasteur celebration, the Queen Wilhelmina's silver jubilee, the death of a great American President, the Lausanne Treaty, the unrest in China, the earthquake in Japan, the advance of Labour in world politics, the troubles in Greece—all have left their impress on the pages of our stamp albums, and have provided fresh examples of the way in which Philately "illuminates the development of nations and of art."

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By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

We are pleased to present this week the likeness of Charles M. Ams, specialist in the stamps of Gambia and a resident of New York City. He is what may be termed a "philatelic hermit" and although he has collected stamps since his boyhood it was only recently that he joined the Collectors Club of New York. During his stamp collecting days he has not come in contact with fellow collectors.

Mr. Ams was born in New York City, in 1867, and began collecting during his school days, pursuing the hobby with the zest and enthusiasm of which a school-boy is capable. When he entered business as is natural his collecting activities were suspended for several years. When, however, he resumed his interest he was qualified to enter the ranks of the more serious collectors, with the result that he accumulated an extensive collection of British Colonials, mostly mint specimens. This collection was sold at public auction to good advantage.

A few more years of activity then ensued, during which Mr. Ams realized that philately was too big a field from the international standpoint for an active business man, and he finally concluded to specialize in a little country

to which he was always more or less devoted, namely, Gambia.

Mr. Ams now specializes in that country exclusively and his collection is as representative as any in America, containing full sheets of the 1874 Crown CC 4d brown and 6d blue, also a full sheet of the 1880 1sh green, besides blocks and almost innumerable specimens of the early issues all in superb condition. He has practically everything obtainable in this country and he is now concentrating on cancellations as evidenced by his recent advertisements in the WEEKLY. Some day when he has sufficient material available he proposes to write a monograph on this interesting little country, Gambia.

In a recent letter to us Mr. Ams says:—"I never miss an opportunity of spreading the gospel of philately and am glad to encourage boys and girls to take up stamp collecting whenever possible. I take this opportunity of commending your WEEKLY, which I consider the peer of all stamp papers and it is surprising how much can be said about a hobby fifty-two times a year. I was impelled to become a member of your Honor Club with a five years' renewal of subscription when I realized how much you give for so little money."

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHLAND.

By ARTHUR W. VAN PELT.

Away down here in Louisiana's southernmost city, so near the Gulf of Mexico that the salt breezes fan us the year round and oysters, shrimp and furs are our principal products, philately has a firm hold and its followers have turned up a few items so typical of the country as to, perhaps, prove interesting.

This is a country of waterways. Settled by the Acadians a hundred years or more ago (see Longfellow's "Evangeline"), railroads were slow in coming, highways still slower and the waterways, up to some twenty years ago were the highways and the by-ways of commerce and travel. The packet boat with its twin stacks, shallow draft, great carrying capacity and comfortable living quarters were used for all travel purposes as well as the carrying of mail. Letters were mailed on board the boat and apparently cancelled by the clerk or purser. An evidence of this is a two-cent brown red, of the issue of 1883, bearing the rubber stamp cancellation:—"Lafourche Packet Company LeBlanc, Master," and part of other words not legible.

I have not seen this cancellation reported before but learn that the Lafourche Packet Company was one of the big companies during the '80's and

early '90's, operating on the Mississippi River and into the Bayou Lafourche probably as far South as Lockport. It operated the packets Assumption and Belle of the Coast, among others and among the masters were Aucoin, LeBlanc and Delahoussae. I should like to hear if cancellations from any of the above have been recorded.

The City of Houma is situated in Terrebonne Parish. Bayou Black runs westward from Houma toward Morgan City and the little village of Gibson stands on both banks of Bayou Black about twenty-two miles west of Houma. As a village it is not notable but it has a history. This village formerly bore the name of Tigerville, given it years ago by the fact that "tigers" or panthers were numerous there. Recently I came across a cover bearing a one-cent stamp of the vintage of 1857, type four, re-cut at top and bottom, addressed to a person at Tigerville, La. In those days Tigerville was a sea-port and a port of entry where great ships entered to load sugar, lumber, cotton and rice and cleared for the ports of the seven seas. Today the Old Spanish Trail Highway winds through the old village, following the banks of the beautiful old bayou, now a link of the famous Intra-Coastal Canal and modern progress intrudes upon the romance and the memories of a bygone day and new progress and new commerce calls to mind the scenes of long ago.

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—From the old-time philatelic publisher, Shirley E. Moisant of Kankakee, Illinois, we have received an invitation to attend the mid-year meeting of the Illinois Association of Insurance Agents, on March 7, 1924, in Chicago. Mr. Moisant is secretary of the association.

—From Mr. Karl Koslowski, Detroit, Michigan, we have received the following letter: "In the issue of February 25th, on page 115, Mr. C. C. Fisher reports a three cent of 1861, double perforation showing at top and bottom. I believe double perforations to have been a common occurrence as I have many a page in my album with doubly perforated stamps, top and bottom and also at both sides, three cent of 1857-60 as well as the three cent of 1861. When it comes to the double perforations on one side, the stamps with them are legion. I have even split pairs to obtain one copy showing four lines of perforations, either horizontally or vertically. Next."

—A copy of the two cent Harding, precancelled Chicago, is sent in by Mr. Gordon S. Dills, Garrett, Indiana, who writes: "This came in on some of the factory mail about two months ago, or perhaps, longer. I did not notice at the time on what firm's, as I supposed Chicago precancelled Hardings would be common." This information comes in the face of the statement of an editorial in the issue of February 25th, saying that the Chicago office refused a large corporation's request for precancelled Harding stamps.

—From Mr. A. H. Pike, the postmark student, we received a postal card with "leap year date," February 29, 1924, as a souvenir.

—An English advertiser offers "awkward to get" stamps, thereby refining the usual "hard to get" description.

—L. J. Granie sending us one of the new 2c Canal Zone stamps states that no more of the centenary issue are to be had, and a new issue for the Canal Zone will probably be out in April.

—H. F. Colman, the well-known Washington dealer, would like to have the name supplied upon an order which he has received from Ridgefield, Conn. Will the interested party please communicate with Mr. Colman?

—An interesting item is at hand through the kindness of A. H. Pike. It consists of a re-valued 2c Binghamton print post-card, bearing postmark of Feb. 29 and mailed from the small post-office known as Bible School Park, N. Y.

—T. Allen is advertising this week a discovery in 20th Century Rhodesia of more than ordinary interest. It consists

of the one pound 1910, carmine and purple, printed in the color of the 10d stamp. Only one hundred are said to exist.

—H. H. Coburn of Indianapolis, Ind., favors this office with a cover upon which is a 2c Pilgrim bearing a very neat leapyear cancellation.

—LeRoy Thomson submits for our inspection a Harding 2c bi-sected diagonally and used as a 1c stamp. It bears the cancellation Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 17, 1924, and was used by the Daily *Pantagraph* of that city. We have no knowledge of the circumstances under which this provisional was issued. It is an interesting variety.

—R. R. Yates, of Joliet, Ill., refutes the statement contained in a recent WEEKLY that Chicago has not issued any precancelled Harding stamps by submitting for our inspection a pair which is tangible evidence of the incorrectness of our statement.

—As an example of guarded expression of opinion, the prize of a worsted pair of wristlets is awarded to the philatelic writer who says that "it is not easy to complete a general collection of stamps."

—A dealer writes: "When I started in business about 1900, one of my young customers told of an alleged marvelous collection that he expected to buy from a friend for a bargain price, when he got ready to sell. The other day, he was in again after a lapse of many years and said the same thing. What is it that springs eternal in the human breast? Some of those philatelic conversationalists are hopeful chaps."

—A question comes from Mr. Frank P. Spencer: "How are die proofs told from plate proofs?" Assuming that Mr. Spencer knows that a die proof is made from a single engraving on a block of steel and the plate proofs from a plate of say one hundred subjects, it is to be said that the die proof may be identified as a rule by the ample margins surrounding the impression, while the plate proofs have only the margins common to the usual sheet of stamps. The die proof is preferred to the plate proof for obvious reasons even though the same degree of care marked the printing of both examples.

—A subscriber suggests that all dealers make use of Scott's valuations in connection with the quoting of net prices. No doubt many of our readers do not possess a 1924 catalog, hence this reasonable suggestion.

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giving the particulars of the trial and as well for a cover despatched by air-mail. The words "Air Mail Service" are rubber-stamped in the upper right-hand corner directly over the stamp. It makes an interesting cover.

—The following cancellation is appearing in the mails from various sources and we thank the subscribers who have favored us with specimens:—"Let's Go! Citizens Military Training Camp."

—P. J. Drossos informs us that Greece is about to issue two values of Lord Byron centenary stamps. The values will be 80 lepta for inland postage and 2 drachmas for foreign postage, and they will appear about April 19. They will be in use for about two months.

—Dealers are advised not to stock up too strongly on the British Colonial issues now being offered by British dealers at face value. The offer is an enticing one, but the stock may be dead stock for a number of years with the competition that must result from the purchase of these stamps. A limited quantity will be sufficient.

—Lot No. 743, Nova Scotia 1860-63, 8½c, No. 11, fine vertical pair on cover, Halifax to Holland via London, catalogues normally \$5, was started by me in the room at \$33, \$1 over my next highest bid and I also had a mail bid of \$51 from a Springfield man who had inspected the lot, but after spirited room competition it finally was sold to a N. Y. collector for \$89 approximately 18 times catalogue.—M. OHLMAN.

—A reader who intends to give a talk on stamps before the members of his business men's organization asks if there are printed pamphlets embodying "talks" of the kind. We know of nothing in

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the way of published stamp lectures but we hope that the omission will be remedied.

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—Mr. N. B. Paulson, the Chicago, dealer has left for a trip to the eastern stamp centers that will consume several weeks.

—We must ask that correspondents who send in news subscribe their names to the letters, not necessarily for publication but as affording a basis for acceptance for use. Two letters have come unsigned, the contents of which would be of some interest to readers. The co-operation of subscribers is invited but not under the cloak of anonymity.

CHINESE ART COLLECTOR AT 75.

Jew Gee, 75, faced Police Judge Hugh J. Crawford, charged with vagrancy.

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C. O. Granstrand, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
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Dr. Rees Philpott, Delaware, Ohio.

Our first applicant for membership in the Honor Club this week is C. O. Granstrand of 428 Dunham Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. We take pleasure in adding his name to our list.

Hansen & Taite of Delaware, Ohio, send in the application of Dr. Rees Philpott, of that city for membership in the Five-Year Honor Club. Mr. Taite makes the remittance is a member of the A. S. D. A. and also the A. P. S. and the S. P. A. He speaks in a eulogistic manner of Dr. Philpott's activities and affirms that the WEEKLY regarded very highly in his locality.

Frederic de Puy, sending in his application for membership in the Honor Club, writes us as follows:—"I cannot equal the record of some of your old subscribers, but I have been taking the WEEKLY over twenty years and have been collecting for about thirty-four, wish emphatically to endorse the remarks of Dr. Hubert Lyman Clark on others regarding the proposed special stamp for the Philadelphia Exhibition. The idea seems to me perfectly absurd. We might as well have special stamps for every gathering of every society or organization in the country." This certainly a very debatable question, but the WEEKLY is a forum in which such matters may be discussed.

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The March Issue will be the LARGEST NUMBER YET and contain some live, up-to-the-minute articles on subjects of vital importance such as a warning against fakes in 20th issues, 20th stamps as an investment, etc. Also a host of first-class stamp offers.

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By A. N. CAUDELL.

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(2.) Cluttering the regular catalogue up with rare errors of which but few collectors may hope to possess a copy, such as Scott's Nos. 319d, 324a; 522a, etc. The special catalogue is the place for such. The discovery of a block or so of the present 2c imperf. one way will add a subnumber to our catalogue, and few can get a copy. Errors have no real place in the general catalogue.

A SPECULATIVE CALCULATION.

By ALBERT W. DRAVES (a la Babson).

As umpire, referee and score-keeper for a weekly game being played at our house by three youthful stamp enthusiasts, I respectfully submit a statistical tabulation which may prove of as much interest and speculative calculation to your readers as it does to me. I have now reached the stage where I don't woolsock and issue opinions *vide* Scott,

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Collectors know that one of the oldest
 abuses that they have had to contend
 against is the removal of stamps from
 mail in transit by a postal clerk, here
 and there. From time to time, nowa-
 days, but not so frequently as in years
 past, a reader complains about the loss of
 stamps from his mail; and our custom
 has been to advise that the department
 at Washington be notified of the overt
 acts. That the third assistant postmas-
 ter-general has not remained passive in
 his treatment of cases that have been
 brought to his notice was apparent from
 his warning in an order dated June 7,
 1923, that read as follows:—

"The department is advised that post-
 age stamps have been removed from let-
 ters and other mail, domestic and for-
 eign, apparently by postal employees in-
 terested in philatelic work, etc.

"Postage stamps are affixed to mail as
 evidence that the proper postage has been
 paid, and postal employees should be
 aware of the fact that when mail reaches
 its destination without evidence of pre-
 payment of postage deficiency is collected
 from the addressee, thus in many cases
 leading to complaints against the Postal
 Service. In addition, the removing of
 postage stamps from mail constitutes a
 violation of the law embodied in section
 537, Postal Laws and Regulations.

"Postal employees are therefore cau-
 tioned against removing postage stamps
 from any class of mail, whether domestic
 or foreign."

Under date of February 29, 1924, the
 Hon. W. Irving Glover says: "Com-
 plaints from the public regarding the
 removal of postage stamps from mail
 matter, particularly of foreign origin,
 while in the custody of the Postal Ser-
 vice, are increasing rather than decreas-
 ing and the department cannot satisfac-
 torily explain this irregularity to com-
 plainants. Postmasters are therefore
 requested to take vigorous action in
 every possible way to prevent the re-
 moval of stamps from mail matter." It
 is irritating to find letters, foreign or
 domestic, denuded of certain stamps,
 when received by the collector. The
 fact that, as a rule, only desirable high
 values and novelties are taken aggra-
 vates the offense, which, in plain words,
 is theft. That the department is aware
 of the pernicious practice and alive to
 its seriousness is an indication that it will
 exert its influence to check the imposi-
 tions. It is the duty of our readers to

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 to the culprit may be run down while
 warm. Here we take the following
 paragraph from *Stamp Collecting* as op-
 portune: "A report made by a post-
 master concerning a foreign stamp from
 which the stamp was missing concluded
 with the following words: 'The postman
 is not a philatelist, being honest and
 reliable.'"

* * *

Not a few collectors have interested
 themselves in getting a number of Feb.
 29th postmarks. Mr. George B. Gould,
 of Bangor, Maine, has a birthday on
 February 29th and he celebrates his
 natal day by receiving an assortment of
 February 29th postmarks from friends,
 every fourth year.

* * *

In that somewhat sober work, "Res-
 ponsible Government in the Dominions,"
 in three volumes, Oxford, 1912, by
 Keith, a reference is found to the fa-
 mous "O'Connell stamp," on page 1187 of
 the third volume, as follows: "A minis-
 ter of New Brunswick who placed his
 own head on a stamp issue was com-
 pelled to resign and the issue was re-
 called in 1861. (See Hannay's New
 Brunswick, Vol. II, p. 194.) This is,
 of course, a less solecism than placing a
 wrong effigy on coins for the *ars cudenti*
 has been since classical times, a sover-
 eign right, while stamps have a humble
 origin." Though disguised as "O'Con-
 nell" our hero Connell is easily recog-
 nized in the foregoing observation and
 while it is pointed out that the solecism
 that he made was a minor one, Connell
 must have thought from the consequence
 of his act that he had done something to
 shock the world. Then the origin of
 stamps is not so excruciatingly humble;
 in fact, we have been known to boast of
 the circumstances of their origin. Now,
 see how tactfully a philatelic historian
 tells of the Connell episode: "Mr. Con-
 nell, the postmaster at this date, appar-
 ently thought that his portrait would be
 a satisfactory exchange for Queen Vic-
 toria's but the officials did not agree with
 him and Mr. Connell resigned. The
 stamp was never issued and the stock
 destroyed."

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On the subject of the proposed Phil-
 adelphia stamp, Mr. P. W. Sayers

writes: "I must take your side against
 my friend, Mr. McCarthy, who would
 have you think that it would cheapen the
 U. S. to have it issue a stamp in recog-
 nition of philately, whose followers con-
 stitute themselves an unofficial arm of the
 post-office department, unselfishly and
 enthusiastically. The fact is the present
 discussion merely shows the clash of the
 old and the new. Tradition is all right
 and may be respected but the collectors
 who know philately only as it is are
 puzzled that there could be any objec-
 tion to a stamp tribute. Commemora-
 tives have been issued and will continue
 to be and the question resolves itself
 into the simple one of whether we as
 well as other folks will ask for a seat at
 the table. If a vote were taken of all
 philatelists on the question, you would
 find that the opponents would come from
 the ranks of the older collectors, as a
 rule." Mr. Sayers must admit that
 the older collectors should have a
 voice in the discussion and we are not
 willing to say that all the collectors who
 are not in favor of the proposed drive
 are reactionary and living in the past.
 Some of the letters that we have re-
 ceived give that surmise its *quietus*.

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That the old globe is whirling around
 on its axis is evident to us by the re-
 ceipt of the following inquiry from Mr.
 H. O. Marlett, who is writing a philatelic
 story for the paper in his home town:
 "Is the Crawford collection still in ex-
 istence or was it dismantled after the
 owner's death?" It seems but a short
 time ago since we got a cablegram from
 Mr. John Klemann from England, say-
 ing that he had bought on behalf of his
 firm, the Nassau Stamp Company, the
 collection of U. S. that had been made
 by Alexander Edward Lindsay, the earl
 of Crawford. Yet it was in November,
 1915, that the collection was brought to
 this country to be divided among the
 customers of the buyer. The example
 of Mr. Marlett is one that calls for emu-
 lation and there is no doubt but that his
 article will be a readable one. He might
 say in his article that the stamps in the
 collection were the subject of a complete
 postal history, in which the evolution of
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 noticed; and in the course of
 this article, the following paragraph
 is found: "The wisdom of the cobbler's
 reflective years is the beginning of a
 passion for the stories told by worn
 shoes. Let others collect porcelain and
 stamps and models of ships: none of
 those contains the fascination or the
 philosophy of the neglected province of
 old shoes." We cannot object to the
 company to which Mr. Bishop consigns
 stamps, even though it is decidedly
 mixed. The pursuit of porcelain is a
 royal one and as for ships' models, they
 seem to be on the wave of fashionable
 favor. A friend has just told us of the
 hobby of one of his acquaintances who
 collects wooden Indian cigar signs. This
 collector cannot pass Poor Lo on a
 pedestal without wanting to annex him
 and he has about one hundred cigar
 signs of the kind in a warehouse. He
 has a keen eye for condition and if the
 Indian has a truncated nose or a macer-
 ated ear, he will give only a low price
 for him; and it is interesting to hear
 that he believes that the cigar signs are
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Stamp collecting exercises a wide appeal and is said to be today by far the most widely spread hobby of any in the world. Collectors are to be found in every country. The Tacoma Philatelic Society hopes by means of the exhibit of stamps and of the literature pertaining to it to discover unknown collectors and to win converts to the ranks of the fascinating pursuit.

There are many philatelists in Tacoma now, old and young, advanced and beginners, and some of the most prominent will have choice collections and rare stamps on exhibit at the coming show.

Clyde Brill, Market street tire dealer, who is vice president of the society and widely known as an advanced collector, in addition to a very large general collection he has specialized on the two first stamps ever issued, the British Penny Black and Twopence Blue of 1840. He has about 1,500 of these rare stamps, all different, and is still far from possessing all varieties.

Cecil Blogg, secretary of the society, is an authority on stamps in general, but has specialized on two countries as widely apart as Siam and Haiti. Fred Mosher has confined his activities to modern British Colonial issues of which he has a very large and attractive collection.

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R. H. Langdon, manager of the Tacoma office of R. G. Dunn & Co., has one of the finest collection of stamps and envelopes of the United States in the entire Northwest. Leroy Pratt, of Tacoma, has a magnificent collection and has particularly specialized on aerial postage stamps.

A. B. Nessonson, contracting freight agent for the Great Northern railroad, is an enthusiastic collector. Other well known collectors are Henry F. Parks, organist at the Blue Mouse Theater; Fred Butts, with the Gregory Furniture Company; Louis Johnson, of the Tacoma News Tribune; Benjamin J. Weeks, of Benjamin J. Weeks Co.; J. G. Hinds, chief engineer of the American Wood Pipe Company; William Oudeans, with the Packard Shoe Company.

August von Boecklin, president of the Washington Manufacturing Company, has a very fine collection and has specialized on the stamps of Liberia. J. G. Richards, export manager for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, is another stamp enthusiast, as is also Yositaro Ihno, cashier for the same company. Professor Hedley, occupying the chair of psychology at the College of Puget Sound, is a collector.

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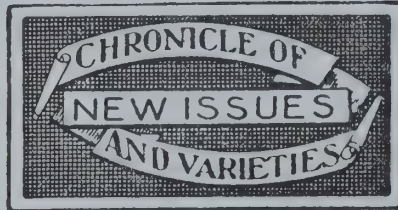
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UNITED STATES.—Huguenot-Walloon Commemorative Series.—In further reference to my remarks of March 3rd regarding special stamps to be issued in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the settling in New Netherlands and elsewhere by the Walloons, I now have information that the Commission having in charge the arrangements for this celebration have furnished the Department several designs from which selections will be made for the new stamps. These include such views as the ship "New Netherland" which brought the early settlers to this country, "The Landing of the Walloons at Fort Orange," Albany, etc., and these sketches have been submitted to the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, and they have been asked to rush the stamps through to an early conclusion. It is hoped that they will be ready for issue during April and quite possibly on April 28th for the Dutch Churches of the country will have special services on the previous day. The stamps will be similar in size to our current series but will be like the higher denominations, that is, with the long dimension horizontal. They will be printed in sheets of four hundred and distributed through the Post Offices in panes of one hundred. It is expected to produce these by the flat bed presses, and they will be perforated 11. We are not likely to have the varieties in an imperforate condition.

Franking Privilege for Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.—Under date of February 28th the House of Representatives passed a Senate Bill, which Bill has since been signed by the President, granting to Edith Bolling Wilson, widow of the late President, the privilege of franking letters free of all charge.

Postage Stamp Plate Numbers.—Through the courtesy of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Major W. W. Kirby, we are in a position to bring our list of Plate numbers up to and including February 25, 1924.

From the list it will be seen that the Department has started again to make plates of four hundred subjects of the 2c denomination for use on the rotary press. I explained in an early Chronicle that the Department was precancelling the 1c stamps on the rotary press and that other denominations would follow as soon as the Department had made sufficient headway in supplying the 1c value to the sixty-five larger offices. The appearance of these 2c plates leads us to believe that this denomination will shortly appear perforated 10 for precancelling purposes. The Department no doubt will favor us as they have before and let us have a supply through the Philatelic Agency without the cancellation. I am not in a position as yet to advise when these stamps will be available to the collector.

Plate No.	Denom.	Class.	Series.	No. of Subj.
15271-274	7c	Ord.	1922	400
15275-278	10c	Ord.	1922	400
15279-280	5c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	170
15281-284	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15285-288	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15289	2c	Book	1922	360
15290-291	1c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	170
15292-303	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15304-305	1c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	170
15306-309	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15310-321	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15322-323	1c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	170
15324-327	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15328-335	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15336-339	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15340-341	1c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	170
15342-345	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15346-349	10c	Ord.	1922	400
15350-353	12c	Ord.	1922	400
15354-357	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15358-361	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15362-365	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15366-369	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15370-371	1c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	170
15372-375	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15376-379	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15380-387	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15388-391	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15392-393	2c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	170
15394-397	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15398-401	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15402-405	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15406-407	2c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	170
15408-411	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15412-413	2c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	400
15414-417	2c	Book	1922	360
15418-419	2c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	170
15420-423	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15424-427	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15428	1c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	170
15429-432	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15433-436	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15437-440	1c	Ord.	1922	400

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*No. 120	cat. .06	net .03	No. 143	cat. .03	net .01
*No. 121	cat. .06	net .03	No. 145	cat. .04	net .02
No. 155	cat. .04	net .02	No. 156	cat. .02	net .01
No. 157	cat. .03	net .01	No. 167	cat. .05	net .02
*No. 168	cat. .04	net .02	*No. 180	cat. .05	net .02
No. 183	cat. .05	net .02	No. 197	cat. .03	net .01
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15457-460	2c	Ord.	1922	4
15461-464	2c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	1
15465-472	2c	Ord.	1922	4
15473-476	2c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	1
15477-480	8c	Ord.	1922	4
15481-484	2c	Ord.	1922	4
15484-488	2c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	4
15489-492	1c	Ord.	1922	4
15493-496	2c	Ord.	1922	4
15497-500	2c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	4
15501-504	2c	Ord.	1922	4
15505-508	2c	Book	1922	4
15509-513	10c	Ord.	1922	4
15514-519	2c	Ord.	1922	4
15520-521	2c	Ord-Cvd.	1922	4
15522-525	2c	Book	1922	4

It will also be noted that we have a pair of the new 5c coil plates, portrait of Roosevelt, in the above list, and this variety may also be expected at an early date. Plates for the 10c coil have not as yet appeared, but as this variety is a slow seller and there seems to be so few on hand, it is likely a month or so will pass before this denomination appears in coil form.

Philatelic Stamp Agency.—In sending out stamps from the Agency they are now using special invoice forms and back of these invoices is information of importance to all of those purchasing stamps direct from Washington. I am therefore quoting in full, from their remarks:

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CEYLON.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us that he has received the 100r grey-black on white, script watermarked.

CHINA.—The air mail service has again been suspended. When it is resumed a new series of aerial adhesives will probably be issued, or possibly the existing series in new colours. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., classify the previous groups, used, in three groups, viz., (1) July 1, 1921. "First Flight," Peking-Tsinan, withdrawn after one flight owing to military difficulties. Not more than 100 covers are known to have been carried by this flight. Stamps were cancelled by an oblong wood "chop" containing large Chinese characters only. (2) July, 1922. Peking-Pei-tai-Ho, withdrawn after one month's flight. Ordinary postmarks. (3) Two services, May, 1923 to October 31, 1923; ordinary postmarks.

As regards the Pao-tzu-ku bandit postage stamps, a correspondent informs Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal that these were issued by the American Relief

Committee, organized to supply food, clothing, etc., to the persons captured from an express train in May, 1923, by the "Lincheng Bandits." The stamps were printed from woodblocks, prepared by native Chinese, and printed on native paper. The denominations are 5c on red and 10c on yellow, but the value 5c appears as 50c owing to a mistake of the native engraver. Two hundred copies of each were printed, which were distributed to the captives for the sending of messages from Pao-tzu-ku, the bandits camp, to Lincheng. Messrs. Gibbons remark that the issue of these stamps seems to have been a wholly unnecessary proceeding, but perhaps further information will reveal some reason for it.

Mr. Loo Ung brings to notice a special cancellation in a double oval, applied to stamps of the current issue, the Chinese characters of which he transcribes as "In commemoration of President Hsu Shih Chang."—Stamp Collecting.

EGYPT.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the one pound stamp of the King Fuad type. The colors are purple and blue, with one pound sign in the left corner. Mr. Roberts adds that it seems to arouse some comment that the sign is not the pound one.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 3c green on white, script watermarked paper.

FINLAND.—Our Special Correspondent, Mr. Sulo Kinnunen, sends us a new 75 penni stamp, in the current Lion type.—Stamp Collecting.

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ing in the centre), 1p green, similar in design to the 1879 issue and 5p orange, with a view of the Garcia Statue at the right. Mr. Cohen further advises that these were lithographed locally by Castillo Bros.

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The following article is taken from the *New York Times* of Feb. 10 and we deem it of sufficient interest to reprint in its entirety. Some of our readers will no doubt like to know more about the Reward of Merit medal awarded Mr. Pack by the Collectors Club, and J. Brace Chittenden, secretary of the Collectors Club, has written us the particulars:—

On September 27, 1923, at a regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the Collectors Club it was voted that they should, at their discretion, award a medal to be known as the Collectors Club Medal, and a diploma, for any outstanding achievement in philately. It was then decided that diploma and Medal No. 1, be awarded to Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack, for his work on the early issue of Victoria. Messrs. Lichtenstein and Lindquist were constituted a committee whose purpose it was to secure a new and beautiful medal and certificate.

It is the intention of the Board of Governors at this time to grant this medal at least once a year, although there is no obligation to do so assumed. As far as I know, this is the first action of this sort to be taken in America, although three such medals are granted in England, I believe, by the Royal Philatelic Society, based upon foundations for that purpose, and at least one in Germany. This action on our part is intended, as will appear, I trust, obvious to you, as an action tending to be helpful to philately generally, and I trust you will be able to comment upon it favorably in this light.

The cordial co-operation, evidenced in the columns of your journal, with the work we are trying to do, is very greatly appreciated, especially by yours truly. I am very glad that Mr. Phillips has agreed to keep you informed of our activities.

Charles Lathrop Pack, who has long been an authority on the planting and preserving of trees, has been honored by the Collectors Club with the first Reward of Merit medal offered in America for research in philately, or stamp collecting.

Most men are content with one hobby. Mr. Pack has two, forestry and postage stamps. While he has not spent so much money in gathering stamps as Arthur Hind of Utica, he is one of the few men in the country who have made a critical study of the postage stamp, its history, its paper and watermarks, the methods of engraving and printing it, and the reasons for those peculiar variations and errors that are so puzzling to collectors and, when discovered,

command so high a price. In this respect Mr. Pack ranks with John N. Luff of this city, President of the Collectors Club and author of an elaborate work on the postage stamps of the United States.

The directors of the club voted, a few days ago, to award the merit medal, which is now being designed, to Mr. Pack for his recent monograph on the first stamp issues of Victoria, Australia, including those with the half-length and the enthroned portraits of Queen Victoria. In England two such awards are offered yearly, and there is a similar one in Germany.

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don last May it won the champions gold medal for the best collection of British or British Colonial stamps. Only other collection that compares with Mr. Pack's is owned by King George VI. The King was so much interested in Mr. Pack's work that he sent him study his entire collection of early Victoria stamps—the first time that such an honor has ever been bestowed upon an American.

More American collectors than ever before represented in a foreign exhibition sent their collections to London meeting. Among the winners were Arthur Hind, Alfred Lichtenstein, Representative Ernest Ackerman of New Jersey, Edward Knapp, John Klemann and Arthur Newton Pack. Their combined collections, valued at more than \$1,000,000, showed strikingly the increasing interest in stamp collecting in this country among those who have outgrown the fitful stamp fever of the schoolboy.

Other prominent collectors here include Colonel E. H. R. Green, William H. Crocker of San Francisco, whose specialty has been early Hawaiian stamps; former Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, Senator Ashburn of Arizona, Senator Crampton of Michigan, Senator Dallinger of Massachusetts, Admiral O. R. Harris, General Henry Hill Bandholtz, General Charles A. Coolidge, a cousin of the President who commanded the American forces in the Peking Boxer rebellion; Judge Robert Emerson of Providence and Edward S. Knapp of this city, whose specialty is stamps of the Confederate States.

Besides the King of England, several other members of royalty are devoted to the hobby of philately. King Alfonso of Spain has for many years been a collector of the stamps of his country and of the Spanish colonies. One of the features of the recent a-

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King Ahmed Fuad of Egypt is a collector. One of his specialties is the issues of the Confederate States, and a few years ago he purchased the collection of those stamps formed by Gerald S. Curtis of Garrison-on-Hudson, which was one of the best in America. Prince Oscar of Sweden is a prominent philatelist, specializing in Scandinavian stamps. In Austria the most prominent collector is Prince Hohenlohe. His Chilean group is particularly fine.

In England the Marquis of Bute is making a collection of all the stamps issued during and since the European war. It is said he has already spent \$300,000. The Earl of Kintore, the Earl of Kingston and Lord Ranfurly, formerly Governor of New Zealand, are among other British collectors.

Many stories are told at the Collectors Club meetings of unexpected finds made by philatelists in the pursuit of their hobby. It is this phase of collecting that contributes so much zest to the pastime. Charles J. Phillips, formerly a dealer in London and, since his retirement, a New Yorker, says, "Many a woman has burned a small fortune when she made a bonfire in the back garden of old correspondence found in the attic. Many a business firm has

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(Providence, R. I., philatelists are pluming themselves upon the following editorial which appeared in the Providence "Journal" on February 22. E. Tudor Gross, in submitting the clipping, declares that commendation of this character has a lot of influence in moulding public opinion and especially when it appears in a paper of the standing of the Providence "Journal".—W. O. W.)

For the thirty-ninth consecutive time the Rhode Island Philatelic Society has just been in annual session in this city to discuss the latest thing in postage stamps and to dine in joyful kinship of spirit. The Rhode Island Society is the oldest organization of its sort in the country; the history of prepaid-postage stamps is not so very much older than the association; and by the interest still displayed, what one thought of in childhood as a pleasant after-school hobby is again proven to be an exact and far-reaching study.

Philately embraces a good many other things. Many will confess having learned more geography from "approval sheets" than from the class-room charts, and more history from surcharges and provisional issues than from the text-books. The general collector is a traveller at home, a careful follower of international politics, a well-informed authority on the present state of government in every corner of the globe. He is a cosmopolite, for all his homekeeping habits. He knows where to look on the map for the Leeward Islands, for St. Pierre and Miquelon, for Mauritius—with its priceless one-copy stamp—and for Inhabane, which a good many of us have never even heard about. Moreover he can tell one South American republic from another by dint of avoiding innumerable swindles in "collection issues" where-with certain unscrupulous Latin generals have, in the past, actually financed their revolutions.

Who was Bolivar? The philatelist knows, for he sees his lofty brow in seven colors in his album. Who was Toussaint L'Ouverture? Ask the stamp-collector, for he doubtless possesses that patriot's uncanceled portrait in red and blue and green. History, familiar and obscure, is perpetuated in his picture-gallery.—Roosevelt, Edward VII, Ferdinand, the third Napoleon, Wilhelmina, the Weirid Rajah Brooks, the unhappy Manuel and half the pretenders and dauphins of the last century. And the World War remains with us in retrospect in small, gum-backed symbols! Philately has not only dignity but zest, not only the magnetic interest of a hobby but the enduring benefits of scholarship. Rhode Island is fortunate in being the eldest brother of collectors.

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It is possible that some of the WEEKLY readers have lost interest in postage meters due to the fact that it has been some time since the last check was printed. To compile a list of this kind is quite a task and the printers are adverse to putting the material in type. Regardless of these obstacles collectors are going right ahead with their collection. A few are striving for a complete set, but the majority are satisfied with the rare items.

All first class mail permits including meters are as closely related to philately as any postage stamp ever issued. Instead of an issue of stamps universally used by a country for a number of years, mail permits represent a distinct variety for every individual user. Besides users, after securing their permit, might try out several different makes of machines. Some used only for a few days others possibly weeks and another make of machine installed. Quite a number of meters have been changed, due possibly to some defect. In all these cases a different stamp is used. That is, the designs used on the various machines differ sufficiently to be recognized. Besides, the change of meter number can be easily recognized. In some cases the permit number has been changed.

These machines are put out on trial, loans, rent as well as sold, and even after they are sold they are discontinued. All discontinued varieties after a short period of use are more or less rare, the same as a postage stamp would be. Obsolete varieties have sold as high as \$40.00 and hundreds of them have changed hands at prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

The first use of a postage meter was on Nov. 16, 1920. The highest number used in this country at the present time is No. 2,281. Canada allotment of meters commenced at No. 4,000. England commenced with the No. 3,000 series but as these numbers do not show on their permits it is of no interest to collectors. The actual meters in use of all denominations at the present time is much less than 2,000, with a possible 200 rare varieties, still we get letters from philatelists stating that there are so many varieties that it seems useless to try to collect them.

These same philatelists would consider their stamp collection very small if they only had 2,000 varieties. It is not necessary to get every variety of first class permit any more than it is to expect to own one of each of every stamp of any country. Getting one of each of every variety of permit would be much easier than getting the stamps.

We are not urging any one to drop their stamps, or any other hobby and specialize on meters, but we feel safe in saying that this feature of philately should not be neglected. Secure at least a representative collection, know the rare varieties and keep your eye out for them. They represent postage paid, they are used in place of stamps and each have an individuality in three ways besides the amount, (1) name of the user (2) permit number. (3) meter number. It is impossible to find any two of the above combinations duplicated, so that each variety is distinct.

The trouble with most stamp men is that they wait until an issue is obsolete and high priced then there is a mad scramble to get varieties. It is like our present day associates; we do not fully appreciate them until they are gone. Personally, it does not make any difference to me whether any one else collects meters or not. They interest me immensely and most of my correspondents seem as interested as I am, but I continue to go on with the compilation of data for every user believing that some day a complete record of this material will receive its full appreciation.

The check list and Addenda published in the WEEKLY and later put into book form was far from being a success with the publishers. I have found out since that the main reason was that this list was arranged alphabetically by states and under each state the cities and under each city a numerical list of permits. The majority prefers to arrange these numerically by meter numbers. A new check list is being compiled in this form and we would appreciate very much suggestions from readers as to the best method of arrangement.

While at the A. P. S. convention in Washington, last summer, I found the majority of those in attendance inter-

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E. A. Dexter, 2001 Walbrook Ave., Baltimore, submits some examples of guide dots on the two cent green, Washington. The lot submitted all show dots at the left of the oval containing Washington's portrait, these dots being in various locations, some outside the design and others merging with the lines up the background.

One specialist in stamps of the 1870 to 1888 period in writing to a correspondent recently says regarding guide dots: "These color dots occur on almost all of the stamps but are quite frequently covered by the design. However, I have never paid any attention to them." The editor realizes that it will never be possible to define exactly the limits that any specialist shall draw for his own collection, this being a matter of preference. Some stop at a page of shades and nice copies of a stamp. Others add a few nice cancellations. Some collect cancellations only and go into this matter rather seriously. Others, like the editor, go the whole way and collect anything that might be considered as making one stamp different from another, provided the difference is a legitimate one. Personally, the editor feels that the guide dot varieties on early U. S. stamps are interesting and collectible. They are plate varieties and were placed on the different designs by the engraver for a definite reason. Some, such as triples, are quite rare.

"Will you kindly tell me if there is any book published on U. S. cancellations of the 19th century which places an approximate valuation on the various varieties? Also, where I can secure a copy?"

The above inquiry from G. Maurice Pepper, No. 321 North Downing St., Piqua, Ohio, brings up again the need for some sort of guide to the values of minor varieties and cancellations. In the opinion of the editor of this department, a workable guide to cancellations could be gotten up and printed at no considerable expense and there are indications that the sale would be rather large in the United States, especially if the price were not too high. Of course, to attempt to list and price all of the thousands of varieties of cancellations on all the various issues of U. S. stamps would be a herculean and very expensive task. Perhaps the time will come when it would be worthwhile but that time has not arrived as yet. It

should, however, be possible to work out a guide on some of the commoner stamps that could be applied to other values by the use of a little horse sense on the part of the reader.

For example, such a catalogue might list the values of standard cancellations on such stamps as the three cent 1851, three cent 1857, three cent 1861 (without grill), two cent Black Jack (without grill), three cent 1869, three cent 1870 (without grill), three cent 1873, three cent 1879, three cent 1882, two cent red brown 1883 and two cent green 1887. Each of these values would be sufficiently representative of their respective groups as to give the specialist a workable basis for computing the value of similar varieties on the scarcer stamps of the same periods.

To save space and typography cancellations could be for the most part considered under certain standardized groups, noting the commonest of each group and one of the scarcest, and giving the approximate range of price between the commonest and the very scarce items of each group. This would leave it up to the specialist to fill in the gap according to his own knowledge of the game and his individual ability to compute values. To illustrate what is meant a few sample groupings of cancellations common to the three cent greens are given below. The first ones listed in each group are the common varieties and the second listings are the scarcer:

Quarterings (solid block of color).
Quarterings (outlined blocks and fanciful shapes).
Targets (three and four ring, medium size).

Targets (five rings and more or very small targets).

Grids (enclosed or unenclosed with five or six bars circular in form).

Grids (Odd shapes, Large square bread-toaster type).

Checkered (medium and large sized checks of irregular shapes and grouping).

Checkered (Diamond shaped checks in hexagonal and other fancy forms or the conventional checkerboard).

Stars (medium size, solid blocks of color, unenclosed or enclosed within circle).

Stars (extremely large stars with or without hollow center, stars within stars, outline stars enclosed in circle, clear stars in solid blocks of color, various fanciful forms of stars).

It would be necessary to make special footnotes in the case of certain cancellations to explain odd variations from type, the reason for relative valuations in some cases, etc. As for the scarcer types of cancellations, such as "Don't, U. S. Mail," "Supplementary Mail," "Paid

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etc., these would have to be listed separately for all stamps covered. Color cancellations, such as red, orange, pink, magenta, purple, blue, etc., would have to be taken into consideration but, a judicious combination of listings and use of extensive footnotes all of these things could be combined in such a catalogue without making it too bulky. Such a catalogue would be doubly interesting if it could go more extensively to minor varieties than any now existing, listing some of the commoner or varieties that interest specialists such as arrow copies, imprint copies, the number copies, scratched and checked plates, various kinds of papers and, as hard, soft, linen like, ribbed horizontally and vertically, American and paper, etc.

Probably the best way of arriving at valuations in such a catalogue would be to examine specialized selections from a large number of dealers and make a composite chart showing the comparative prices asked for various varieties by all. After a sufficiently large list of prices had been built up averages could be struck which should fairly well represent the market valuations of the stamps or cancellations. It probably would improve and increase the value of the work if it could, before being printed, be submitted to a number of experts for review and comment.

There is a field that might show a good fit for some stamp publishing house on a matter that would be of the greatest benefit to the ever growing army of collectors in early U. S. stamps, especially to the younger men who are going into that particular branch of philately. Without doubt the sale of the book would be very large as many general collectors would buy it, as well as specialists.

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Not long ago this department spoke of an upright goat cancellation on the two cent red brown, 1883. Dr. Homer Collins, 417 New Jersey Building, Duluth, Minn., submits an entire envelope, two cent red on amber, showing the upright goat within an outline circle, postmarked "Quillayute, Wash., March 7, 1885." Not having the first stamp mentioned at hand for comparison the editor cannot be sure that the two are exactly the same but if his memory serves him correctly they are identical. It surely is a most interesting cancellation and a mighty pretty piece on the cover submitted by Dr. Collins. Another pretty thing submitted on the two cent brown envelope (entire) is a large, fanciful Maltese cross (outlined) postmarked "Groesbeck, Minn., Feb. 6 1885."

Dr. Collins says in a facetious mood: "I note in the last paragraph of a recent issue of 'Early Low Values Specialized' that Major Bonesteel is looking for some 'switch' watermarks. There is always something new for the specialist."

Well, the editor of this department gets blamed for a lot of things but in this case he wishes to absolve himself from the blame for all the various idiosyncrasies that typographers display at times. For many years he has felt that typographers in general were placed on earth for the purpose of making writers uncomfortable and keeping them in hot water. "Switch" watermarks is nothing to what any competent typographer can do to a piece of copy when in the proper mood. In a recent issue the typographer made the editor speak of the two cent red brown of 1883 as "rarities." The word intended was "varieties." Obviously this particular typographer had a good sense of humor. And so it is that every time the writer picks up a magazine which is supposed to contain a piece of his work he does it in fear and trembling and if, after reading through something he has written after it is in type he finds that there are no typographical errors he offers up a prayer of thankfulness.

E. L. Willard, West Campus, State College, Pa., sends a most interesting variety of the two cent red brown, 1883. The stamp in question shows a rather solid-looking line of color parallel with the left edge of the stamp and about one-half millimeter from the edge of the design. There is also a distance [Copy is plain, but our "typographer" itches to make it "distinct."—Jewett.] vertical line running through the "w" of "Two." Has any reader a duplicate of this variety?

F. P. James of Lancaster, N. Y., sub-

mits a copy of the two cent, U. S. Inter Revenue, orange, first issue perforated, showing a very plain shifted transfer along the left side. The "Two" at the left side is very clearly shifted as are the letters "U. S." both at top and bottom. The left hand figure "2", both top and bottom are shifted, the lower one being so badly shifted as to make the figure appear considerably thinner than normal. Some of the lines of the ornaments and background on the left side of the stamp show traces of the shift.

CANADA PHILATELIC AGENCY.

A. B. Kunderd, Goshen, Ind., recently ordered some stamps from the Canada Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Ottawa, and in return received one-half of his order made up of very poorly centered stamps, the specimens of a character that no particular collector would place in his collection.

He wrote the Department immediately the letter quoted below and it will be noted that reference is made to a charge of more than face value for the stamps ordered. The Canadian collectors will do well to improve the service at their Agency and it would be in order for them to suggest a duplication of the service that we are receiving from our Washington Agency. The letter of Mr. Kunderd follows:—

"It is with great disappointment that I acknowledge your letter of March 3rd, containing postage stamps recently ordered. Inasmuch as the enclosed stamps are not well centered copies and are very disappointing to any collector to receive, if you do not feel inclined to replace them with good copies I will thank you to return the defective ones to me.

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This scholarly and exhaustive study by Charles Lathrop Pack, F.R.P.S.L., F.R.G.S.L., is decidedly a most impressive and beautiful example of the printer's art. The handsome yet dignified exterior of this large volume is but the fore-runner and fit counterpart of the large type, soft, thick paper and the admirably clear, enlarged half-tone illustrations, of which there are no less than seventeen pages.

It is most difficult to present such matter to the non-specialist reader and still do justice to both—the reader and the subject. The book in question treats of only four stamps. For our convenience let us list them:

THE FIRST FOUR STAMPS OF VICTORIA.

	Scott	Gibbons
I. ONE PENNY	{ 1 Dull Red { 1a Vermilion { 9 Vermilion rouletted. { 2 Rose { 2a Pink	{ 1, 2, 3, and 4 Ham's* 1st setting { 5, 6, and 7 Ham's 2nd setting { 8-13 Ham's 3rd setting { 14-19 Campbell's 1st setting { 20-26 Campbell's 2nd setting
II. TWO PENCE	{ 5 & 5a Fine Background & Border { 6 & 6a Coarse Background & fine Border { 7, 7a, 7b & 8 " Background & coarse "	{ 27-31 Ham's 1st setting { 32-35 Ham's 2nd setting { 36-41 Ham's 3rd setting { 42-52 Ham's 4th setting
III. THREE PENCE	{ 3 Blue { 3a Light Blue { 4 Indigo { 10 Blue, rouletted { 10a Deep Blue, rouletted { 12 Blue, perf.	{ 53-56 Ham's 1st setting { 57-61 Ham's 2nd setting { 62-69 Ham's 3rd setting { 70-84 Campbell's 1st setting { 85-89 Campbell's 2nd setting
IV. TWO PENCE	{ 14 Reddish Brown, eng. { 15 Gray Brown, lith { 16 Brown Lilac, lith { 16a Red Lilac, lith	{ 90-91 2 shades, eng. { 92-97 6 shades, lith { 98-101 4 shades, lith, worn

From the above we can draw the following simple statistics:

1st stamp, Scott lists 5	Gibbons lists 26
2nd stamp, Scott lists 8	Gibbons lists 26
3rd stamp, Scott lists 6	Gibbons lists 37
4th stamp, Scott lists 4	Gibbons lists 12

Total 4 stamp, Scott lists 23 Gibbons lists 101

Mr. Pack gives incidentally a catalog or check list of his collection, arranged evidently according to Gibbons, but the major portion of his work deals with the problems and his solutions of plating. This is to a great extent original work and represents the painstaking labor of many years and the liberal use of ample funds.

The scheme of the work is set forth herewith so that the reader may judge of its exhaustiveness and great value.

45 pages—Political & Statistical
30 pages—Historical & Technical
38 pages—Biographical & Topical
48 pages—One Penny
28 pages—Two Pence (Half-length)
48 pages—Three Pence
18 pages—Two Pence (Queen Enthroned)
18 pages—Cataloguing Mr. Pack's collection of the above, which, as is well known, won the Grand Gold Medal at the London Exhibition recently.

In addition to the half-tones used, there are countless diagrams of settings sprinkled throughout the text in juxtaposition to the corresponding reading matter. Mr. Pack is meticulous in giving credit to earlier plating enthusiasts and where he has discovered contrary facts and, therefore, evolved new settings, he states his reasons and conclusions in such a simple and convincing manner that this "pleases the eye yet delights the mind."

Unfortunately, such a work will never appeal to the masses. Handsome, scholarly, dignified and a magnificent tribute to Philately, it must, by its very nature, be appreciated only by the few "cognoscenti." Therefore, all the more credit to Mr. Pack since he labored for his hobby without the reward of general acclaim.

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—A philatelist writes from West China to the effect that having lost his stamps from a boat in a river, he is dis-couraged as a collector; and thinks that he will try his luck as a dealer.

—Mr. Douglas P. Ball, Chicago, has just shown us three values of the new lithographed set of Guatemala, the one cent green with quetzal; the fifty cen-tavos, pink, depicting the Colon Theatre; and the \$5 orange with representation of statue of Garcia Granados.

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—A card is at hand from the W. C. Henry Philatelic Service announcing the opening of a very fine stamp store at 12 Mercantile Arcade, Los Angeles, Cal., on March 10. The firm makes the proud claim that "this will be the most up-to-date store devoted exclusively to the sale of U. S. and foreign stamps and accessories in the world."

—A stamp club has been organized in San Antonio, Tex., called the Temple Junior Stamp Collectors Club. It will meet monthly at the Baptist Temple. Wm. Kilburn is president, Daisy Walker secretary and R. H. Perry adviser.

—Stanley Gibbons, 391 Strand, Lon-don, England, has sent us a 48-page pamphlet listing albums, catalogs, hand-books and philatelic accessories sold by that firm. As may be imagined, the book is filled with data of interest to the stamp collector and a copy will no doubt be sent to any applicant.

—Any "shut-in" who would like an obsolete copy of Scott's catalog may have one free of charge and postpaid by applying to John G. Jewett, 274 Charlton Ave., South Orange, N. J. Only one to a person.

—A drive for membership has been inaugurated by the Precancel Society. Full information with rules of the con-test can be obtained from Maury Swartz, Box 416, Penn. Ave. Sta., Washington, D. C.

—We are compelled to advise various interested parties that we are unable to locate H. L. Wiley, the author of our booklet on the U. S. 3c Green. We have used every endeavor to do this, but are unable to ascertain his whereabouts.

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—No doubt a number of collectors are unacquainted with the fact that in the measurement of perforations the top measurement is given first. In other words a stamp perforated 11x10 means that it is perforated 11 at top and bot-tom and 10 at the sides. P. D. Booth of St. Joseph, Mich., suggests that it would be a good idea to pass this information along. Mr. Booth also writes us of the pleasure of a call made upon A. F. Fil-strup of Benton Harbor, Mich., and his experiences in viewing a fine specialized collection of U. S., including singles, blocks, pairs and strips, as well as a fine range of covers.

—A reader is informed that James Campbell was the postmaster-general in 1853, when the first U. S. stamped en-velopes were issued.

—Perhaps the following statement in the course of an article by Mr. E. S. Knapp in the *Collectors Club Philatelist* will help a reader who inquires about forged or faked Confederate cancella-tions: "If a Richmond postmark, in which the letter V of VA. is serified and shows a period after the VA., it is a fake cancellation."

—From Mr. C. W. Love, we have re-ceived a copy of the *Living Age* for March 1, 1924, which contains a well-written review of "New Postage-Stamps," which shows close attention to the subject on the part of the writer. The earthquake stamps of Japan are accounted the most interesting of the recent comers.

—A subscriber believes that it would be a good plan to put to a vote the mat-ter of issuing a Wilson Memorial Stamp, believing that such a stamp would be popular with philatelists. Our impres-sion is that a plebiscite of this kind would not furnish tangible evidence to the P. O. Department of the need of such a memorial issue.

—Through the kindness of Alfred H. Benner we have had the privilege of in-specting some varieties of U. S. which indicate the pleasure that one may ob-tain from looking over the common stamps of any country, and especially the U. S. Specimens of the old 3c red perf. and imperf. are submitted showing Washington "asleep" and "weeping" and the later 1c Franklin "blind."

—L. S. Holmes, M. D., of London, Ont., Can., sends us a copy of the Lon-don *Advertiser* of Saturday, March 1, which gives the particulars of a local Hobby Fair to be held in that city in the near future. This event will be for boys and girls with hobbies and it is ex-pected that the authorities will have a real job in placing all the stamp exhibits that will be sent in. Various prizes will be awarded.

—L. J. Flerlage, sales manager of the I. P. A., informs us that Harry E. Klotzbach underwent an operation of appendicitis on March 10. Naturally all his friends and fellow members wish him a speedy recovery and matters of a philatelic nature will necessarily be de-layed for a short while.

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THE SALE OF PRECANCELS.

We have just received the following communication from V. W. Rotnem, editor of the *Precancel Gazette*:—

"All serious collectors of precancel stamps bemoan the occasional occurrence of the unused 'precancel.' The postal department frowns upon their sale.

The enclosed 'Code of Ethics' and the editorial which will appear in our April issue are being sent to you in hopes that you will see fit to reproduce them, either in whole or in part. There is no argument against the 'Code of Ethics.' All that it requires is publicity.

The precancel hobby requires this code of ethics for its future development. Will you assist me in informing your readers accurately as to its contents?"

A CODE OF ETHICS.

Whereas, a precancelled stamp (one cancelled prior to use to save time in later cancellation) is of philatelic value only, if it has been used in the course of post-office business,

Whereas, it is definitely established, by Post-office rulings that no postmaster, postal clerk or permit holder, is to sell, trade or give away, any unused precancel to any person, collector, dealer or exchanger,

Whereas, this Post-office ruling is to safeguard the proper and intended usage of precancels,

Be it therefore established, as an ethical principle in the precancel hobby, that no collector, dealer, exchanger, or other person, buy, or attempt to buy, any precancel in unused condition, that is, with original gum, from any postal clerk, postmaster or permit holder. And that, from this time hence, collectors consider as collectible precancels which are, from this time hence, used in the ordinary course of post-office business.

Suggested by V. W. ROTNEM,
Editor The *Precancel Gazette*.

Specifically approved by W. Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Post Office Department, by written confirmation of March 4, 1924.

An editorial will appear in the April *Gazette* which we publish in its entirety, and in connection with the discussion of the matter of the purchase and sale of precancelled stamps in mint condition we shall co-operate to the fullest extent with the code presented:—

"For the past six months our most important pursuit has been to formulate from our own opinions and the opinions

of others a 'code of ethics' which would be usable as a guide of conduct for precancel collectors. The problem which the 'code of ethics' attempts to clarify is a peculiar one, due in great measure to the newness of the precancel hobby.

There is considerable Trading, Dealing and Exchanging of unused Precancels. This Practice Must Stop.

An analysis of the problem naturally falls under two heads:—

(I) A precancel stamp has been defined as 'a postage stamp which has been cancelled prior to its use.' This very definition requires that a 'precancel' be used before it shall merit the category of a precancel from the collector's viewpoint. Precancel usage is an important time-saving device. A collector should be able to say of every stamp in his collection, 'This is a precancel because it was cancelled before it was used.' For a collector to have to say 'This is not quite a precancel because, although it was cancelled, yet it was never used,' is lamentable. The stamp is not, as the collector must say, quite a 'precancel.'

Of course it is quite natural that a collector should consider an unused 'precancel' as desirable as an unused postage stamp. But this is not true.

Unused 'precancels' are a deterrent to the establishing of a price standard. They are obtained in a fashion which is not normal. True precancels have value because they have been used. Their use requires that they have been used to prepay postage on some piece of mail. When collectors realize this truth, the hobby of precancels will come into its own.

(II) The post-office department has definite rulings which state that no postmaster, postal clerk or permit holder is to sell unused 'precancels' to any person. The reason for this ruling is to safeguard the proper and intended usage of precancels. It follows, therefore, that any person who buys an unused precancelled stamp may be charged with violating existing postal laws.

This principle should, by itself, be sufficient to cause any collector to refrain from the pernicious habit of requesting favors from postal employees or permit holders. Postal employees are liable to be severely reprimanded for any indiscretions on their part. Permit holders are very apt to lose their permit. Should we, as collectors, be so ambitious in our activities as to place our post-office friends and permit holder acquaintances under penalties?"

COLLECTORS CLUB ACTIVITIES.

(Clipping from A. S. Davenport.)

A steadily increasing interest in postage stamp collecting has been indicated this season at the Collectors Club at 120 West Forty-ninth Street. At practically every meeting one or more well-known out-of-town philatelists have been present and they have usually shown a portion of their specialized collections. The guest of the club last week was L. Gerald Firth of McKeesport, Pa., who for many years has made an intensive study of the Canadian postal issues and he displayed an exceptionally fine number of varieties of the 1868 Canadian issue.

Dr. J. Brace Chittenden, Secretary of the Club, announced that the membership is rapidly approaching 500. More than a score of new members have been elected this year. Alfred F. Lichtenstein, one of New York's leading philatelists and who won several medals at the London International Exhibition last year, has been named as a judge for the Belgian International Postage Stamp Exhibition to be held in Brussels next May. He will take over some of his best stamps. As he is on the bureau of award they will not be entered in the medal competitions. Dr. Chittenden was appointed the American representative. The Collectors Club has offered a gold medal for one of the classes in the Belgian exhibition.

Dudley L. Pickman, one of the prom-

inent Boston philatelists, will be the guest of the club on March 19 and will show some of his rare stamps.—*N. Y. Times*.

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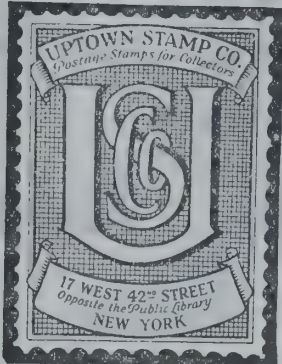
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CANADA 1868 ISSUE.

"PITTSBURG" NIGHT AT THE COLLECTORS CLUB, NEW YORK CITY.

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

Mr. Gerald Firth of Pittsburgh honored the Club by making a special journey to New York to show his highly specialized collection of Canada, issues of 1868-1869.

In the course of his long and interesting address Mr. Firth stated that he had only brought with him specimens selected from his collection to show the different classes and printings. He considered it very difficult to deal with this issue as some of the values were in use for such a long period. If you study the paper, shade, impression, watermark and gum, you can always, by one or more of these, decide to which issue a stamp belongs; you cannot decide this by paper alone or by shade alone, as the thin paper and some early colors were used at late periods. When gum is present it forms a landmark that is mighty useful. The chief periods to which he allotted changes in the gumming are:—

1868 Thin smooth white gum.

1873-80. Dull streaky gum.

1882. Bright yellow gum.

In the course of his remarks the following are a few of the points that Mr. Firth made:—

1 cent—The impression is more a guide in dividing the printings than the thickness of the paper. The stamps on the watermarked paper are on medium thickness of paper. The 1c laid comes on two different papers, one thick and the other medium, this latter being different to that of the laid paper 3 cents.

2 cents—In addition to the thin paper and texture of the paper of the first printing it should be noted that they

have the lines of the background blurred, which is a pretty sure test of the first printing. The stamps on watermarked paper appeared about the middle of 1868 and are always blue-green. A thin soft white paper came in 1872.

3 cents—Mr. Firth showed a copy dated 2 April, 1868, this being the second day of issue. The color of the first printing is red, never any rose shade in it. In showing the laid paper stamps he drew attention to a forgery of the laid lines, which were too close together and made on the wrong shade. The watermarked stamps came in July and August, 1868.

6 cents—The first printing on thin crisp paper with rough blurred impression in a true sepia shade of brown. The watermarked stamps which came about Jan., 1869, are in the same shade. In May, 1869, we find a smooth thicker paper with a more reddish tone of colour in the brown. In 1871 the colour was changed to yellowish-brown. In later printings some of the paper is very similar to that used in the first printing.

12 1/2 cents—The first printing on the thin crisp paper is in deep clear blue, the second printing, including the watermarked stamps, are also in a rather deep blue but on the thicker paper. In 1870 we have the change to dull blue which was in use for many years.

15 cents—Mr. Firth considers this one of the most difficult stamps of Canada to classify, and one in which much more study is necessary before the correct dates and colours of all the issues can be fixed. The first printing is on thin crisp paper, blurred impressions, and was in a purple shade. He has this dated

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In June, 1880, the 15c comes in deep clear violet, one of the rare printings of this stamp.

From May, 1881 to 1888, there was a wide range of shades, from pale slate-gray, deep slate to slaty blue. These were printed at Montreal. The Ottawa printings of the 15c were in 1888 in slate purple and in 1890 in slate violet.

Mr. Firth drew special attention to the 15c imperf. These are in a different color to any of the issued perforated stamps and he is of opinion that they were printed to order in a shade that was never issued for postal use.

In 1891-92 remainders of old colors of the 15c were put into use in many shades of blues and violets.

Mr. Firth's article with valuable reference tables of this issue will be printed in the next number of the *Collectors Club Philatelist* and all Canadian specialists should make a point of getting this number.

Mr. John N. Luff proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Firth for his fine display and talk, this was ably seconded by Dr. J. Brace Chittenden and carried by acclamation.

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EDITORIAL.

The concern shown by readers about
the proposed Philadelphia stamp for
philately does not abate and it is seen
that there is a "bloc" of objectors whose
opinion should and does carry weight.
Every philatelist has a right to his own
views on the desirability of such an is-
sue, be they favorable or otherwise; and
the following letter sums up the situa-
tion. The writer dispassionately dis-
cusses the question: "I am surprised to
speak frankly at the opposition to your
suggestion and I think that you should
rest on your oars and let the current of
philatelic opinion carry the boat where
it will. The discussion shows that col-
lectors are alert and are not agreed, to
phrase it mildly, as to the advantages of
a stamp, though I think that the issue
would be the best thing for philately
ever done." We do not wish to attempt
any "forcing" of opinion or institute
propaganda in behalf of the stamp. The
idea has been presented and philatelic
opinion will do the rest. If the verdict
is not for the stamp, it would be folly
to press the matter at the expense of the
good feeling of a large division of col-
lectors. At best, it would not be an easy
task to obtain the stamp with the unified
support of practically all collectors.
Roughly speaking, there are about as
many who oppose an issue of the kind
as those who are in accord with it. As
has been said before, sentiment in phi-
lately plays an important part and if a
collector will say that notwithstanding
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have a disturbing influence on his feel-
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progress is with the help of parents to
smooth out the wrinkles. Failing this,
instruction is to be gained from the older
boy companions who collect. The num-
ber of stamps that now requires identi-
fication for the very young mind would
require a long list for their proper pre-
sentation. Let the older collectors look
after the little boys who with due en-
couragement will soon be able to paddle
their own canoes, after a fashion.

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Mr. Jerome Williams of Kingston,
New York, writes: "The following ex-
tract from the Memphis, Tenn., *Appeal*
of January 20, 1862, may be of a little
interest to stamp collectors, especially of
the Confederate States, as showing the
cost of printing the southern stamps."
The clipping follows: "The postal
system of the Confederate States
enjoy this advantage over that of
the late United States, that we have got-
ten rid of the frightful abuse known as
the franking privilege. With regard to
the stamps, it is indeed a serious reflec-
tion upon the industrial energy of our
public that while they are furnished
gummed and perforated to the Lincoln
government at the rate of eighteen cents
a thousand, or about fifty-five stamps
for one cent, the lowest bid that has been
made to the Confederate authorities is
one dollar a thousand gummed but not
perforated or ten stamps for one cent."
The figures quoted for stamp production
that prevailed over sixty years ago are
significant and while on a comparative
basis, the Confederacy paid a stiff price
for its stamps, yet in the light of pres-
ent-day prices, the cost in both cases was
high. According to a recent Associated
Press dispatch telling that approximately
eighteen billion postage stamps will be
prepared for the use of the public dur-
ing the year the cost of manufacturing a
thousand ordinary postage stamps is
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ferred for some years to come. How-
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ambition follows to round out an even
ten thousand. The ten thousand mark
is one that might be achieved with the
co-operation of readers and we ask our
friends to help us gain the object of our
desires. The success of our five-year
club has heartened us to try to strengthen
our subscription list, first because it is to
our advantage to grow in this wise and
secondly because we feel that an impres-
sion is made on outsiders by the state-
ment that ten thousand stamp collectors
actually pay for their trade paper. There
are several ways in which readers can
send us on our way rejoicing. The one
of least resistance is by handing a copy
of the WEEKLY to some one who may
evince an interest in stamps and another
is by inducing an outside collector to
subscribe through the salesmanship of a
reader. We estimate that there are
about one hundred thousand persons in
this country who have an interest in
stamps, ranging from barely perceptible
to pronounced; and it is within the
bounds of reason to say that one out of
every ten of them should read the
WEEKLY. The stamp year has not yet
lost its seasonal aspect and it is found
that during summer there is a decline in
the volume of subscriptions received, al-
though each year there is an improve-
ment in this regard. During the next
four months we must make hay as when
the sun shines too warmly, out-of-door
diversions are in the ascendant. We
confidently say that our readers will aid
us in fortifying our lists by inducing
others to subscribe and if one out of
every five readers will do his bit, we
shall have something to boast about when
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(Elsewhere in this issue will be found an advertisement by Mr. Litt in which the offer is made to send a post card from New York to your address via Spitzbergen, Norway and the North Pole. The price for this service is given at \$2, but there are three important words that should be noted in connection with this proposed endeavor to navigate this northern country, "if flight successful." Our subscribers should realize that they are taking a chance in a matter of this kind. Ordinarily we should not consider it wise to allow our columns to be used in this manner and upon the success of this flight will depend our future action. V. O. W.)

In my article in MEKEEL'S of January 4th information was given as to the proposed airplane flight of Capt. Roald Amundsen from Spitzbergen, Norway, over the North Pole to Alaskan United States, and carrying Postcards as a memento.

Since then preparations for the flight have continued actively by Capt. Amundsen and through the efforts of Mr. Hammer, Norwegian Consul at Seattle, Lieutenant Ralph Davison of the United States Air Service, one of our most expert fliers, has been loaned the Polar expedition for the purpose of commanding one of the three airplanes.

Several months ago it appeared as if three-cornered race for polar territory could be on between the United States, England and Norway. Our entrant was to be that queen of the air the "Shenandoah." England intended to use one of her "N" dirigibles, and Norway three airplanes, commanded by Capt. Amundsen. At the present writing the United States is definitely out of the race by reason of the veto of the plan by President Coolidge. The English are still debating whether they shall engage in the st.

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A COMPARATIVE EXPLORATION OF THE THREE CENT GREEN

By M. H. HOOVER, Lockport, N. Y.

Blessed is the individual who has a hobby, even if a vocation supplants vocation betimes. What about the man who has two? Is he courting the sad fate of the fellow who essays to ride two horses simultaneously?

The hobby of stamp collecting lured me to mounting (in truth I pasted most of them in then), in the early Seventies, soon after the birth of the noble Three Cent Green. Yet other hobbies also claimed me—fishing, collecting wild flowers. This latter passion developed in later years into a serious effort to further the interests of conservation and led me into the New York State Conservation Department for four years and then into the presidency of the New York Conservation Association.

Should any of my friends feel concern lest I am due for a fall between two hobbies, let me say that I regard conservation activities as a serious yet pleasurable duty, hence work and not a hobby. So as a hobby, stamp collecting reigns supreme. It not only reigns, but it pours, despite the fact that twice I attempted to "break off" by disposing of everything, except the usual "saving nucleus."

For the reassurance of brother collectors who have been "warned" that the close indoor application required by philatelic pursuits "is a dangerous thing for professional men," I want to state that for thirty years I edited a daily newspaper and found the absolute change obtainable in the communion with stamps as refreshing as recreation of the trout stream or bird cover.

My friend Warner Bates has invited me to write something about my most

recent "Exploration of the Three Cent Green," after having inspected some of my older assemblies of that notable stamp. I approach the task with fear and trembling. Despite my long acquaintance with the Three Cent Green, I can write only as a layman, not as one of the learned fraternity of expert specialists.

The minnow caught in boyhood days ever weighs more than the prize trout captured by maturer skill. So the one-cent War Department "Weather Report" envelope that Postmaster Kerr used to slip daily into the letter box for me in the Seventies, or the little bunch of Three Cent Greens rescued from his waste-paper basket Saturday afternoons bring more of a real thrill in memory than my find of the Lockport Local in 1898 (certainly not appreciated by the finder, and apparently not greatly appreciated by the buyer then), of a Boston Local on cover, or the two Blocks of Six Three Cent Green mentioned later on.

These lines are prefatory to a story of the 8,000 Selected Copies of the Three Cent Green, picked from two lots aggregating 32,000 especially rich in the senior issues of the Bank Note Companies. It is as given in the memoranda pasted on the fly-leaves of the two volumes containing the assemblies. Fortunately nothing written about the Three Cent Green is "dry reading," no matter how arid the style.

In credit given for educational assistance in the subjoined I mention MEKEEL'S with which I have been favored from its beginning; *American Philatelic Monthly*; Scott's periodicals, and countless publications from the days of Trifet and E. B. Sterling.

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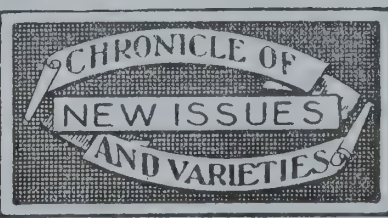
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UNITED STATES.—1923, 5c Blue, Side-wise Rotary Coil.—The new design, portrait of Roosevelt, 5c blue, sidewise coil, perforated 10 vertically, unwatermarked was placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency in Washington, on March 5th. Plates from which this variety was printed were listed in the last lot of plate numbers. Messrs. C. J. West, Benjamin Cadbury and C. E. Nickles kindly send us early information regarding the variety.

1923, Sidewise Coil, Unwatermarked.
 5c blue, Portrait of Roosevelt.

1923, 1c Rotary, Perforated 10, Double Paper.—Another interesting variety has been located, in Philadelphia, namely, the 1c green, new design of 1923, rotary print, perforated 10, printed on double paper. The variety is due to the paper manufacturer who joined his paper on the roll in such a manner that the joint covers the two upper horizontal rows of the sheet in addition to a portion of the third row. But one pane of 100 stamps from sheet 14371 was found containing the twenty copies with the double paper. The stamps were precancelled "Philadelphia, Pa.," the precancelling being done at Washington on the rotary press at the time the stamps were printed.

Stamp Proposed to Honor Nathan Hale Memory.—Mr. R. H. Alcorn kindly submits a clipping from the *Yale Daily News*, of March 4, 1923, wherein mention is made of the fact that Yale graduates in New England have opened a campaign to honor the memory of Nathan Hale, Yale's first great patriot. An appeal has been made to the President of the United States and to the Postmaster-General to perpetuate the fame of this national hero by placing his likeness on one of the forthcoming issues of postage stamps in recognition of the approaching 150th Anniversary of his death.

The portrait for this purpose would probably be that made by Bela Lyon Pratt, of Connecticut, for Yale University. It is the only authentic picture initial letters stand for "Union of So that exists.

The New York Times also carried a similar article but as yet no definitely announced decision has been made by the Post Office Department. Should they issue such a stamp it would neces-

sitate a special variety, for the new series has been completed.

1890, 1c Blue With Newspaper Stamp Printed On Back.—The Nassau Stamp Company has shown me a pane of the 1c Blue, issue of 1890, wherein we find on the back of about twenty-four stamps a very faint impression of the 3c Newspaper stamp as issued by the American Bank Note Company of 1879, the stamp still being current at the time the 1890 regular issue was printed. The impression on the back is certainly not one that has been made by the sheet going through the press a second time for it is entirely too light to be the case. The sheet may have been laid upon a wet plate or it looks more to me as an offset from an offset.

False Rumor regarding theft of Shanghai Stamps.—An article appearing in one of our contemporaries under the name of "Americus" states that it is rumored 600 sheets of the Shanghai overprinted stamps were stolen from the Philatelic Agency on or about December 1st and that this is the reason it was necessary for them to close a month or two and delay distributing the stamps. The rumor, if there was one, was manufactured out of someone's imagination, and it is surprising that anyone writing for a philatelic publication would give circulation to such a rumor without having taken the trouble to investigate. The Philatelic Agency and its superior officers in the Post Office Department have been of greater service to philately than ever before, and it is certainly a shame that anyone would attempt to besmudge their activities.

I quote in full from a letter received under date of March 6, 1924, from the Third Assistant Postmaster-General:—"My dear Mr. Ward:

The Superintendent, Division of Stamps, has handed me your letter of March 5th, with which you enclose a clipping from the March 1st issue of the *Weekly Philatelic Gossip* published at Holton, Kansas, which states that the Philatelic Agency was closed for a month or two, thus delaying filling orders from patrons of the Agency, by reason of the fact that 600 sets of United States stamps overprinted "Shanghai, China" were stolen from the Government at that time.

The publication of rumors of this character are manifestly unfair to the honest and loyal employees of the Philatelic Agency, and I will thank you if you will publish through your 'Chronicle' in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS a denial of this unjust false rumor. The Shanghai stamps withdrawn from sale on December 1, 1923, were counted and destroyed by fire in the presence of a special committee of three.

Thanking you for bringing this clipping to my attention, and for such publicity as you may give to the Department's denial of this unfounded rumor, I am,

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CHAMBA STATE.—Mr. R. Roberts has sent us the 1½a chocolate and 3a blue of India with the surcharge "Chamba State" in two lines in black.

DANZIG.—A fourth value is to hand from Ipswich in the new currency series chronicled a fortnight ago, viz.:—2 (pf) carmine and red.—Stamp Collecting.

FRANCE.—Further details are available as to the forthcoming Olympic Game commemoratives, one of which—the 50c blue, depicting the Arena at Nimes and the inevitably ugly aeroplane flying over it—is reproduced in the January number of the *Madrid Filatélico*. The 30c will have an emblematic figure of Victorious Athlete, the 25c a composite picture of Paris and the again inevitable "Victory," and the 10c a representation of the capital's welcome, with views of the Arc de Triomphe and the Stadium. A separate series of stamps, ostensibly to commemorate the forthcoming Exhibition of Decorative Art, is now threatened.—Stamp Collecting.

GERMANY.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the following Air Post stamps of the new Renten Mark currency: 20pf ultramarine, 50pf orange, 100pf purple, 200pf blue green and 300pf grey. There is also a 10pf value in the set but it has not been received up to the present. All chicken wire watermark.

GREECE.—Our Special Correspondent at the Piræus, Dr. St. J. Macrymichalos informs us that the Greek Government intends issuing shortly a commemorative stamp in honor of the centenary of the death of Lord Byron. This stamp will have a face value of 1 drachma and according to our correspondent, will be executed very artistically. We mention that Byron celebrations are

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MOZAMBIQUE.—A new denomination is being issued by the Mozambique company, viz., 3 centavos orange-brown. It is in the Maize type of the 1c of the current series. Our Umtali friend, Mr. H. Rivers, favours us with our first postally used copy.—Stamp Collecting.

NETHERLANDS.—Mr. P. Gordon Wimley writes as follows with regard to our previous reference to this country:—"Mr. Cranwell's remark re the Dutch rarity stamps—not labels (they have been used on both inland and foreign correspondence)—is to a certain extent correct. The stamps were on sale from 8 a.m., on December 14th till 8 p.m. on January 14th. They were not withdrawn suddenly, as notices were posted at every post-office and in all the daily papers that they would be definitely withdrawn on January 14th. They are to be reissued next December, but neither the same designs and colours will be used or not is not yet known. They will be issued every year in the same way as the Swiss 'Pro Juventute.' You may be interested to know that the provisionals there is a 10 on 17½ and 10 on 22½ with rough perforation. But few sheets of them were on sale; the same applies to the 1 gulden on 1½, the latter were only sold five at a time, even to dealers.

The 2c orange, which was to have been withdrawn, is still being sold, and we have now five 2c on sale, namely, the old brown, the orange, the Jubilee, 2 on 1c, and 2 on 1½c, whilst the Charity was withdrawn on January 14th.—Stamp Collecting.

POLAND.—Mr. Edward B. Chamberlain informs us that in addition to the stamps noted in our issue of March 10th

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he has also received a 300,000m value of the same design in a reddish violet color. Mr. Chamberlain also adds that on the parcel he received, which was dated at Warsaw, Feb. 20th last, there were five 20,000m, five 30,000m, two 50,000m, two 100,000m, two 200,000m and two 300,000m stamps.

Messrs. Bright & Son report that in a mixed lot of used stamps of this country a copy of the 1 mark, Fortress type, has been found in a rose red color, evidently an error in shade. It is on vertically laid paper and perforated 11½.

RUSSIA.—Notwithstanding that the late leader of the Bolsheviks is said to have disapproved of the idea of his portrait being reproduced on a postage stamp, Lenin's face has been adapted to that purpose, in the form of a memorial series, two values of which (both used) were shown to us a few days ago. Lithographed in black on white paper, it has an outer border of the appropriate red. The two values brought to our notice are 6 kop and 20 kop, both imperf.—Stamp Collecting.

TRANSJORDANIA.—Our Cairo Special Correspondent, Mr. Charles Julien Hunt, sends the following news (dated January 31st):—

"A new issue is now out, which will be in use till the definite set appears. The stamps of Hedjaz have been overprinted at bottom with an Arabic inscription meaning 'Hokoma Sharkey El Arabia' (=Government of Eastern Arabia). The Hedjaz stamps seem to be of a new printing—more transparent paper, whiter gum, and colours of an aniline tint.

"Ten thousand sets of the above were overprinted on the 19th in three lines, the values thus surcharged being the ½, 1, 1½ and 2 pi. Five thousand sets are in gold and five thousand in black, printed in honour of King Hussein's visit to Amman. It reads, first lines, 'F. K. G.' I do not understand what those represent. The second line is, 'King of the Arabs,' and the last line gives the date, the Mohammedan year 1342 being seen on the left. It reads, '11 Cramad-el-Thani.' Cramad-el-Tani

or Cramad-el-Thani is the second month of the year, coming after Cramad-el-Awal and preceding the 'Sha'aban' and the 'Ramadan,' the latter being the month during which every true believer fasts daily, between the hours of sunset and dawn.

"As the first of the month of the Arabic calendar falls on the seventh of January, it would appear that they were issued on the 18th. But as the 18th falls on a Friday it is more likely that they were first sold on the counter the day after, which is Saturday.

"All the above stamps were sold out in two hours."—Stamp Collecting.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The following is an account of a small find I made in a second hand book shop in New York City. It is interesting not because of the rarities it contains but because the album itself is unique. The album is an old Lallier printed in 1862, by A. Lenegre of Paris. The album is divided by continents and contains all told spaces for 1097 stamps. The United States is represented by forty-two squares, France has 24, Great Britain 26, Mauritius 20, New South Wales 28, and many countries from 1 to 10. The stamps are all on the right side of the pages and on the left side facing them is a description of the stamps intended for the spaces opposite. These are printed or written in what is known in France as "la rond," a cross between type and written letters. I have not been able to decide whether this is written or printed but I am inclined to think that it is printed. The album contains about 325 stamps pasted down flat as was the custom in those days.—AUGUST A. DEBARD, JR.

—G. W. R.—What has mystified you has doubtless mystified other of our readers. The adlet to which you refer containing the words "Rounding the last centuple mark" had reference to the year 1900, when, though leap year, there was no extra day in February. Therefore the writer of the adlet lost seven birth-day anniversaries in succession.

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a quarter of a century. I have been a continuous subscriber since 1895. About three years ago I loaned the first two years, in bound volumes, and have never got them back, so the best I can show now is January, 1897, Volume IX. The WEEKLY is almost a life-habit with me, and it is only a question of which will survive the other.—L. R. SOURS.

LENIN MEMORIAL STAMP.

We have been shown specimen copies of the Lenin memorial stamp. It is rather a grotesque affair, printed as it is in red and black and with a very crude picture of the late Premier of the Russian Republic. The inscription upon the stamp in Russian characters reads "Postage S. S. S. R., 6 Kopeks Gold." The official Soviet Republics." 6 kopeks gold is the equivalent of 3c.

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NEW MICH. STAMP CLUB OFFICERS.

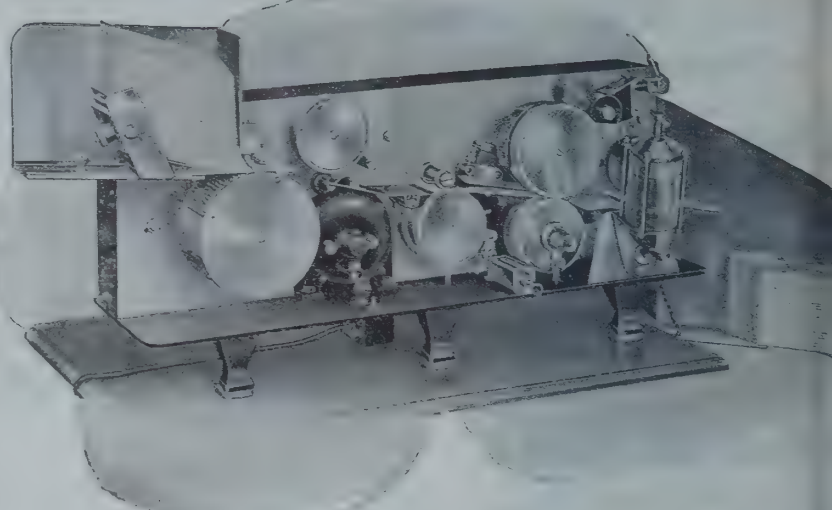
The annual election of officers of the Michigan Stamp Club of Detroit, was held Saturday, March 1, at the club rooms. The entire list of officers for 1923 was re-elected:—Pres. E. Preston Hoskins; Vice Pres. F. S. Bott; Sec. H. F. Kaufmann; Treas. Robt. O. Meiers; Trustees John J. Jungwirth, Floyd Quick and L. A. White; Auction Mgr. George Peterson; Sales Supt. Grant Hamilton; Publicity Herman W. Boers.

NOTES AND NEWS.

First British Glider Post.—None of the published accounts of the Motor Glider Trials at Lympne, October 8th to 13th, seem to have referred to the special mail flight which took place on the last day of the meeting. About 100 letters, enclosed in special souvenir envelopes, were carried by Mr. "Jimmy" James in the A. N. and E. machine that put off from Lympne at 3 o'clock on the Saturday afternoon, the mail bag being dropped by parachute at Hastingleigh, the farthest point on the course, a few minutes later. The letters were conveyed by special courier to the Hastingleigh Sub-Post Office, and thence despatched to their destinations. In the right-hand corner of the envelopes is an oblong grey label bearing a 1½d postage stamp and the Hastingleigh postmark, in conjunction with the declaration "Carried by Motor Glider from Lympne to Hastingleigh." Twenty of the letters bore, in addition, the personal autograph of the pilot, and one of these was exhibited with the winning machine at Selfridge's last week. Aero-philatelists will be keen to add this interesting souvenir to their collections of British air post covers. —Flight.

Germany.—On December 1st, without warning, German postage rates were quadrupled, all postage stamps now current being sold over the post-office counter for four times their nominal value. Thus, the new 50 milliards stamp actually costs 200 milliards, and so on. New stamps of 3, 5 and 20 gold pfennigs were brought into use on the same date, and are sold on the basis of the Rentenmark.

Japan.—The emergency 3 sen stamp listed in our new issue Chronicle this month comes as an echo of the Japanese earthquake, having been printed by private contractors, owing to the total destruction of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Tokio, with all its plant and reserve stock of stamps. Meanwhile the Japanese Government has appealed to the United States for assistance in re-equipping its stamp printing department, the machinery of which was similar to that used by the U. S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington.



POSTAGE METERS.

(Continued from page 161)

ested in meters and more than half of them actively collecting them. One of the officers, especially, had a fine showing of them. The interest is bound to increase more in the future than it has in the past, and from my correspondence it has shown a wonderful increase in the last year. Consider early U. S. cancellations and what it would have meant to the present-day collector if some one at that time had kept a record of them while they were current. It is time that we correct mistakes of the past and profit by experiences.

The Postage Meter Co. and the Mailometer Co. are the only two firms so far that have received recognition by our P. O. Dept. and are manufacturing machines with a meter attached. Both of these firms also manufacture machines using ordinary permits. Other manufacturers of ordinary permit printers are the Columbia, International and Standard. Some permits are still printed on the printing press, Multigraph and only

a few with a rubber stamp. Most of these machines have been illustrated in our previous articles. We are including with this article a cut of the "Standard" made in Mass., and the latest machine that we know of for doing this work. My records show more than a hundred of these machines already placed.

With this we are showing a cut of the "Standard" Prepayment and Letter Stamping Machine "Made in Germany." So far we have no knowledge of this machine being used outside of Europe. We are submitting sample impression from this machine to the WEEKLY publishers but the specimens are not very distinct and it is possible that they will be unable to make good cuts from them.

Other news items will appear from time to time in the WEEKLY on this subject but check lists of permit and meter users will not be published in any regularly issued philatelic periodical. This is by request of the manufacturers of permit printing machines, users as well as philatelic publishers.

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Through the kindness of Mr. A. H. Pike we are placing the Binghamton Public Library upon our mailing list. In this particular instance Mr. Pike was asked to show the value of the WEEKLY as a consulting medium. Any of our subscribers who face this proposition have a good talking point from the educational value of our publication. Without a doubt libraries are compelled to make distinction in periodicals so far as their reading tables are concerned, but the WEEKLY touches the "boy problem."

You can perform a useful service to local philately by placing the WEEKLY in your public library for the coming year. Why not add to this list your town or city? The example you set may be followed by scores of others.

Latvia.—The "Latvijas Kars Invalidu Savieniba" (Latvian Society of Disabled Soldiers), whose insignia—a Maltese cross with a laurel wreath and rising sun—figures on the special postage stamps issued on its behalf, was founded in 1917 and has a membership of over 4,500, its headquarters being in Riga. The Latvian troops suffered heavily, both in the Great War and the subsequent Bolshevik invasion, and the present charity stamps constitute an official effort to provide additional funds for this excellent institution.

Palestine.—The provision of permanent postage stamps for the Palestine State is brought a stage nearer by the publication of an invitation from the Postmaster-General of Palestine for the submission of original photographs, drawings, etc., suitable for reproduction in the form of pictorial postage stamps.

Russia.—The stamps overprinted with the device of an aeroplane in red and bearing a surtax of 20 kopeks, as listed elsewhere in this number, although sold in aid of a national fund to provide an aerial fleet, are not, apparently, exclu-

sively reserved for use on air-born correspondence, but are equally available for ordinary postage. Their presence upon a letter is therefore no guarantee of its having been "flown."

Uruguay.—The subject of the design appearing on the stamp issued on the occasion of the centenary of the Battle of Sarandi, represents the memorial erected at Sarandi in the Uruguayan Department of Florida, on the site of the conflict.—West-End Philatelist.

BOUND VOLUMES OF THE "WEEKLY"

We have on hand a few bound volumes of the WEEKLY, and offer the for sale at very reasonable prices. The years in question are 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909. The price of these books \$2 each and this price is extremely reasonable in view of the high cost of binding in these days. Just to show you what we can do in the way of a handsome, substantial sample volume of the WEEKLY we will send you the year 1907 for \$1.50 plus the zone parcel charges on five pounds. This offer for immediate acceptance.

THE CHRONICLES OF FERRARY.
EIGHTH SALE, 1ST DAY.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

The eighth Ferrary sale on November 7, 8 and 9 last comprised 622 lots, which realised 1,588,957 francs, or with tax 1,867,024, being about £24,044 at the average rate of exchange for the three days. This brings the grand (taxed) total to 15,747,643 francs, or £280,502.

A number of countries of considerable interest to German and Austrian philatelists brought into the arena strong competition from German and Austrian buyers, including Mr. Kurt Maier of Berlin, and M. Rudolf Friedl of Vienna. The sale started with 112 lots of Austria, and the second lot provided some eager bidding; it was a superb unused copy of the rare type III of the 9kr kreuzer of 1850. This third type of the 9kr was a comparatively late discovery, Mr. W. Hadlow finding the first used copy, which he sold to Mr. C. J. Phillips for £5 a few years ago, when it was inserted in the catalogue. Used copies have turned up, but in no large number, and the stamp is still catalogued at £15 used by Gibbons. Unused it must be of great rarity, this mint copy with four-in-hand margins realising £121. There was also a used copy, much disfigured by the cancellation, in a mixed lot of eleven stamps of this issue.

The 3, 6 and 9 kreuzer are listed but not priced, rouletted, in Gibbons. The French "Official" catalogue of 1904 quoted these used at 100fcs (£4) each. It is supposed by some that the rouletting, which gauges 14, was done by the local postmaster (for his own convenience) at Tokay, or possibly Hamonna Varano, whence all the authentic copies come. Ferrary had the 3k red used on a letter postmarked Tokay, and 3k red+6k brown used together on a letter from the same town, which is the centre of the district famous for the delicious Imperial wine of the Hapsburgs. These two letters with some other fanciful perforation varieties, 18 stamps in all, brought £16.

Blocks of this issue are scarce, and sheets or even panes unknown. They were printed in four groups of 60, arranged 8x8, the odd four spaces being filled with the curious Andreas Kreuzer-St. Andrew's Cross. There is an unused block of twelve of the 1kr orange the Tapling collection (four rows of three), larger than anything in the Ferrary sale. The St. Andrew's Cross labels tenant with the stamps are now rarely met with; they were used for the double purpose of rounding off the sheets to even money (there were only 60kr to the florin), and the four blanks were said to be charged for to the customer to cover the cost of manufacturing the stamps.

A block of seven of the 6k brown, with two St. Andrew's Cross labels brought £24, and a similar block of the blue brought £31. A set of 3k, 6k and 9k unused with cross se tenant in each case fetched £59.

A 12 kreuzer was prepared for this issue but was never put into circulation. A million had been printed, in blue, when the 9 kreuzer was ordered to be substituted for the 12k, and all but 160 pieces were destroyed in June, 1850. Of these some appear to have been used by accident; Tapling had an unused one, Ferrary's copy is cancelled with a pen stroke and was sold in a batch of 16 stamps for £9.

Lot 48 contained some freaks of the 1875 issue, seven stamps of which there were—2k, 10k (2) and 15k (2)—with double impressions on the face, a 5k red printed back and front, and a 3k red "ror," the seven fetching £80. I was hitherto under the impression that it was generally accepted that the supposed 3k error only exists as a chemical fake, but apparently that is not the opinion in Austria. What is described as an "undoubtedly genuine" copy was shown by M. Rudolf Friedl at the Vienna International Philatelic Exhibition last September. It bore the postmark "Detta." The second is in a Budapest collection and is postmarked "Nagy-Becskerek." The Ferrary copy is said to be the only other

undoubtedly genuine example now known, and it, like the one in the possession of a Hungarian collector, is postmarked "Nagy-Becskerek." This town and Detta were both in the same postal district of Temesvar, which has since become philatelically memorable from the issues of the Roumanian occupation after the Great War.

Although only these three authentic copies are now known to Austrian students, two others were known to Kropf, the author of the standard history of Austrian stamps. These he described as postmarked Kecskemet, but the whereabouts of these two copies does not appear to be known now, and a writer in "Die Postmarke" (No. 61-62, p. 181) suggests that it is quite possible Kropf misread an indistinct "Becskerek" for "Kecskemet," in which case all five copies would have been used in the same postal area, pointing to the whole edition of the error being sent to the one head post-office at Temesvar.

All five copies bear dates early in "October—," and it is supposed that this can only be in the year of the introduction of this type, issued June 1, 1867.

Was the 3 kreuzer plate printed in error in the colour of the 5 kreuzer, or was this another instance of the intrusion of a wrong cliché in the make up of the plate? This is a problem not easy to solve without bringing the few known copies together for comparison, and it is to be hoped that at least three are now available to Mr. Friedl for such comparison. If there had been a printing of the 3k in red it is strange that it should never have been recorded anywhere, and not less strange that so few copies survive. On the other hand, if a wrong cliché got in the electrotypes plate, it would appear that it was speedily discovered and corrected, and that the sheets containing the error formed a part of an early supply sent to a distant district of Hungary where Austrian (kreuzer) stamps were and continued to be in use until 1871.

It may be possible to detect points of identity or differentiation in the clichés of the three, or, better still, of the five copies believed to be extant.

Of the Austrian "Mercuries," the dinky little first newspaper stamps, Ferrary evidently had a rich store. Amongst over 200 of the blue stamp was a sheet of 100 mint, which brought £30. There were 14 of the yellow stamp unused, and 24 used. The first unused yellow sold was a superb copy with gum, realising £151. Of the rose stamp, 6 unused and 15 used, the best price being £68 (unused). Then of the rarest of all Austrian stamps, the "red" Mercury, there were seven unused, and one not particularly fine used. The red stamp was only in use rather under two years, during which time 30,000 had been printed, but it is excessively rare used, and (unless there are more to come) Ferrary only seems to have come across the one poor copy. The Tapling Collection only has it unused. I give the chief prices obtained for the red stamps:—

Unused: £302, £272, £272, £144.

Used: £133.

Although one of the most notable of Austrian stamp issues, it has never been ascertained with certainty who designed or engraved the little Mercury. Only within the past few years the discovery of six proofs of the design among the papers of Josef Axmann, an engraver of Brünn (b. 1793, d. 1873) offered a hint of his association with the stamp, which was further strengthened, if not confirmed, by the discovery of another similar proof in a volume of engravings labelled "Josef Axmann" in the Austrian State Library.

Among the later newspaper stamps the (1k) pale lilac stamp of 1863, tête-bêche, the inverted cliché being in the centre of a mint block of nine, fetched £287.

There were several copies of the rare 4k red newspaper stamp of Austrian Italy (Lombardy), two fine unused ones fetching £166 and £105.

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brought £274 at the sixth sale, and included a supposed 9k black on green error; one other lot of this State, comprising 99 tax and service stamps, realised, at the same sale, £29. At this eighth sale Baden appears again with two single rarities.

The first is a fully authenticated 9 kreuzer green error used on a letter postmarked Ettenheim, August 25, 1851, and is one of the three original copies found in 1894, and, I believe, no other satisfactory copy—there are some fakes—has ever turned up. There was a fourth copy, presumably authentic, in the Duveen collection, with postmark "20" in five concentric circles; this is the postmark of the town of Buchen. Mr. Charles J. Phillips in listing this in his descriptive brochure on the Duveen collection states that only 4 or 5 copies are known. Issued somewhere about 1851, the existence of such an error was quite unknown until forty-three years later. The story of the finding of the three known specimens was disclosed by Mr. Carl Lindenberg in the Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung. A philatelic dilettante of good social position sent Mr. Lindenberg a Baden stamp of 9kr in the bluish green colour of the 6kr. The collector had shown it to a dealer who declared it to be a fraud, but as he had found it amongst a lot taken direct from some old letters he was not satisfied with that verdict. A small piece of the original letter was still attached to the specimen bearing the circles cancellation "2" of Achern.

The stamp surprised and puzzled Mr. Lindenberg, but by a remarkable coincidence at the next meeting of the Berlin Philatelists' Club, Baron von Turkheim showed a similar 9kr green on entire letter, and mentioned that he had still another like it. The two Turkheim letters established the genuineness of the error. Each letter had been sent from the Turkheim family residence at Alt-

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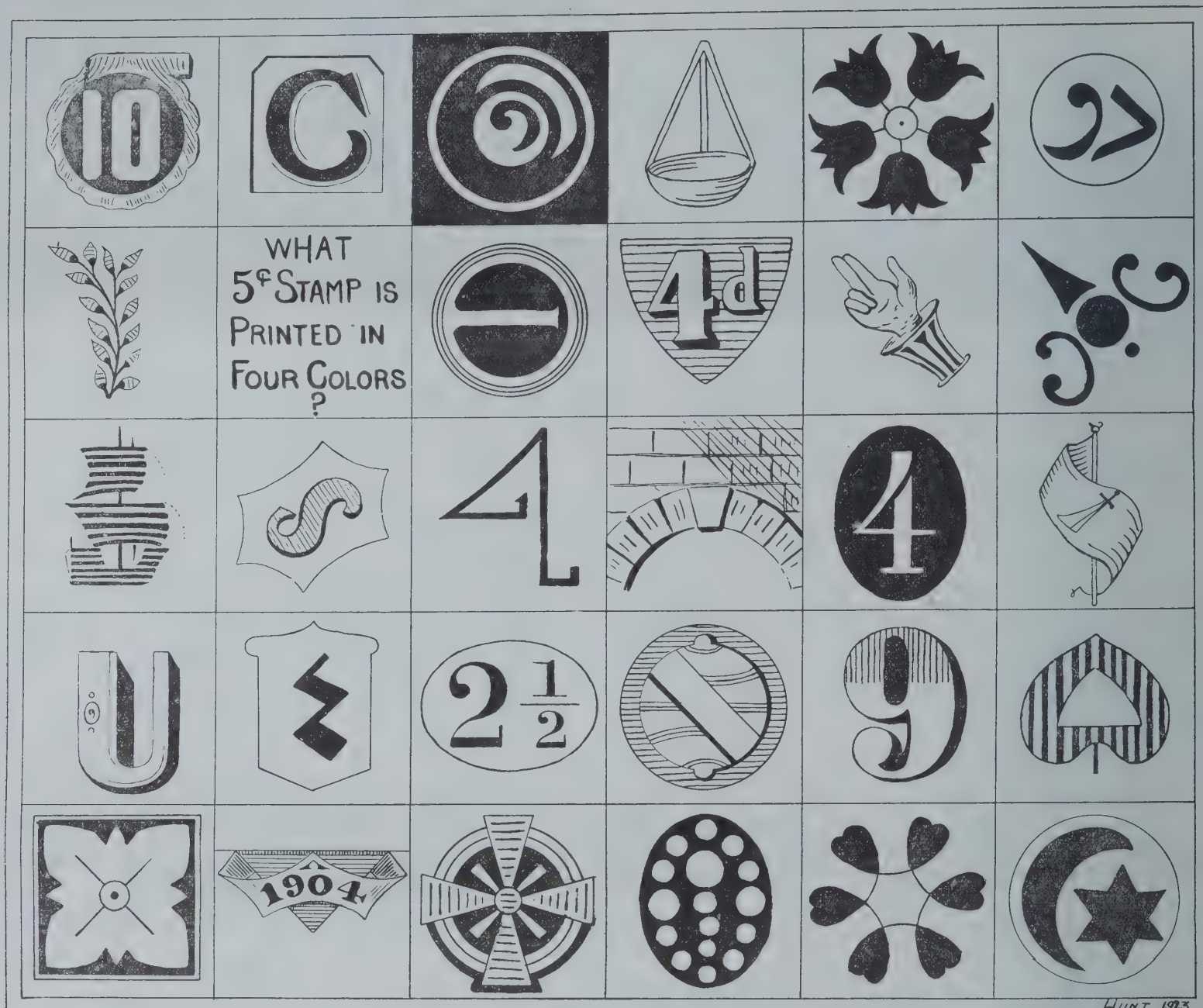
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HUNT. 1923.

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dorf to the baron's father, then Counsellor of Legation at Karlsruhe. The earlier letter, dated July 27, 1851, bore the Orschweier postmark (No. 106) and the other, dated August 25, 1851, bore the Ettenheim (No. 14) postmark. One had been posted at the nearest post-town to Altdorf, and the other at the nearest railway station, and as the postage to Karlsruhe was only 6 kreuzer, it was clear the green 9 kreuzer stamps had been used as 6 kreuzer ones, which is easily explained, as the "9" upside down is just like a "6."

The whereabouts of these three copies is fortunately known. On Mr. Lindenberg's advice the earlier of the two Turkheim letters was bought by the Berlin Postal Museum, where it still is. The later letter is the one in the eighth Ferrary sale, and which Mr. Kurt Maier secured for £1816. The other copy on piece of original with the Achem postmark was in the Mors collection, and is now in the private collection of M. Theodor Champion of Paris. A year ago, in publishing "Rare stamps: how to recognise them" as a sort of preliminary publicity for the 1923 Exhibition, I set the value of this variety at about £400; the new "Kohl" catalogue gives it at 7,500 gold marks (£375). But of course the fine copy on letter was sure to go to a record price at a Ferrary sale.

The other rare Baden was the 3kr rose (1862) in a dull shade, *imperfectorate*, of which a very few were used at Stockach in December, and the postmark is of the double circle STOCKACH IV with "24 DEZ" (no year given) in the centre. This copy fetched £55.

Belgium figured in the fifth sale, but recurred in this eighth one to the extent of thirteen lots, the chief items being two blocks of four and two pairs of the first issue, all unused. The 10c brown, block of 4, brought £95, 20c deep blue pair £52, another pair but in the blue shade £42, and block of 4 20c deep blue £78.

A Brunswick 1s rose of 1852, superb unused, brought £124 (cat. by Gibbons, £150). The bulk of the Brunswicks were sold at the sixth sale.

Stamps we rarely have the opportunity of seeing except in the old-fashioned general collections are the early typographed issues of the Dominican Republic. There were fifteen lots in this sale supplementing a dozen lots at the fourth sale. The superb pairs of ½r black on rose, and 1r black on green of 1865 fetched £24 and £57 respectively, while two singles ½ and 1r on laid paper, unused, fetched £39 together. Two fine copies of the "Un" real on pale green with lozenge watermarks, each from the corner of a sheet, brought £46 together.

These three copies of the second issue, the blue on rose, black on yellow and black on lilac, all without inscriptions at top and bottom, fetched together £26.

A second instalment of Spain, covering 35 lots, included a 10r green 1850, unused, £19; a 6c black with the "1850" retouched, used on letter, £15; a 2r red 1851, unused, superb, £92; another fine copy, £77; and, most interesting of all, the "Westoby" copy of the rare error 2r blue, which sold at a price which settles all controversy as to its character, and vindicates the judgment of that distinguished pioneer, the late Mr. W. A. S. Westoby. I have already given its history in these articles (see S.L. XVI. p. 39), and have now only to add that it fetched £1,393 and its buyer was that authority-in-chief on Spanish issues, Mr. Hugo Griebert.

A forgery of the 2r blue error sold for 32s. A 2r pale rose, fine unused, of 1852 brought £57, and a 2r red, 1853, also fine unused, £53; the variety of the last-named, without dot under S of RS. brought £55 (unused) and a 3c bronze Madrid (1853), £74. The 2c green on azure of 1854, unused, catalogued by Gibbons at £40, fetched £57, but the 1r on this paper was withdrawn from the sale.

The 12c blue and rose, inverted frame, unused, brought £204, and another unused in a vertical pair with normal

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The past year has seen a marked falling off in the number of new issues, particularly in the Colonial series, and for this most collectors will be thankful, and it seems likely that the number may still further decrease during 1924. This gives a chance to those who collect imperially to bring their albums up to date, as there have been quite a number of recent Colonial issues whose prices will show very big increases during the next few years, but which at the present are somewhat overlooked as regards their possibilities. It is interesting to turn to one of the recently-issued catalogues and glance at some of the latest prices. The Yvert & Tellier catalogue generally gauge the value of such

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stamps with considerable acumen, particularly in European issues which are always in demand where this catalogue is most used. In Malta, therefore, one notices some of the recent issues have been doubled and trebled in value. Some of the Self-Government issues and later Georgian issues especially, such a stamp as the 2s6d of 1919 priced in Gibbons' at 5sh (lowest) appears at 150 francs or nearly £2. The reason in this case being that the stamp had not been long in use when all the remainders were overprinted Self-Government, so that it is commoner with the surcharge than without. The 2sh Script had a very similar history.

A correspondent recently wrote: "Are War stamps, including Armistice, likely to recover from the depths of unpopularity and become saleable?"

This raises the interesting question as to why certain stamps become unpopular. War and Armistice issues were certainly very popular and some were of historic interest, but also some of them were overdone and the Markets flooded with them. The collector now is more interested on the financial side than formerly, and thus begins to lose interest in stamps offered on every side and decreasing in value, and so decides to clear out of his own collection of them which only makes things worse. Many of these issues, notably from the Continent, were unloaded at prices (when first issued) far above their real worth, so that most people became disgusted, partly by the slump and by the horde of unnecessary varieties. Thousands of pounds of good British money went to the foreigner over these issues during 1919-20. Another cause of the depression is in the unsettled economic condition on the Continent, many of the stamps now being collected and issued, say Germany, are only worth a small fraction of a penny. This has also affected the market of Colonial War issues as the market for them on the continent has never developed as anticipated, and we see now some of them being offered at 10% under "face," which is remarkable as they have not been demonetized or sold under face value by the post-office. These and the scarcer War Tax issues consequently have been obtainable cheaper during the past year than ever before, and it seems likely that the lowest point has been reached, and that we shall see a gradual rise as stocks diminish, although it may be some years before the high prices of 1919 are again reached.

The same remarks apply to the overprinted German Colonial issues. These were only issued in small quantities, but holders of these chose the last two years to unload them on an uncertain market, the result being prices have fallen, and are now lower than when first issued. The great interest of these is undoubtedly and as a useful investment all general Colonial collectors should try to include a representative lot of these if they do not possess them, and if picked up at prices recently ruling, a handsome increment is bound to ensue.

Some large lots of high values of Palestine, particularly the overprinted series have recently come on the market, apparently many of these are telegraphically used, but collectors are advised not to pay too high prices for these, as they are obtainable at a smaller percentage of catalogue than has been the case until recently. Some high prices are also being asked for recent provisional issues of Trans-Jordania, whilst these are undoubtedly scarce, it must be remembered that they can hardly be considered as Colonial issues, and it is possible that their popularity and hence high market value, may be ephemeral, like the issues of Ukraine.

The two Sarawak provisionals of the past year still seem very scarce and about 10sh the pair is being paid for them in England, as but few have arrived here, it appears that most of them were bought up immediately by one or two local speculators.—Philatelic Magazine.

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Pike's Peak Stamp Co.	83
Fennell Stamp Co.	73
W. J. Zink	61
L. B. Dover	28
Mystic Stamp Co.	26
Hawkeye Stamp Co.	25
W. G. Klemt	21
Covert Stamp Co.	20
Joseph Gallant	16
Richard Lamprecht	15
Kansas City Stamp Co.	14
Bymor Stamp Co.	13
W. F. Cannon Co.	10
D. B. Nagle Co.	10
Eugene Klein	10

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Fennell Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	246
Pike's Peak Stamp Co., Colo. Spgs. Colo.	239
L. B. Dover, Clayton, Mo.	96
Hawkeye Stamp Co., C. Rapids, Ia.	79
W. G. Klemt, Jersey City, N. J.	68
Kansas City Stamp Co., K. C., Mo.	58
Paul F. Cornish, Schenectady, N.Y.	56
D. B. Nagle Co., Reading, Pa.	43
W. F. Cannon Co., Davenport, Ia.	43
R. Lamprecht, Valparaiso, Ind.	42
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Joseph Gallant, Hempstead, N. Y.	40
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C. E. Hussman Co., St. Louis, Mo.	33
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Liberty Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	30
Buckey Stamp Co., Dayton, O.	27
H. A. Keigwin, Middletown, N. Y.	27
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C. E. Nickles, Washington, D. C.	24
Adolf Gunesch, Chicago, Ill.	24
Bymor Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	24
N. Joseph, Boston, Mass.	23
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Jax Stamp Co., Steger, Ill.	22
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R. H. Mower, San Fran., Cal.	19
G. B. Kunz, Jersey City, N. J.	17
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H. C. Buchholz, Norwood, Ohio	15
Vahan Moizan, N. Y. City	15
A. H. Schumacher, Houston, Tex.	15
G. A. Zimmerman, Chicago, Ill.	14
C. A. Bernier, Kankakee, Ill.	12
A. F. Simionescu, Hackensack, N.J.	12
H. P. Atherton, Springfield, Mass.	12
J. B. Musick, St. Louis, Mo.	12
Foye Stamp Co., Detroit, Mich.	11
Pioneer Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	11
J. H. Blackney, Saginaw, Mich.	11
Ogden Stamp Shop, Baldwinsville, N. Y.	11
C. Lee Tubbs, San Diego, Cal.	10
H. H. Shepard, Amherst, Mass.	10
Rev. A. E. Butler, St. George's Nfld.	10
Chas. W. Schmidt, Phila., Pa.	8
Raymond L. Lehr, Phila., Pa.	8

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John N. Luff and Dr. J. Brace Chittenden, President and Secretary, respectively of the Collectors Club of this city, have been invited to attend the anniversary dinner. John L. Stroub is President of the New York Philatelic Society and among the officers are: Vice Presidents, David Trautman and George Flatow; Secretary, E. M. Wal-

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Coming to Canada Mr. Johnson took up stamp collecting seriously. At one

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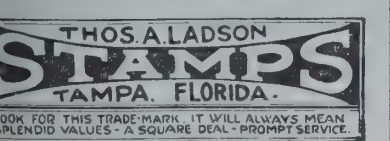
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in numbers, and the Japanese in 1885. In spite of revolutions, and some moral lapses, his reign, on the whole, proved a good one. He died in California Jan. 20, 1891.

Kapiolani (1882, 15c.)—Queen of David Kalakaua, and granddaughter of the last king of Kauai, born Dec. 31, 1834. Married Dec. 19, 1863. With her sister-in-law, and husband, Mr. John O. and Mrs. Lydia Dominis, she represented Hawaii at Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887. She died June 24, 1899.

William Pitt Leleiohoku (1875, 12c.)—This prince was born Jan. 10, 1855, the younger brother of David Kalakaua, Liliuokalani and Likelike. He was declared heir to the throne Feb. 14, 1874, and held positions in the government under his brother's reign. He was considered a bright youth, and great expectations were held as to his future, but he died April 10, 1877, placing the entire nation in mourning.

Miriam Kapii Likelike (1882, 1c.)—This princess was a sister of David Kalakaua Liliuokalani and W. P. Leleiohoku, and daughter of chief Kapaakea and chiefess Keohokalohe born Jan. 10, 1853 she was married to Archibald Scott Cleghorn and had one daughter. She died Feb. 2, 1887.

Liliuokalani (1891, 2c Violet.)—Born Sept. 2, 1838. Married John O. Dominis, Sept. 16, 1862. Was proclaimed queen Jan. 30, 1891, upon the death of her brother, Kalakaua. She immediately started out to abolish the restrictions on the powers of the crown, and, after continual disagreements with cabinets and legislature, preparations were finally made to proclaim a new constitution Jan. 14, 1893, which would have removed the principal checks on the crown and disfranchised all but Hawaiian subjects. This led to a revolution and the establishing of a Provisional Government on Jan. 17, 1893. This in turn was followed by the Republic July 4, 1894, and the annexation of the Islands to the United States July 7, 1898. The queen retired and lived till Nov. 11, 1917, beloved by all who knew her.

Sanford Ballard Dole (1894, 25c.)—Born in Honolulu April 23, 1844, son of Daniel and Emily Ballard Dole, American missionaries. Educated at Oahu College (Punahou). Graduated from Williams College, Mass., and studied law in Boston, where he was admitted to the bar. Married Anna P. Cate of Castine, Maine, May 19, 1873. Member of Legislature of Hawaii 1884 to 1886. Judge Supreme Court of Hawaii 1887 to 1893. Head of Provisional Government 1893 and President of the Republic 1894 to 1898. Was a strong advocate of annexation to the United States and came to America in 1898 for that purpose. Governor of Territory of Hawaii 1900 to 1903, and United States District Judge of the Territory 1903 to 1914 when he retired to private life in Honolulu, where this "Grand Old Man of Hawaii" still resides.

Lorrin Andrews Thurston (Official.)—Born in Honolulu July 31, 1858, son of Asa G. and Sara Andrews Thurston of American missionary stock. Educated at Oahu College (Punahou) and Columbia Law School, New York City.

Married Harriet Potter of St. Joseph, Mich., April 5, 1894. Admitted to bar in Honolulu 1878. Elected to House of Representatives 1886. Minister of the Interior 1887-1890. Elected to house of Nobles 1892. Member of Committee of Safety when the Monarchy of Hawaii was overthrown in 1893 and on Advisory Council for the Provisional Government 1893. Minister of Provisional Government to the United States 1893, and for the Republic of Hawaii 1894. Also Minister to Portugal 1894. Special Commissioner to negotiate treaty of annexation to United States 1897. Still living in Honolulu connected with large business interests.

CANADA 3c IMPERFORATE.
By F. C. GRAHAME.

I thought the following might be acceptable, re the present issue three (3) cent Canada imperforate. This stamp was issued imperforate for collection purposes only and although available for postage it is only sold by the Philatelic Branch of the P. O. Dept., at Ottawa, and may be obtained there at face in blocks of four or multiples of four. It is not sold at Post Offices. This stamp was printed from the following plates, namely, Nos. 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131. The date on which the first of these stamps were sold was Jan. 23, 1924. The quantity printed is small, the exact number at present not being available.

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From William Ralph Hoffa, 1616 N. Willington Street, Philadelphia, comes a very clear and interesting explanation of the differences between cracked and scratched plates, a question which the writer has stirred up on various occasions. Mr. Hoffa says: "I have tried to explain this from a printer's experience with cracked and scratched plates. There really is no difficulty in distinguishing between the two, once you see a copy of each side by side." Many thanks, Mr. Hoffa; the writer is sure that this explanation will clear the matter up for many a befuddled collector and add another pleasure to the altogether pleasurable pastime of specialising in United States stamps.

Mr. Hoffa's exposition follows.

"The cracked plate is a printing variety and very often a scratched plate is also.

A-cracked plate nearly always occurs from one of three things. (1) Being locked too tight. (2) Becomes too loose. (3) Faulty metal. When the cut cracks, if it is on a metal base, the base being stronger than the cut does not crack, so the damage cannot be repaired. Thus the cracked plate. The cut is a thin shell of metal swetted on the metal base.

A scratched plate will very often occur from two things. In cleaning cuts a wire brush is used. If one of the wires becomes bent and protrudes over the brush it will scratch the plate. Dry ink that lodges on the cut is removed by washing or with a pin. If the pin slips it will

scratch the plate. The scratch can also occur in the engraving from tools slipping but I believe they are never used.

I have never seen a plate whose crack was straight or nearly so. But scratches are nearly always fairly straight or curved. A scratch does not break away any metal on the sides of it but a crack nearly always does.

The main features of the two varieties are:

Cracked Plates:

1. The crack is crooked or wavy.
2. Is fairly wide with small parts of cut missing.
3. Crack always runs to the end of cut.

Scratched Plates:

1. Scratch nearly straight or curved.
2. Thinness of scratch.
3. Does not always run to end of cut.

W. S. Evans, 235 E. Brown St., E. Stroudsburg, Pa., writes:

"I have been reading with interest your column in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY and having uncovered yesterday some interesting papers of my grandfather in an old tin box, he having evidently been Postmaster at a small town called Albrightsville, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, thought you might be interested in them. I will list a few of them by paragraph.

The first is an official letter (one of the old kind not enclosed in an envelope, but merely sealed with wax) of blue paper on the outside at the top right hand corner of which appears in large letters 'Post Office Department, Official Business,' with a signature of the Chief Clerk appearing beneath, this letter being addressed to the Postmaster at Albrightsville, Pa. On the inside is a printed form letter dated Sept. 1, 1852, headed Post Office Dept. and '(No. 8.)' This letter states that a key is enclosed fitting the new iron mail lock recently adopted by the Postmaster-General and

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which will be put in service about December of that year. It also relates to the safe keeping of this key and that it should be lost would be deemed cause for the removal of the Postmaster. The key was enclosed in this letter.

Another is a letter postmarked 'Washington, D. C. Free,' 'Jun 22,' on the outside of which appears the words 'Official Business, Auditor's Office of the Treasury for the P. O. Dept.' This letter dated 1853 and is number 85, a printed form letter.

Another official letter postmarked 'Washington, D. C. Mar. 23, Free' from the dead letter office enclosing letter with the post mark of the dead letter office, the numeral five written in ink in the top right hand corner and also a large capital H printed in red in this letter being dated Mar. 23, 1855.

Another is an official letter enclosing a printed form of the department's blue paper headed 'New Postage Act Instructions to Postmasters, calling attention to the new act passed at the session of Congress, giving the act and instructions in regard to the observance of this act.' This letter is dated Mar. 12, 1855, and signed by the Postmaster-General.

Among these letters are numerous others mailed between 1850 and '55 with only postmarks of the city from which they are mailed and having no stamp thereon. One of these is dated Philadelphia, Sept. 11, 1850, having the postmark in a circle in the upper right-hand corner and the numeral 5 cents; in the upper left hand corner the words PAID. Several others were found bearing the postmarks of various places in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Among the various covers was found a letter from Montreal, Canada, in the upper right hand corner in red ink a postmark enclosed in a circle and written across this in ink, printed the words PAID. In the upper left hand corner the word CANADA and in the lower left hand corner in red ink a postmark word Montreal C. July 24, 1853."

Such items are always interesting even though the covers do not contain adhesive stamps and it is encouraging to note that, although still limited, the collecting of them is becoming more and more general. I would not be surprised if the time would come when there would be quite a scramble for interesting covers before stamps.

We have received a letter from Stephen Thomas from which we quote the following:—"Note the old price-list enclosed. They are so interesting to me as a stamp collector that I thought perhaps you could use them to advantage. Note the prices this man in Virginia offered for rarities in the 80's. The Exchange that Mr. Stern paid \$10,000 for last summer is wanted only on the envelope and in good condition at \$5. The 5c black 1845 New York 50c cat. The Brattleboro at \$25! And the same is true of the Millbury, Providence, New Haven, St. Louis, etc. Also note the prices paid for the 1847 5c and 1c. The prices used or unused are 5c and 10c respectively. These prices certainly give one a jolt. As a boy I am certainly crazy over old U. S. and I appreciate anything that is written concerning them. I found the articles on the blue shifts very interesting."

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—Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer has placed himself in the hands of his friends and says as much in a modest announcement of his willingness to run for the presidency of the American Philatelic Society. As will be noticed elsewhere, the Philadelphia Branch of the A. P. S. has nominated him and three vice-presidents from Kansas City, Mo., as well as other directors.

—The post-office department has been notified from the office at Moscow, Russia, that hereafter the city of Petrograd will be called Leningrad.

—The 34th annual banquet of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club was scheduled for March 22, 1924. An exhibition was to precede the banquet and from a description of the stamps, it is easy to believe that some of the best stamps in the city of Cleveland were on display.

—On Tuesday, March 10, four men entered the jewelry store of John Kay, Detroit, bound and gagged the proprietor and looted show-cases of diamonds and other precious stones valued at \$7,000. The robbery was apparently the work of professional gunmen and was planned and timed in such a way that

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—We are advised of a new stamp club called the Graceland Philatelic Club, organized recently in Chicago. The president, C. Archer, informs us that it has eighty-six members living in Chicago and a considerable number outside.

—J. L. Riedel on a business trip through Italy and Switzerland writes us from Venice and the stamps used upon the envelope include some of the new Italian provisionals. The 7½ cent. on 85c was represented by four copies and the 50 cent. on 40c by two copies.

—A rather bad mistake occurred in the advertising of the Hub Postage Stamp Co. for March 10 and 17. Some 75c parcel post stamps were offered ten for 12c, when the price should have been \$1.20. The mistake was upon the part of the firm and not the printer.

—Paul P. Murray of the Fennell Stamp Co. calls our attention to an error in a recent news item. Miss Brown, who has been elected president of the local stamp society in St. Louis is Miss Lillian M. Brown and not as it was incorrectly printed.

—The Mystic Stamp Co., Camden, N. Y., sends us their illustrated price-list No. 15, containing a wide range of stamp offerings and accessories. A special feature of the list consists of dealer outfits for beginners. It is a pretentious list of sixteen pages finely illustrated.



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We are crediting the Pinckneyville Library subscription to Mr. Guy, who however, intimates that "a few local collectors" are responsible for this attempt to "cultivate the philatelic glebe of the city and possibly recruit some new fans." Mr. Guy condemns in a no uncertain tone the proposition to issue a special stamp to commemorate the Philadelphia Exposition. We quote from his letter:—

"If Europe desires to prostitute fair Philatelia for every passing whim and caprice, that is its affair, deplorable as it may seem, but let us keep our own issues above reproach."

The WEEKLY was very glad of the opportunity recently of writing up the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sterling of Trenton, N. J. We are breaking no confidence in stating that our longtime friend and philatelist was pleased with our tribute to the event. Mr. Sterling now joins the ranks of those who propose to donate the WEEKLY to local libraries, as will be seen by the entry of the Free Public Library of Trenton upon our list.

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WILSON D. WOOD—A REAL PROGRESSIVE.

Mr. Wilson D. Wood of Kansas City, Mo., vice-president of the Peoples Trust Company, is a real Kansan, having been born in Miami County in that state in 1885. That he is an ardent philatelist who keeps closely in touch with philatelic affairs is known to his friends and it is to his credit that he is always ready to avow himself as a stamp collector in a public sense. We believe that he has progressive ideas for the advancement of the pursuit and that he has done good service in spreading the gospel among the benighted. As proving the "class" of Mr. Wood, we may say that some months ago he was elected president of the Co-operative Club, whose roster includes the names of about all the big business men of Kansas City; and it was in the *Cooperator*, the official publication of the Club, that the cut that we now reproduce appeared originally. Mr. Wood as a collector is most at home with good U. S. and it is understood, too, that he has an inclination for British North America; and we are told that his stamp assets are considerable, to put it mildly.

For an account of Mr. Wood's activities, we are indebted to the *Cooperator*; and we may add that he is a member of our Five-Year Club:—

"On January 1, 1909, he entered the real estate business under the name of Wilson D. Wood & Co., taking an office in the new Finance Building before elevators were operated. This business was absorbed in 1917, by the Peoples Trust Co., which had just been organized. He is now Vice-President of this institution. The deposits of the bank have grown from \$790,000 on the opening day, to approximately seven and one-half million dollars.

Mr. Wood is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Knife and Fork Club, The Automobile Club, The Mission Hills Country Club, The Kansas City Club, has served as a Director and Treasurer of the Real Estate Board for the past two years, and is a member of the Board of Deacons of the Country Club Christian Church. He is one of the early members of the American Philatelic Society, and served as the first president of the Kansas City Stamp Club, having been an active philatelist since his school days."

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Dear Ed:

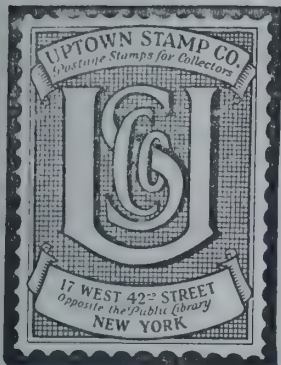
I've a couple things on my chest that must come off, and they ain't mustard plasters either. One is this idea of Phil Ward's of a Wilson Memorial Stamp, and the other is the little matter of a philatelic exhibition stamp proposed by your esteemed self.

Now I always did think a lot of Wilson, and I'm no dyed-in-the-wool Democrat, either. Wilson will be known as one of our big men some day, you see if he isn't,—but I'm teetotally opposed to any special stamp in his memory. This sort of thing can easily be overdone, and such a stamp would not only detract from the distinctiveness of the Harding stamp, but would only pave the way for more, and we would soon be having memorial stamps for all our ex-presidents and great men when they die.

Woodrow Wilson should be and can be memorialized in a much more fitting and lasting manner. And if we want to commemorate him with a stamp, I say wait until we need a new value or a new series, and then put his portrait on one of the regular stamps, the same as we have some of our other great men. That would be a hundred percent more appropriate thing to do than to get out one of these over-night, temporary, special stamps.

And I wonder if Phil Ward ever looked at the other side of it. Postal clerks hate these special issues, and the postmasters won't requisition them if they can help it, because they are a nuisance. Just the other day I mailed a registered package with a block of sevens on it (you win, it was an A. P. S. circuit) and the clerk was all for stickin' on some more, thinkin' they were Hardings. Uncle Sam got stuck with a lot of Victories, and

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10c 1857, strip of four on cover.

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Same, BLOCK OF SIX ON COVER, upper three stamps creased, close at right.
80c 1853-60 lake, TETE-BECHE, No. 19a, ON COVER, in perfect condition.
80c 1853-60 rose, pinkish, TETE-BECHE, No. 20a, ON COVER, in perfect condition.

MAURITIUS 1859, 1p red laid paper, No. 16, STRIP OF FOUR ON COVER to Paris, very good margins, one stamp slightly damaged.

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Anyway, when Nov. 4 comes around, I don't vote for no candidate with either stamp on his platform. That's my moratorium, I mean ultimato.

Yours, etc.,

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THE PRECANCEL REVIEW.

Edited by FRED'K W. ALLEN,
312 Walnut St., Minneapolis, Minn.

Today (March 10), I received the first new nine cent from Mr. Wm. Prinzing. This was Waco, Tex., handstamped.

Three cities are, to my knowledge, using the new dollar stamp precancelled. Hamilton, Ohio (U-9 h. s.), was the first to appear. Messrs. Hilbert and Clarkson have shown me copies. Chicago (U-1) reading up, takes second place. Oddly enough my first copy was sent in from Mr. Donald A. King of Halifax, N. S. It is interesting to note that most of the Chicago dollar precancels go out of this country. Mr. Benj. Cadbury has also favored me with mention of this variety. The third city is Stockton, Calif., which is using them in the handstamped type (U-21). They read up and down, and were called to my attention by Mr. S. J. Jones.

New York, Van Nuys, Calif., Long Island City, Philadelphia, and St. Paul have shown up on the 6 cent Garfield and it shall undoubtedly be pretty generally used within a short time.

The 8 and 11 cent values are becoming quite plentiful as well as the 3 cent.

The 12 cent Cleveland has not been precancelled as yet, nor the 30 cent, 50 cent, 2 or 5 dollars. I shall appreciate readers calling the first usage of these to my attention, when they appear.

Why the 14 and 25 cent denominations are so scarce, I am at a loss to say. It was believed that these would become quite common. Mayhaps they will when their newness wears off. Several collectors are hunting "Indians" with a vim. The stamp has its attractions, I'll admit.

I consider the 20 cent Golden Gate the beauty of the whole series. It is well that this should be so because this denomination has such a tremendous usage.

To sum up the new issues it may be said that they are coming slowly and steadily, which is preferable to a sudden deluge. It shall be some time before the superseding process is complete.

The Harding precancels are still mounting in number. Prof. A. F. Gamber informs me that his collection numbers nearly 800 varieties. The peak has not

quite been reached in my opinion. I believe the military crest has just been left behind, that the peak will be gained in several months and then the new varieties will gradually subside. Three thousand is not an improbable calculation of the varieties which will be eventually known. There are hundreds which will be unknown for some time to come, but which will gradually come to light after the rush subsides. Minneapolis received a shipment of 15,000,000 Hardings in February and has precancelled a large number.

The Bureau printed precancels have become an important factor. In the March *Precancel Gazette* there appears a timely article which may justly be termed a "scoop" in precancel journalism. It is so complete and full of interesting information that I take the opportunity to reproduce it in our column this week:—

"Collectors of precancels were very much interested to be informed last summer that the Bureau of Printing and Engraving at Washington, D. C., which has for years been responsible for the printing of our postage stamps, decided that precancelling would also be done at the Bureau. A committee of investigation was especially appointed by Mr. Glover, and as a result a process was discovered in combination with the rotary press so that printing, gumming, perforating and precancelling were all done in one operation.

The following letter from Mr. Glover gives us important precancel news. We reproduce as follows: ' . . . After an exhaustive study of the rotary process by this committee, it was decided to experiment with the rotary presses for the purpose of precancelling postage stamps. As a result of this experiment a printing attachment has been perfected, whereby the precancelling is done at the same time the stamps are printed.

The first experiment run was made the latter part of April, 1923, and New York City was the office selected for that purpose. The first order, consisting of 54,600,000 one-cent stamps, was shipped May 3, 1923. Since that date, one-cent precancelled stamps in sheets have been furnished a total of 53 offices.

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Arrangements are now being made to proceed with the precancelling of the 2c denomination in sheets, and it is hoped that within the next few weeks the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will be able to furnish the larger post-offices with this denomination precancelled.

The experiments to date, having proved that this work can be done at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at a big saving to the Government, it is hoped that after the demand for the 1c and 2c denominations has been met that postage stamps of the higher denominations can also be precancelled at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and shipped direct to postmasters in the original packages. Of course this will take considerable time to accomplish, but eventually the precancelling in the field will be confined to the smaller offices which have permission to sell these stamps to patrons having authority of the Department to use them."

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"If they would make capital out of the 'mistake' that the authorities would work by issuing the special stamp for philately, how about the proposed set for the Huguenot celebration?" writes an old subscriber, who continues: "If the government is bent on issuing commemoratives, what worthier subject for recognition by a stamp could be advanced over philately? Stamp lovers can best appreciate the 'sentiment of the postage stamp' while others who foster special stamps may have axes to grind. Anyway, they probably calculate the advertising advantages to be derived much in the way that the press-agent schemes to get publicity for the 'star.' We want to share a good thing with 'non-users' and a stamp for philately is an appropriate way to bring stamps to the doors of all the outsiders. While we argue about ethics, the other fellows purloin the bacon. We do not object to stamps for the other circles but we do not want any for ourselves." We are keeping the discussion about the proposed philatelic stamp within bounds and the various slants, mentally, of our readers, are interesting revelations of philatelic zeal, as it is not to be doubted that both the pros and antis are actuated by a wish to serve the best interests of stamp collecting.

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It is seen that there is a marked division of opinion in the philatelic camp and that it is hopeless to predict that the factions can get together on the question of a stamp. In line with the idea of compromise, the following letter from Mr. Michael Miller of Baltimore, in which he brings his legal mind to bear on the subject, is timely: "I read with considerable interest the discussion relative to the proposed issuance of a special stamp for the International Philatelic Exhibition at Philadelphia in 1926. I am of the opinion that some special recognition ought to be given philatelists, yet at the same time I do not believe that our country should get in the class that issue commemorative stamps upon every excuse. We ought to reach a happy medium, so that when we honor our hobby, we do so in a dignified manner. Philadelphia at the same time is going to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Historically, this marks the beginning of our American government and those who are students remember the difficulties of the states under the

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confederation, until the federal constitution was adopted and George Washington elected president. Now the series that will be issued to commemorate the exhibition in Philadelphia should indicate the growth of the country since then, particularly as to the various departments under executive control, as at no time has such general recognition been given. The post-office department stamp can then have as a distinctive feature, philately to feature the stamp exhibition. A special philatelic stamp under the guise of the department series would then give us a stamp in a dignified way and no one could then register serious or meritorious objection." Mr. Miller assumes that a series of stamps will be issued in 1926 to celebrate the Philadelphia exhibition and under that assumption, his ideas are in order.

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Glancing through Alfred M. Hitchcock's "Enlarged Practice-Book in English Composition," published by Henry Holt & Co., 1910, the following sentence catches the eye: "Finally, try to become interested in words; learn to respect them. Studying coins and stamps is not a foolish fad, neither is collecting picture postals; but words are more interesting than coins or stamps or postals and better worth studying." Mr. Hitchcock knows more about words than about postage stamps and it is certain that he has seen the dictionary many times, but it is a question whether he has ever seen a stamp collection of the times. We welcome the use of stamp collecting by writers in almost any connection but it would be advisable for them to have first-hand information about philately, even though it may seem to them to be a somewhat inconsequential pursuit. As for the person who asperses stamp collecting without knowing anything about it, he may be combated by Herbert Spencer's dictum: "There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all argument and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance. This principle is contempt prior to examination."

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The experience of a collector as related to us shows that condition in stamps is of paramount importance and that it may be cashed in to advantage. This collector says that several years ago he began to keep cheap stamps in an album, as a foil to his specialized collection, and that he added only beautiful copies of the common stamps to the secondary book. He kept at the work until he had about five thousand stamps each one of which was a beauty that cost him very little in the

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The Kristiania Filatelist-Klub has sent out circulars announcing that the first international stamp exhibition in Norway will be held in Christiania from the 19th to the 28th of September, 1924, under the patronage of King Haakon VII. The prospectus of the exhibition is in preparation and we have no doubt but that it will confirm our belief that the forthcoming occasion will be one to merit all consideration. The philatelic spirit runs high in Norway and it is predicted that the co-operation of philatelists generally will be extended to the Christiania club to make the exhibition a success. King Haakon's recognition of philately is very acceptable and will have its influence in commending stamp collecting to the people. A number of American collectors have been asked to associate themselves with the exhibition as members of the "Committee of Honour."

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"Gussie Gurgle" asks us what designs we expect to submit as appropriate for the proposed philatelic stamp and without waiting for an answer says: "A stamp tongs would make a cute design or a typical boy collector, all slicked up in his Sunday clothes or a group picture of the delegates to the convention of the American Stamp Dealers' Association or Mr. Wylie addressing the Rotary Club on stamps or a collector telling his puzzled inamorata about the beauties of the stamp or the mortgage that is 'lifted' on the old home by a 'find' in the nick of time in the old hair-trunk in the attic or a 'close-up' of the man who slept and snored during the reading of a paper at the meeting of the stamp society or the auctioneer knocking down a lot to the lucky man in the throng of excited bidders or the 'stamp hunter' plying his argument with the unresponsive custodian of the old court house remote from the railroad or the new officers being installed in the American Philatelic Society or a big dealer personally selecting the stamps included in the want-list of some hundreds of cheap stamps or an old-timer telling the boys of the good old days when collectors exchanged stamp for stamp or"—(The End!)

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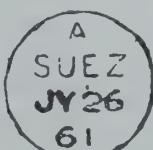
BRITISH STAMPS USED ABROAD.

By EDWARD F. WEED.

I use the term used abroad, rather
 than the term Colonial Postmarked be-
 cause all of these stamps were not used
 in British Colonies.

A great deal has been written about
 cancellations on United States stamps,
 but very little, at least in this country,
 about British Stamps, and few collectors
 recognize them when they see the
 stamps. It is for those who do not
 know, that this article is written, in the
 hope that greater interest may be
 awakened, and new varieties might come
 to light, for it is a most interesting field
 of Philately.

The British Post Offices, in many cases
 simply a Consular Office, of Malta,
 Gibraltar, Constantinople, and the West
 Indies first used British in the year 1857,
 followed soon after by Egypt and South
 America. The British Post Offices in
 China, Japan, Levant were established
 some years later, British stamps were
 in use in most of the West Indian Is-
 lands for two or three years, and until
 1885 in Malta, Gibraltar, China, and
 South America, until 1862 in Japan and
 the Straits Settlements, and are still in
 use in Constantinople, and the Levant.



The post-marks can be divided into
 four classes. 1. Circular, with Town
 name, month, day, year, Type No. 1.
 2. Letter and Number, usually struck
 in conjunction with number one, Types
 No. 2 and No. 2a. 3. Letter only, Type
 No. 3. 4. Number only as in Type No.
 2a (Type No. 4).

The commonest is type No. 2 and No.
 2a, with type No. 1 next, followed by
 No. 3, while type No. 4 is really quite
 rare.

In some cases previous to the use of
 the cancellation die in the British Post
 Offices Abroad, the same die letter and
 number was used in English Towns, and

subsequently to their discontinuance were
 used again in English Towns.

To give a complete list of all the
 stamps used giving their various plate
 numbers would be beyond the scope of
 this article, but a very good list, far
 from complete however, is in the Gib-
 bons Catalog.

A01 Kingston, Jamaica.
 A02 St. Johns, Antigua.
 A03 Georgetown, or Demerara, British
 Guiana.
 A04 New Amsterdam or Berbice Brit-
 ish Guiana.
 A05 Nassau, Bahamas.
 A06 British Honduras.
 A07 Dominica.
 A08 Monserrat.
 A09 Nevis.
 A10 Kingstown, St. Vincent.
 A11 Castries, St. Lucia.
 A12 Basse Terre, St. Kitts.
 A13 Tortola, Virgin Islands.
 A14 Scarborough, Tobago.
 A15 St. George, Antigua.
 A18 English Harbor, Jamaica.
 A25 Malta.
 A26 Gibraltar.
 A27 to A49 towns in Jamaica.
 A51 to A78 towns in Jamaica.
 A79 to A90 Pacific Naval Stations.
 A91 Virgin Is.
 A92 to A98 Atlantic Naval Stations.
 A99 Naval Station, Sydney, N.S.W.
 B01 Alexandria, Egypt.
 B02 Suez, Egypt.
 B03 African Naval Station.
 B12 African Naval Station.
 B32 Buenos Ayres, Argentine.
 B53 Naval, Mauritius.
 B56 African Naval Station.
 B57 Naval Station.
 B62 Naval Station, Hong Kong.
 B64 Seychelles.
 C08 Montevideo, Uruguay.
 C30 Valparaiso, Chile.
 C35 Panama, Colombia.
 C36 Arica, Peru.
 C37 Caldera, Chile.
 C38 Callao, Peru.
 C39 Cobija, Chile.
 C40 Coquimbo, Chile.
 C41 Guayaquil, Ecuador.
 C42 Islay, Peru.
 C43 Payta, Peru.
 C51 St. Thomas, D. W. I.
 C56 Cathagena, Colombia.
 C57 Greytown, Nicaragua.
 C58 Havana, Cuba.
 C59 Jacmel, Hayti.
 C60 La Guayra, Venezuela.
 C61 Porto Rico.
 C62 Santa Martha, Colombia.
 C63 Tampico, Mexico.
 C64 Vera Cruz, Mexico.
 C65 Cathagena, Colombia. Used in er-
 ror for A56.
 C79 Naval Station, Hong Kong.
 C81 Bahia, Brazil.
 C83 Pernambuco, Brazil.

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4004	¾c deep ultramarine	.04	.02
4005	1c dark green	.05	.03
4006	1¼c violet	.10	.05
4007	1½c dull blue	.10	.05
4008	2c violet brown	.08	.04
4009	2½c lake	.10	.05
4010	3¼c olive gray	.35	.18
4025	½c orange	.12	.06
4026	½c dark gray	.03	.02
4027	1c pale blue	.03	.02
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 1914, 10c lake02
 12½c dull green02
 15c olive black02
 25c ultramarine03
 *30c bistre05
 1fr orange brown13
 Set of six, as above24
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C83 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
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 C87 San Domingo, Dominican Republic.
 C88 St. Iago de Cuba.
 D14 Singapore, Straits Settlements.
 D17 Penang, Straits Settlements.
 D22 Ciudad Bolivar or Agostura, Ven-
 ezuela.
 D26 Spanish Mail Packet, St. Thomas.
 D27 Amoy, China.
 D28 Kiung Chow, China.
 D29 Hankow, China.
 D30 Hyogo or Kobe, Japan.
 D47 Polymedia, Cyprus.
 D48 Army Head Quarters Camp, Cy-
 prus.
 D74 Pisco, Peru.
 D87 Iquique, Chile.
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 E88 Colon, Colombia.
 F69 Savinilla, Colombia.
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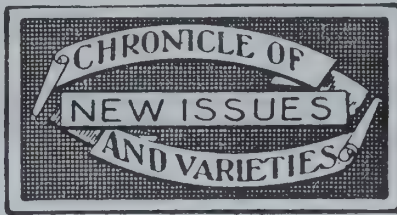
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UNITED STATES.—Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary Series.—I am officially informed that the new Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary Series of postage stamps will be placed on sale on May 1st, and will consist of three denominations, namely a 1c green, a 2c carmine and a 5c blue. It has now been decided that the stamps will be the size of the former parcel post series and will be printed in sheets of two hundred, which will be distributed in post-office panes of fifty. The stamps will have in the upper corners the year dates, 1624 and 1924, in the center will have a design in a semi-circle, across the top "Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary." The figures of value will be in the corner with "Cents" across the bottom.

The design of the 1c will be the good ship "New Netherlands" which brought the early settlers over. This illustration is similar to the design of the new 50c piece issued to commemorate the same event. The 2c will have the Landing at Fort Orange, which is now Albany, and on the 5c we have a picture of the marker, which is now being located at Mayport, Florida, the landing place of one of the early lot of settlers.

When the stamps go on sale on May 1st they will be obtainable at Mayport, at Albany, at New York, and in several other cities connected with the early settlements of the Huguenots and Walloons.

1847, 5c, Portrait by Longacre.—The Philadelphia Bulletin has been running daily a short paragraph devoted to some prominent Pennsylvanian and in a recent issue this paragraph was devoted to James Barton Longacre, who is of interest to us in view of the fact that he was the artist who engraved the portrait of Franklin, which we find on the 5c 1847. The information which the article furnished seems to be somewhat more interesting than anything I have read heretofore about Longacre. He was born in Delaware County, August

11, 1794, and died in Philadelphia on January 1, 1869. He was descended from one of the early Swedish settlers on the Delaware, the family name originally being Longker. Having attracted the attention of John F. Watson, the author of the "Annals of Philadelphia," he was taken into the latter's family, given employment in his bookstore and later apprenticed to George Murray, the engraver, to develop an apparent talent for art. In 1819 he set up for himself and soon attracted attention for his engraved portrait of General Jackson from Sully's picture. For the next decade some of the best works published in this country were illustrated by him. About 1831 he conceived the idea, in collaboration with James Herring, portrait painter, of New York, of "The National Portrait Gallery of Distinguished Americans," to include portraits done in the best style, with biographical notices written by literary men of established reputation. The first volume appeared in 1834, and after 1839, on Herring's withdrawal, he continued the work alone. Many of the 147 portraits were drawn from life by Longacre himself and he engraved twenty-four of them. From 1844 until his death he was engraver of the United States Mint and designed all the new coins struck during that period, including the double-eagle, the three-dollar piece and the gold dollar. A year or two before his death he remodeled the entire coinage of the Chilean Government.

1861, 1c, Block of 15 Cover.—Mr. E. Tudor Gross has submitted for inspection a very attractive cover found by Colonel Chamberlain some months back addressed to Colonel E. Anson Moore, Quarter Master General's Department, St. Louis, Missouri. On the back of the cover is a block of fifteen of the light shade 1c blue, issue of 1861, in addition to three extra copies, two of the extra copies being in a deep shade, the cover is postmarked Warrensburg, Md., 19 Feb., in black. The block is pinned to the cover by means of a black bar cancellation. As far as I know, this is the largest block on cover in any collection today.

New Die 2c Circular Envelope.—Mr. Frank E. Robbins submits for inspection what seems to be a new die of the 2c circular envelope. On casual glance it looks as if it might be the well known die H, but it differs from this die in that the T's of STATES are long and are not at right angles to the upward strokes. The NTS of CENTS are closer together at the top than in the die H. I have written to Washington to learn as to whether this is something new or if an old die has been recut. The

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A. Beach for notes of interest.

ELGIUM.—The forthcoming Leopold
commemoratives have already been
recast in these columns, and the sub-
ject extract from *L'Etoile Belge*, of
January 17th (for which we are in-
debted to Mr. H. Benedictus, of Brus-
sels), is an interesting sidelight there-
on.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the
'Leopold Epaulet.' On July 1, 1849, the
Belgian postage stamp made its ap-
pearance—a portrait of Leopold I, called
the 'large epaulet.' This figure,
universally known and sought for its
artistic beauty, was the work of the
sculptor, Wiener. On the occasion of
the seventy-fifth anniversary of its is-
sue the 'Amicale philatelique' is organiz-
ing an exhibition at the Palais d'Egmont
from May 28th to June 4th. On its
part, the postal administration, wishing
to commemorate the anniversary, has de-

cided on the issue of a Jubilee stamp,
which will be sold exclusively at the ex-
hibition. The set will contain values
from 10 centimes to 10 francs. The de-
sign will represent, to the left and lean-
ing to that side a textual reproduction
of the 1849 stamp (Leopold I); to the
right, and also leaning to that side, the
portrait of King Albert (same size);
in the angle at the centre, laurels sur-
mounted by the Royal Crown; in the
two lower angles, also laurels. The
whole of the drawing is, we are told,
beautiful; the talent of the engraver, M.
Montenez, is, however, known.

We are also told that the postal ad-
ministration has constituted a committee
under the presidency of M. Pirard, en-
trusted to arrange a programme on this
occasion which coincides exactly with
the fiftieth anniversary of the founda-
tion of the Universal Postal Union. This
committee is considering the distribu-
tion of a distinction to all *fonction-
naires* having completed twenty-five
years' good and loyal services on July
1, 1924."—*Stamp Collecting*.

BRITISH NEW GUINEA.—*Stanley Gib-
bons Monthly Journal* reports that the
New Guinea series which is to take the
place of the present Northwest Pacific
is still in preparation but need not be
looked for until some time after the
new Naurus appear.

CANAL ZONE.—We have received from
Mr. Emil J. Rall specimens of the new
1c stamp. The color is green and the
same design as the 2c recently noted.

LATVIA.—Mr. Karl Koslowski advises
that there has been issued a 2Lat. stamp
superseding Scott's No. 112, same design
as the other only instead of 100 rubli
value it reads 2 Lat.

NAURU.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly
Journal* states that they have heard that
the new pictorial series has been seen
although it is not yet issued. The de-
sign is simple and reminiscent of the
1904 5c, of Liberia. The central design
is taken from a photo of the coast of
Ocean Island.

NICARAGUA.—Mr. Emil J. Rall has
shown us the 1c purple with the sur-
charge "R. de C. 1924" in two lines in
blue.

PANAMA.—Mr. Emil J. Rall informs
us that the new 1c stamp has not as
yet been placed on sale at the Panama
post-office although the stamp has been
issued for use in Canal Zone.

POLAND.—Mr. Lloyd B. Blough calls
attention to a 10mk slate blue stamp,
type of Scott's A27, which has been
overprinted "50,000mk." And further a
value of 100,000mk has been surcharged
on the 5mk red violet, type A10.

RUSSIA.—We are indebted to Mr.
Stephen Thomas and Mr. L. Grey for
copies of the Lenin stamp. The color
is black with a border of red on the out-
side and the stamps are imperforate.
The value is 20r.

Mr. Karl Koslowski also sends in a
copy of a 3k of the same design and
colors and adds that there is also a 6k
value with a gold color border.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—In response to several inquiries
from friends of Mr. H. N. Mudge, of
Chicago, who suffered an automobile
accident months ago, it is to be said that
while Mr. Mudge is still confined to his
home, he is making progress although
slowly.

—Dr. C. W. Hennan, secretary of the
Chicago Philatelic Society, whose ill-
ness was referred to in the WEEKLY
several weeks ago is now home again;
and he is hopeful that by watching his
step, he will soon gain the top round in
the ladder of health.

—A most remarkable and imposing
advertisement appeared in the *Philadel-
phia Inquirer*, of Sunday, March 16. It
occupied an entire page and exploited
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the expedition in which Roald Amund-
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Pole. The advertisement is financed by

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No. 11, Confederate States, Provisional Issues

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Emory, 5c blue, on cover, price \$1350. Cat. \$500.

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Lenoir, 5c on cover, price \$158. Cat. \$200.

Rheatown, 5c on cover, price \$225. Cat. \$300.

Spartanburg, 5c on cover, price \$315. Cat. \$350.

AND MANY OTHERS

No. 16, U. S. Postmasters and Carriers

This book includes:

Baltimore, 5c on white, on part cover, \$610.00. Cat. \$800.

" 5c on blue, on cover, \$540.00. Cat. \$800.

" 10c on bluish, on part cover, torn and piece missing, price \$4000. Cat. \$8000.

New York, U. S. City Despatch Post, 3c rosy-buff, \$380. Cat. \$500.

And fine lot of Baltimore, Charleston and Philadelphia Carriers.

No. 19, U. S. 1847-1867 Unused

Includes: 1847, 5c, 4 singles and pair.

" 10c, 2 singles.

1851, 5c.

" 10c, five singles and pair.

Aug. 1861, 5c, 10c and two 24c.

Sept. 1861, 5c buff and 5c brown yellow, 3 unused.

1867, grill all over, 30c used, genuine.

No. 1, United States

Unused blocks of four and of six including:

1847, 5c red brown, 5c dark blackish-brown.

1851, 10c green.

AND MANY OTHERS

No. 18, United States, 1869-1900 Unused

and few rare used, including 1869, 24c and 30c Inverted used.

1875, Special prints, 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 7c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 90c and 2c vermilion.

No. 33, Bermuda, British Honduras and Grenada

Medium issues, unused and used, few stamps on covers and few blocks of four. No rarities.

No. 15, Hawaiian Islands

Includes: 1859-65, Type-set, 2c light blue on bluish used.

1c black on wove, blocks of 4 and 6 making the 10 types.

2c " " " of 8 and 2 singles, " "

1c " very thick laid pa. uncut sheet of 10.

1c dark blue, block of 6.

2c " " uncut sheet of 10.

5c (Type A9, " " 10.

2c black on laid pa., " " 10.

Many single copies and rare errors in the 1893 issue.

No. 50, Natal

A good book of unused and unused, with some rare errors and most of the catalogued varieties.

No. 27, British Guiana

Includes: 1850, 12c pale blue on cover.

1852, 4c blue (Type A2) on cover, very fine.

1859, number of 1c and 4c, unused and used.

1860-75, a fine lot of the different perforations.

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All stamps are used unless marked * indicating unused. For the benefit of my customers abroad I have indicated in parentheses () the numbers according to Yvert et Tellier's 1924 Catalog.

1903	10 cent claret, No. 350, unused (used 222) (219) .....	.32
1, 2, 4, 5 & 10c, Nos. 304-8 (190-4) ...	20 cent green, No. 351, unused (used 355) (224) .....	.45
50c carmine & black, No. 309 (187) ...	50 cent ult. blue, No. 352, unused (used 120)	1.50
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 & 20c, Nos. 310-17 (195-202)	1914, "Transitorio", Scott's type A50	
50c red brown & black, No. 318 (203) ...	*1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50 & 1 Peso, Nos. 354-61 (223-0) .....	.96
1 Peso blue & black, No. 319 (204) ...	5 cent green, type A51, No. 369, unused mint sheet of 100 (231) .....	.90
5 Pesos carm. & black, No. 320 (205) ...	Regular 1910 Issue surcharged "GCM" in violet, Scott's Nos. 370-80	
1913, Sonora Revolutionary Issues	*1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 and 20 cent (232-39)	1.15
WHITE SEALS	*50 cent red brown and black (240) ...	.58
5c perf., No. 321, used on part cover (209f)	*1 Peso blue and black (241)	1.20
*1c black and red, No. 322, complete unused sheet of ten (206) wmk. ...	*5 Peso carmine and black, v. rare ...	4.40
*Same, sheet unwatermarked	Same, surch. double, inverted, and sideways, also in green and magenta, can be supplied of most numbers, price twice that of the normal surcharge.	
*Same, unused singles, watermarked ...	Same Surcharge on Postage Due Stamps 1908	
*Same, unused singles, not wmkd. ...	*1, 2, 4, 5 and 10 cent, Nos. 381-5 comp. 2.30	
*Same, used singles, watermarked ...	*Same, surch. in green, 5 vals. comp. 2.80	
*Same, used singles, not watermarked ...	*Same, surch. in magenta, 5 vals. comp. 2.80	
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	"Denver" Issue, Scott's type A52	
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	*1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 50 and 1 Peso, Nos. 386-93, complete set (250-57) .....	.30
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	"Maytorena" Coach Seals, Scott's A53-54-55	
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	*1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cent, six vals., Nos. 394-400 (no 399), (280-85) .....	.45
*Same, sheet, watermarked	*20 cent blue, orange & black, rare (284) ..	.40
*Same, used singles, wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*1, 2, 5 and 10 cent (Lower California), Nos. 401-04 complete (331-4) ..	.40
*Same, used singles, not wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*Same, type var. large "a" in "La", 4 vals. in unused blocks of four with normal	2.50
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	*20 cent green, yellow & black "Sonora", No. 409, unused, a rare item (285e)	1.40
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	"Oaxaca" Issue, on postoffice receipt forms, Scott's type A56	
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	*1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 cent, five values, Nos. 414-19 (no 417), (335-9) .....	.45
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	*5 cent orange, type 1, thick "5", No. 417 ..	.90
*Same, sheet, watermarked	Blocks of four and larger, also complete sheets of all numbers and printings of this issue can be supplied at pro-rata prices.	
*Same, used singles, wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*Tete beche pairs of 5 cent, type 1, No. 417, can be supplied at	2.80
*Same, used singles, not wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	Complete sheets (42 stamps) of the 5 cent showing left half type 1, right half type 2 and vice versa at per sheet	28.00
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	"Gobierno Constitucionalista" Surch. on Various Regular Issues, Scott's Nos. 420-33	
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	*15 cent 1899 issue, No. 420 (279)	2.90
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	20 cent 1899 issue, No. 421, used, great rarity	10.00
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	*1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 and 20 cent, 1910 issue, Nos. 423-30, 8 vals. (268-275) ..	.24
*Same, sheet, watermarked	*50 cent red brn. & black, No. 431, (276) ..	.15
*Same, used singles, wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*1 Peso blue and black, No. 432 (277) ..	.40
*Same, used singles, not wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*5 Peso carmine & black, No. 433 (278) ..	2.00
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	Error "G" instead of "C" in Constitutionalista, *1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 and 20 cent, eight vals. in horiz. pairs with the normal surch.	2.25
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	*1, 2, 4, 5 and 10 cent on postage due stamps of 1908 complete, Scott's Nos. 434-38 (1a-5a) .....	.50
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	*1 cent No. 423, 5 cent No. 427, complete sheet of 100 each with margins (268 and 272)	1.90
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	"Villa Surcharge" Interlaced G-C-M on Various Regular Issues	
*Same, sheet, watermarked	*15 cent 1899 issue, Scott's No. 444 (301f) ..	4.50
*Same, used singles, wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	20 cent 1899 issue, Scott's No. 445, used (302)	5.00
*Same, used singles, not wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	5 cent 1903 issue, Scott's No. 452 (301e) ..	1.30
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	On Issue of 1910	
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	*1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 and 20 cent, eight values, Nos. 455-65 (292-99)	1.45
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	*50 cent red brn. & black, No. 463 (300) ..	.65
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	*1 Peso blue and black, No. 464 (301) ..	1.30
*Same, sheet, watermarked	*5 Pesos carm. & black, No. 465 (302) ..	6.50
*Same, used singles, wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	On Postage Due Stamps of 1908	
*Same, used singles, not wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*1, 2, 4, 5 & 10 cent comp., Nos. 466-70 ..	1.20
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	*Same surch. on "Transitorio" issue, seven values comp., Gibbons Nos. 406-13	1.50
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	*Same surch. on "Denver" issue, eight values comp., Gibbons Nos. 420-27 ..	1.50
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	"Carranza Surcharge" Interlaced G-C-M on Various Regular Issues	
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	*5 cent orange, 1903 issue, No. 482 (329) ..	2.40
*Same, sheet, watermarked	*1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 and 20 cent of 1910 issue, 8 vals., Nos. 484-91 (311-18) ..	.85
*Same, used singles, wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*50 cent red brn. & black, No. 492 (319) ..	.65
*Same, used singles, not wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*1 Peso blue and black, No. 493 (320) ..	.90
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	*5 Pesos carm. & black, No. 494 (321) ..	7.30
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	On Postage Due Stamps of 1908	
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	*1, 2, 4, 5 and 10 cents, 5 vals. comp., Nos. 495-9 .....	.55
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	1915-16, Regular Issue (Famous Men)	
*Same, sheet, watermarked	*1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 cents, comp. roul. ....	.12
*Same, used singles, wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*Same, perf., Nos. 506-11, 6 values .....	.15
*Same, used singles, not wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*40 cent slate, 1 Peso brown and black (352-3) .....	.20
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	*5 Pesos claret & ultram., No. 514 (354) ..	.55
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	Regular Issues surcharged "G. P. de M." in Engine Turned Frame	
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	*5 cent orange, 1903 issue, No. 515 (367) ..	2.40
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	*15 cent 1899 issue, No. 516, rarity (368) ..	6.00
*Same, sheet, watermarked	On 1910 Regular Issue	
*Same, used singles, wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*1 cent vio. and 4 cent carm., Nos. 517 & 520, both scarce stamps (356-359) ..	.62
*Same, used singles, not wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*2, 3, 5, 10, 15 and 20 cent, six values (357-63) .....	.65
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	*50 cent red brn. & black, No. 525 (364) ..	.30
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	*1 Peso blue and black, No. 526 (365) ..	.55
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	*5 Pesos carm. & black, No. 527 (366) ..	3.00
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	With Addl. Surch. "Gobierno Constitucional"	
*Same, sheet, watermarked	*1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 and 20 cent, eight values, Nos. 528-35 (356a-363a) ..	.55
*Same, used singles, wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*50 cent brown & black, No. 536 (364a) ..	.30
*Same, used singles, not wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*1 Peso blue and black, No. 537 (365a) ..	.55
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	*5 Pesos carm. & black, No. 538 (366a) ..	2.80
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	"G. P. de M." and "Carranza" Surcharge	
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	*5 cent orange 1903, No. 539, rare	5.50
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	*1 and 4 cent 1910 issue, Nos. 540-543 ..	.70
*Same, sheet, watermarked	*2, 3, 5, 10 and 20 cent, five values .....	.55
*Same, used singles, wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*50 cent red brown and black, No. 548 ..	.45
*Same, used singles, not wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*1 Peso blue and black, No. 549	1.30
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	"G. P. de M." and "Villa" Surcharge	
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	*5 cent orange, 1903 issue, No. 550 ..	6.50
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	*1 cent violet 1910, No. 551 .....	.65
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	*4 cent carmine 1910, No. 552 .....	.90
*Same, sheet, watermarked	*2, 3, 5, 10, 15 and 20 cent, six values ..	.75
*Same, used singles, wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	"G. P. de M." on "Transitorio" Issue	
*Same, used singles, not wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*1, 2, 4, 10, 20, 50 and 1 Peso Complete Set 7 vals., Nos. 559-65 (368a-373) ..	10.00
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	On "Denver" Issue	
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	*1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 50 and 1 Peso comp., (374-80)	1.20
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	*Same without 1 and 2 cent values ..	.48
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	*10 cent blue, Carranza comm. issue, No. 574 (388) .....	.12
*Same, sheet, watermarked	*10 cent lilac brn. same, No. 575 (389) ..	.45
*Same, used singles, wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	Surch. "G. P. de M." and New Value in Engine Turned Frame	
*Same, used singles, not wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*5c on 1c, 10c on 1c, 20c on 5c, 25c on 5c, Nos. 577-80 .....	.80
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	*5c on 1c, 10c on 1c, 25c on 5c, Nos. 582-4 .....	.15
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	*60c on 2c green, No. 581, a scarce No. ....	.45
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	*25c on 5c, 5c on 1c, 10c on 1c, 25c on 5c, Nos. 586-9 .....	.38
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	*60c on 2c grn., No. 585, only 200 issued ..	7.50
*Same, sheet, watermarked	*60c on 2c grn., No. 590, only 200 issued ..	7.50
*Same, used singles, wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*60c on 1c and 60c on 2c "Denver" issue, Nos. 591-2 .....	.15
*Same, used singles, not wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	Same Surch. on Postage Due Stamps	
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	*Ten vals. comp., Nos. 593-602 (403-12) ..	1.65
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	*2½ Pesos on 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10 cents Post. Due stps. comp. set, Nos. 603-7 ..	1.35
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	5 Pesos regular issue, 1917, unused ..	4.30
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	Officials	
*Same, sheet, watermarked	2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 & 20c, Nos. 866-72 (35-40), used	1.30
*Same, used singles, wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 & 20c, Nos. 876-83 (33-50) .....	.90
*Same, used singles, not wmkd., No. 323 (207) ..	*5 Peso, No. 875 (29)	4.50
*Same, used horiz. pairs, watermarked ...	*1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 10c, Nos. 887-92 (54-59) ..	.48
*Same, used horiz. pairs, not wmkd. ...	*1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 40, 1 Peso, Nos. 893-900 (60-67)	1.25
*Same, used strip of four, not wmkd. ...	*5 Peso, No. 901 (68)	3.00
*2c black and red, No. 323, complete unused sheet of ten, both types "2" (207-207a)	*5 Peso, No. 902 (79), 100 issued	25.00
*Same, sheet, watermarked	*1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20c, Nos. 903-10 (69-76)	3.90

The above prices are net, but on purchase of \$15.00 or over a discount of 5% will be allowed, and purchases of \$50.00 or over are subject to 10% discount.

Of course, many scarce items not listed above are in stock, among which are many used singles, also various combinations on cover, varieties of surcharge, double, inverted, etc., also color trials and various un-official issues. These are all priced reasonably, and will be sent on approval to anyone interested.

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—Speaking of long distance subscribers, I have been a continuous subscriber since 1891—thirty-three years—and would not like to have to do without it.

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—We are informed that the auction sale that will be held at Detroit this summer during the convention of the American Philatelic Society will be conducted by B. L. Voorhees of Chicago.

—Our attention has been called to the fact that Charles S. Patteson died recently at St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Patteson was a devoted collector and had an exceedingly fine lot of stamps. His duties carried him through the large cities of the country and many dealers and collectors have had the privilege of per-

sonal contact with him. His collection will doubtless be held intact by his widow, who is herself very much interested in philately.

—"I have received a pair of postage stamps of each denomination of the present issue from the Philippine Islands, and have noticed two of them not yet mentioned in Scott's catalogue or in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS so far as I am concerned. They are the following:—Unwatermarked, perf. 11; 2 pesos, violet brown; unwatermarked, perf. 10; 1 peso, purple."—W. AUSTIN AMORY.

ELLIS PARKER BUTLER.

By WILLIAM BUTLER.

Ellis Parker Butler wanted to be a blacksmith but instead became America's foremost humorist. Just how he accomplished this Mr. Butler does not say, perhaps the fact that he has been writing and selling fiction and verse since he could wield a pen has something to do with it.

Contrary to the usual trend of opinion Mr. Butler declares it is "easy" to write. Some authors are at their best in the quiet of the country while others prefer the noisy bustling city but the "would-be blacksmith" can write equally as well as a boilersmith or in a tomb.

Regarding this, Mr. Butler says: "I am a people who think it is easy to write right. Anyone with some attention to details of the business can become a writer. But the only fiction worth a hoot is that written by the man or woman who has born in him or her the thing called genius. I don't claim to have more than one per cent. of it in my make-up, but I know mighty well that I have a touch. If I hadn't I'd quit writing and go into business and make a million dollars."

The remark is typical of the man. Mr. Butler was born in Muscatine, Iowa, in December, 1869, which makes him just fifty-three years old. Unlike some men he is not sensitive about age, in fact, he is quite proud about it. So proud, in fact, that he wrote a book about it with the name of "How it feels to be fifty." Leaving high school at the beginning of the second year he filled various mercantile positions in his native city, but evidently life in the middle west proved rather tame for the "Great White Way" made itself felt even in Iowa as succumbing to the lure he made travel for Broadway and the "Lobster Palace."

Arriving in New York in 1897 Mr. Butler engaged in trade journalism some years and served on the staffs of various journals. He was for a year Assistant Editor of *The Tailors Review* then he acted in the same capacity of *Wallpaper News*. In partnership with a friend he established *The Decorative Furnisher*, a monthly published in New York City, and was its capable editor for six years. During this time Mr. Butler had been contributing to many magazines, but finding no scope for humorous railery in trade journals he gave up the editorship and since 1901 has devoted his time exclusively to authorship.

As a humorist Mr. Butler will not make an introduction. His work is known all over and few books have had a larger sale than "Pigs is Pigs," which is his most successful book. In Mr. Butler's opinion "The Jack Knife Man" is his best book. This is a Mississippi tale and has been admirably motivated.

One book per year is Mr. Butler's pace. His method of writing is simple; he merely takes a sheet of paper and means of a typewriter, pen or pencil writes some words on it. Inspiration does the rest. The logical question is: who does he get the inspiration? That's a secret! His next effusions, "Ghosts What Ain't" and "Jibby Jones," are appearing this year. Besides writing books Mr. Butler is a contributor of humor to the better periodicals and his stories appear in many magazines. As might be expected he is the best raconteur in the State of New York, and is also the President of the Authors' League of America. Mr. Butler is a member of the A. P.

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THE FIRST PROVISIONAL WAR STAMPS OF MAFIA.

In "War Stamps of the Allies, 1914-20," on page 53, reference is made to some German East African postage stamps, which were overprinted "G. R. Mafia" in the early days of the British occupation. At that time information relating to this issue was of the slightest, but subsequent data established the authenticity of the issue beyond all doubt, and accordingly it is now listed (in part) in the latest edition of Field's War Stamp Catalogue.

Quite recently we have ascertained the true and particular history of the first Mafia provisionals on authority of the former Military Governor of the island, the upshot of which is that there were actually three series albeit of a restricted character, sold by the Mafia Post Office prior to that listed by Gibbons as numbers 1 to 5. When a British force took possession of the considerable island of Mafia, situate off the coast of German East Africa, in January, 1915, the stock of ex-German Colonial postage stamps in the Post Office at Kilindoni Harbour was impounded. The native traders soon began to complain that they had no stamps with which to prepay their letters, as the Post Office at Zanzibar refused to accept them with the former German stamps; accordingly the Military Governor himself cut out of soft rubber a crude handstamp, consisting of the words "G. R. Mafia," which was impressed on a few of the Deutsche Ost Afrika stamps by a Goanese clerk. The Zanzibar Post Office, through which all correspondence from Mafia had to pass, agreed to recognise these overprinted stamps, and as the original imprint did not show up clearly enough, forwarded a set of metal type to be used for further impressions. Thus it comes about that varieties of impression may be differentiated between those stamps overprinted from the rubber stamp and the others struck in metal type. All values of German East African postage stamps from 2½ heller to 3 rupees exist with the "G. R. Mafia" overprint, and were undoubtedly used for postal purposes in the latter part of January, 1915. No postmark being available at Mafia, letters were only cancelled and dated on arrival at Zanzibar. Of the values 1 to 3 rupees, not more than twelve to fifteen copies received this overprint, but of the lower denominations, from 2½ to 40 heller, about 40 complete sets were issued.

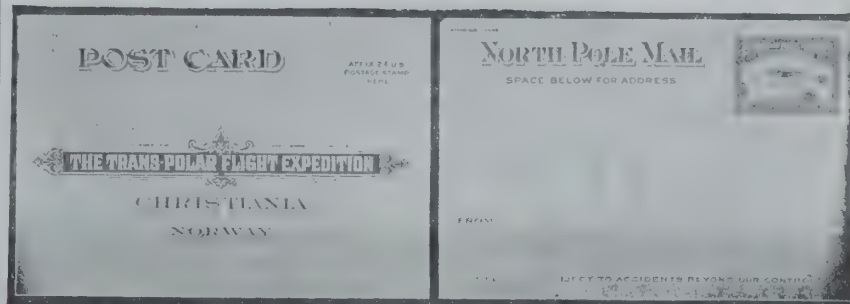
The same overprint may be found upon certain stamps of Zanzibar and also of British India, the practice being thus to invalidate any Imperial stamps in the hands of the trading community to enable them to communicate with the outer world. Some months later a special die, inscribed "G. R. Post 6 cents Mafia," was obtained from the Postal Administration of East Africa and Uganda at Nairobi, and was used to overprint another small supply of German East African stamps, as well as some Indians and Zanzibars. This type of overprint was in use for a very short time, and is even scarcer than the "G. R. Mafia." Only one complete set of the rupee values is believed to exist, and, at the most, there were ten of the "heller" denominations. They must therefore be accounted amongst the rarest British war stamps.

All handstamps used for the production of provisional postage stamps in Mafia were subsequently destroyed.—*West-End Philatelist.*

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Two planes will be used for this expedition, which will take place in July. One of them will carry Captain Roald Amundsen and Lieutenant Ralph E. Davison of the U. S. Naval Air Service, the other, Captain Haakon H. Hammer and Assistant. They will attempt to reach the North Pole by flight across the arctic wastes from Spitzbergen to Wainwright, Point Barrow, Alaska. This will be the first attempt to carry mail over this route and is absolute pioneering. It will undoubtedly prove to be the most interesting of all air flights as both the United States and Norwegian Governments are interested in its success.

Due to the limited quantity issued, it is expected that the demand will far exceed the supply.

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The city of Nanking, China, is a large Treaty Port, 200 miles west of Shanghai. The Chinese population is given at approximately half a million, while the foreign residents number about 500. There has been organized in this city the Nanking Philatelic Society, with a membership of ten adult foreigners, nine of whom are Americans. How many towns in the U. S. with a total population of 500 have a stamp club as large?

The Society was organized in January of this year, and plans have been made for monthly meetings. The second meeting, in February, was held as per schedule. The members take turns in offering their homes for the gathering of the members. The evening begins with a stag dinner (and a high standard has been set for this.) After dinner a short business meeting is followed by a talk and discussion on some appointed subject of philatelic interest. Then follows an hour of general swapping, or the examination of collections, of which there are some fine ones.

The membership includes the U. S. Consul, business men, teachers, clergymen and an M. D. All of the members specialize particularly in the stamps of their adopted country, and there is at least one collection which is practically complete. One report came from a member, who, while scouting around among the antique shops of the city, found on an old scroll, filled with common stamps, two of the rare Nanking revolutionary surcharges, which Scott lists but does not price. The scroll had been used for decorative purposes, the owner little realizing the value of two stamps in the several hundred he had mounted.

The Nanking Philatelic Society expects to use the small ad column of the WEEKLY from time to time, offering items of interest from China. The President of the Society is the Rev. Lloyd S. Ruland, P. O. Sta. 5, Nanking.

CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKLET VARS.

By SIMPSON YEOMANS.

(Mr. Yeomans has recently published a neat booklet on "Booklet Leaves", and has been reviewed in the WEEKLY. We quote this portion of the book in order that our readers may note the interesting nature of its contents. The book sells for 75c and may be obtained from 101 Morningside Drive, Kansas City, Mo.—W. O. W.)

THE 180 SUBJECT PLATE.

We find the following major plate varieties in the 180 Subject Plate:

A. Plain Leaf. The common leaf with no distinguishing marks of which there are normally fifteen leaves to each sheet.

B. Split Arrow and Guide Line at Right. The Split Arrow occurs on the white margin in the upper right hand corner of the leaf and the Guide Line which is a continuation of the Split Arrow runs the full length of the white margin at the right of the leaf.

C. Split Arrow and Guide Line at Left. This leaf is the opposite of variety B, the Split Arrow and Guide Line occurring at the left instead of at the right of the leaf. Each sheet can produce but one of the Split Arrow varieties, either variety B or C, as the Guide Line can occur on but one of these leaves. In order for the vertical Guide Line to exist on both variety B and C in the same sheet, it would be necessary for the knife that cuts the sheets in the manufacture of Booklets to exactly bisect a line less than one one-hundredth of an inch in width. Most collectors do not regard a leaf on which the Split Arrow occurs without the Guide Line as a distinct variety and they are, therefore, not collected.

D. Plate Number Leaf. The Plate Number is always found on the white margin above the upper right hand stamp. It is often hard to discern even when it exists due to its being concealed by the staples which bind the Booklet together at the top.

E. Guide Line Through Leaf. The horizontal Guide Line runs through the leaf between the two top rows of stamps. There are normally eight of these leaves to each sheet.

F. Guide Line thru Leaf and at Right. In this variety the horizontal Guide Line runs thru the leaf as in variety E and the vertical Guide Line appears on the right margin, provided that in trimming the leaf the margin was left wide enough to show the vertical Guide Line, which, if cut off, would leave this leaf one of the commoner E varieties with the horizontal Guide Line only.

G. Guide Line thru Leaf and at Left. This leaf is the opposite of variety F. The vertical Guide Line appears at the left of the leaf provided it has not been cut off as noted in the case of variety E. As is true the case of varieties B and C, either variety F or variety G can occur in the same sheet, but never the two varieties.

H. Guide Line at Right. The Guide Line here occurs in the margin at the right of the leaf. This variety is similar to variety B except that the Split Arrow does not occur on the white margin at the top of the leaf.

I. Guide Line at Left. This variety is the opposite of variety H with the Guide Line in the left margin. As in the case of varieties B and C and varieties F and G, either variety H or I would exist but never both of them in the same sheet. Whether or not variety H or variety I exists is determined by on which side of the vertical Guide Line the knife cuts the sheet in the process of manufacture of Booklets.

The above varieties comprise those available from the Small or 180 subject plates. It is worth while to note that but one Plate Number Leaf, one leaf of either variety B or C, one leaf of either variety F or G, and one leaf of variety H or I can occur in each sheet of 180 stamps.

THE 360 SUBJECT PLATE.

The 360 Subject plate which has been in use since 1909 comprises all the varieties that occur on the 180 Subject plate with the exception of varieties E, F and G. This is because the horizontal Guide Line does not run through the two center rows of stamps as in the 180 Subject plate but thru the white margin that ex-

ists between the two center rows of stamps in the 360 Subject plate. The 360 Subject plate therefore produces certain varieties not found in the 180 Subject Plate, varieties J, K, L, M, N and O.

The 360 Subject Plate Varieties follow:—

A. Plain Leaf. There are normally 31 plain leaves in each sheet.

B. Split Arrow and Guide Line at Right. This variety is the same as variety B in the 180 Subject plate.

C. Split Arrow and Guide Line at Left. Same as variety C in the 180 Subject plate.

D. Plate Number Leaf. Same as variety D in the 180 Subject plate.

H. Guide Line at Right. Same as variety H in the 180 Subject plate.

I. Guide Line at Left. Same as variety I in the 180 Subject plate.

J. Guide Line at Bottom. The horizontal Guide Line occurs in the white margin just below bottom row of stamps in the leaf. This horizontal Guide Line runs so close to the top of the white margin that exists between the two center rows of stamps in the full sheet (see Figure II) that variety J occurs much oftener than its opposite, variety M with the Guide Line at the top of leaf.

K. Guide Line at Bottom and Right. In this variety the Guide Line appears in the white margin both at the bottom and at the right of the leaf. If the Guide Line at the right is cut off in the process of manufacture the commoner variety results instead of variety K.

L. Guide Line at Bottom and Left. This leaf is the opposite of variety K and has guide lines on the bottom and left margins.

M. Guide Line at Top. In this variety the horizontal Guide Line appears at the top of the white margin above the top row of stamps in the leaf. The Guide Line as is true of the Plate Number is hard to discern even when it exists for the reason that it is concealed by the staples which bind the Booklet at the top. If, in the process of manufacture, the knife which cuts the sheets cuts below this horizontal guide line instead of above it, the guide line would occur below the row of stamps just above the center white margin which runs between the two center rows in the original sheet producing variety J instead of variety M. As was stated in the description of variety J the knife more frequently cuts below the horizontal Guide Line than above it, hence the plentifulness of variety J and the scarcity of variety M and its component varieties N and O.

N. Guide Line at Top and Right. In this variety the Guide Line occurs in the white margin at the right of the leaf as well as at the top of the white margin above the leaf. Varieties N and O are the scarcest of all the Plate Varieties because the combination of Guide Lines necessary to produce them rarely occurs. See the description of variety M for more detailed reason for the scarcity of these two varieties.

O. Guide Line at Top and Left. This variety is the opposite of variety N with guide lines at the top of the white margin and in the left hand margin of leaf.

It is worth while noting that each full sheet (360 stamps or 60 leaves six stamps each) can produce but one leaf of either varieties K, L, N or O. Varieties J and L, though scarce, occur much more frequently than varieties N and O because the horizontal Guide Line usually is found on the bottom of the leaf rather than at the top of the white margin. The reason for this is explained more in detail under the description of variety M.

This completes the lists of normal varieties that occur in the 180 Subject and 360 Subject Plates respectively. The fact that these varieties occur and

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angles with the watermark as found in
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early attempt of fakers who tried to trim
the stamps issued in *Booklets* so as to
imitate the rare government part-perfor-
ates was to no small extent frustrated
by the difference in the position of the
watermark.

None of the *Booklet Issues* have been
surcharged except a few of the *First*
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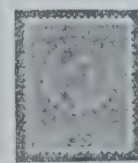
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It would be interesting to trace the gradual efflorescence of the Commemorative idea as expressed in postage stamps. Without any pretence of having investigated the subject seriously, we believe that the United States was the first country to produce a Commemorative in the form of the Centennial envelopes of 3c in green and red of 1886. Our own country followed with the Guildhall post card and the South Kensington envelope of 1890. So far the idea was confined to envelopes and post cards. In 1893 the issue in the United States of the beautiful and historically interesting series commemorative of the discovery of America brought out clearly the possibilities of thus commemorating leading incidents in a country's history and providing the public in general with handy souvenirs of historic events. As a side issue, which has, we are afraid, developed into the chief reason, it was soon found that in this way sums of money, by no means negligible, could be extracted from the pockets of stamp collectors. Depleted treasuries could be readily replenished by such souvenirs, which were all the more profitable since most of them would be put to no postal use and thus represent so much clear gain. Hence we find these Commemorative issues of almost daily occurrence, and we suppose there is hardly a country in Europe, or America which has not issued at least one Commemorative set during the past year.

Now Commemorative stamps, if legitimate issues, in most cases come under the category of unnecessary issues, and as such prejudice themselves at once in the eyes of the scientific philatelist. Hence we find that there are collectors, who, if they collect them at all, relegate them to a special section in their albums, apart from what we prefer to style the legitimate issues, and the time is not far distant when they will not be regarded as necessary for a "complete" collection from the exhibition point of view. Although we could thus exclude them from a "philatelic" collection, yet, nevertheless, we think they may legitimately appeal to certain classes of collectors. Not all

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There are two subjects treated in your editorials of Feb. 4 which make me feel compelled to disagree with your views, and I am going to make bold to tell you just why I view these two matters as I do.

First, I will mention the proposed special stamp to celebrate the International Exhibition in Philadelphia in 1926. While this might appear at first sight to be highly desirable, when all the conditions related thereto and arising therefrom are duly considered the prospect is not so alluring. In my opinion, Mr. Lyman Clark's remarks are timely. Philately doesn't want official recognition of that kind; in fact, we should rather exercise all possible vigilance against anything of the kind.

If no event of strictly philatelic significance has so far been commemorated by a stamp issue, let us congratulate ourselves that such is the case, while we deplore the recognition of stamp collectors or rather stamp collectors' money, in the issuing by so many countries and dependencies of stamps for sale to collectors. I venture to say that no other thing has transpired to so disgust philatelists with philately.

The condition has become notorious. The tendency among impecunious governments is ever toward more unnecessary issues while powerful and prosperous nations are only too prone to follow a similar course upon the least encouragement.

That phase of official recognition in this country which gave us the Philatelic Stamp Agency is a fine thing, but we must by our own attitude make the distinction clear between what we truly want and what we do not want, for government agents looking from their side of the transaction cannot be expected to see the niceties of the distinctions that we as collectors and philatelists draw between stamps issued for legitimate postal needs and those catering to our support.

The imperforate Hardings and the last set of airplane stamps come too close to the latter classification. If collectors had not seemed to want these things and from the point of view of the powers that be seemed to deserve this kind of recognition from their support of the Philatelic Agency they would not have been. We must not be acquiscent, for those who live in glass houses cannot throw stones. If we can head off something further in this line let us step on it with both feet, I say. We don't want such favors; we cannot afford to accept them. They are not for the best interests of Philately.

Let our National Government reserve its honors for the commemoration of truly historical events of interest to all the people. Let us not encourage the issuance of commemorative stamps so often as to cheapen this means of commemoration if you get what I mean.

The celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Inde-

pendence was an ideal occasion for commemoration; the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of rather less importance, I should say. Other worthy occasions are bound to come up. Let us leave something for the future.

Ere long—perhaps you and I will not live to see it, but others will—in 1947 will come the centennial of postage stamps in this country. What better occasion for a commemorative by a stamp issue, one in which we philatelists can take the acme of satisfaction and justly so, for it will not only be an occasion of philatelic but of nation-wide interest. I like to imagine our government then re-issuing the old 5c and 10c stamps, not identically, of course, but perhaps two denominations in a like design. We can afford to wait and let the future unfold without any undue urging on our part.

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The other matter I have in mind is that of the color system mentioned in a recent WEEKLY. Although I feel justified in considering myself somewhat of an authority on color study I am free to confess that I had not previously heard of the Lovibond Scale. It may be of considerable value and I mean to find out more about it but the writer shows such ignorance and disregard of the principles of color as recognized by scientific color students that the disposition would naturally be to discredit the system he is attempting to describe. Perhaps the reader will be inclined to suspect that the ignorance is on my part but if he will take the pains to look up and peruse carefully my article in the WEEKLY of Sept. 24, 1921, and note there the concise principles in the use of color terms and the niceties of color graduations based on the solar spectrum that I have tried to describe, he will note how radically at variance are the definitions attempted in the first part of the article under discussion.

Perhaps my exposition is none too clear but I am attempting to describe a system of color classification based on the solar spectrum as originally used by Sir Isaac Newton and developed by Milton Bradley and others.

When Mr. Warth says "a hue is a color tint," what does he mean? I say, that is, Mr. Bradley says in his Color Primer, Teacher's Edition, published by the Milton Bradley Company of Springfield, Mass., and which I wish every reader of the WEEKLY would send for and study; Mr. Bradley says that a hue is a variation of color in the spectrum scale. There are as many hues as the eye can detect, ranging from red-violet at one end of the spectrum to violet-red at the other, or while the spectrum appears as a colored band when projected on a screen from the passage of a ray of white sunlight through a glass prism we are justified in considering it as a circle or circular band of color, for its variations run from violet around to violet again, each hue graduating into the next, all with equal brilliance. As standard or primary

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some writers have contended, are not
tough to use in producing other hues
hether by mixing pigments or combin-
ing colors by other means. These six
color hues are violet, blue, green, yellow,
orange, and red, but in the full reality
they are only limited by the ability of the
eye to detect them.
Mr. Warth says then "A hue is a color
it." "A tint is a slight coloring distinct
from the principal color." Rather am-
biguous. A tint is properly a color show-
ing less strength or value than the full
spectrum hue; that is, a "light" or "pale"
color, a color mixed with white but not
th gray.

A shade is a color mixed with black.
Mr. Warth is right when he says we im-
properly use the word shade in reference
to varieties in stamp colors. We do
not, but since the great majority of
stamp colors are shades we are not as
wrong as we might be. A color may
be mixed with both white and black when
it is no longer a hue, a tint, or a shade,

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but becomes a "broken" color; the more
white and black there is in its composi-
tion the grayer it becomes until all color
value disappears and we have gray only;
hence with graduating amounts of white
and black and spectrum hues we can ac-
count for an infinite number of colors.

It is a fact well known to colorists that
different processes of mixing produce
different results from the same apparent
standard hues. Light passed through two
colors of glass, as seems to be the under-
lying principal of the Lovibond System,
produce results inconsistent with pig-
ments mixed together; and results ob-
tained in this way may differ radically
from colors mixed by the color wheel
from standard colors printed on paper,
which is the principle used in the Brad-
ley System. The causes of these varia-
tions are complicated and involved and
are not easily explained but the disc sys-
tem was adopted by Mr. Bradley as offer-
ing the most practical and the most defi-
nite basis for scientific development.

It is impossible in mixing by the rotary
disc the so-called three primary colors to
obtain all the spectrum hues, as yellow
and blue will not produce green nor red
and yellow pure orange, hence the six
primary colors from which the other
hues can be produced in any degree of
graduation, and the results recorded.
Mr. Warth says "Colors may also be
more complex, consisting of all three pri-
mary colors." This I deny. Of course
any color can be mixed with any other
or any number of others and some kind of
a result be obtained but the same resulting
"color" can also be produced by simpler
and more direct methods from adjoining
color scales or hues.

As I said in my former article and now
repeat, it is never necessary to use more
than two primary colors; in these will in-
variably be adjacent hues in the spectrum.
When hues not adjacent are mixed to-
gether these hues tend to neutralize each
other by virtue of the law of complemen-
tary colors as any color directly opposite
another in the spectrum band, as red and
blue-green or yellow and violet-blue pro-
duce gray. In color analysis we would
not produce gray in this way. It is in-
direct and can be produced by an indefi-
nite number of combinations.

Warth says olive consists of yellow and
blue with a tinge of red. I say true olive
is yellow modified by shade; i. e., black
—a "dark" yellow, the darkness or depth
depending on the percentage of black;
yet the olive may be modified by any
relative amount of green, becoming green-
ish olive, green olive, olive green, or yel-
low-green, with an increasing percentage
of green being added, or on the other
hand it may be modified by orange be-
coming olive bistre, etc. If an attempt
be made to modify your olive by the ad-

dition of both green and orange or even
by green and red the green and the
orange or red would neutralize the effect
and produce an olive gray or a drab.
This would be absurd as I see it. Why
involve all these unnecessary elements
when yellow and black or yellow black
and gray will give the same results? And
be so much easier to account for and to
record!

By working from the principles out-
lined above, a perfectly practical color
chart is quite possible if followed out
consistently and scientifically. One prop-
erly made up to contain say between
500 and 1,000 colors would be the great-
est boon to accurate stamp color study or
any other color study for that matter,
that I can imagine.

Scott's catalog names something less
than 400 colors and "shades," but many
of these duplicate in meaning while the
real number of color varieties even in
stamps so far issued are infinite.

The Prang Chart, now out of print—
at least I have not seen mention of it for
a long time—presents 1,800 colors. It is
arranged along scientific lines, but the
primary colors are different in hue from
those used by Bradley and it is so com-
prehensive as to be cumbersome. At least
so I consider it.

Stanley Gibbons' chart is very nicely
gotten up and as a list of color designa-
tion used in their catalog it may be ever
so accurate but as a scientific production
its value is NIL. There are one hundred
colors arranged in no system of rela-
tivity; some are almost identical while
scores of pronounced color variations are
missing. Furthermore, many of the color
names are not the same as would be ap-
plied even by the catalog makers in this
country.

The primary colors are all way off
from scientific standards. The red is
particularly bad. A man with this color
of blood in his veins—or rather arteries
—would indeed be not long for this
world. Analysis by the color top show
this "red" to be mostly orange. The yel-
low contains too much orange, the green
too much black, etc. The "rose" is as
atrocious as the red, which it resembles,
while the "dull rose," entirely unrelated
to the "rose," is more in appearance to
what a rose ought to be, which is a
violet-ish red. Some of the arbitrary
names applied to mixed colors could ad-
vantageously be adopted and adapted for
use in our permanent color chart in
which popular names should be applied
as far as they go to definite colors as
well as the more scientific designation
which would be largely by symbol ar-
ranged perhaps on a percentage basis.

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the article which appeared in the WEEKLY.

—Louis Mayer of Arvada, Colo.,
writes us a rather lengthy communica-
tion giving some of his experiences in
purchasing stamps. His conclusions are
that it is a great deal better to do busi-
ness with U. S. dealers as being the
cheapest and quickest way. He men-
tions several of our advertisers whose
dealings have been eminently satisfactory
and we are grateful to Mr. Mayer for
his words of appreciation of American
dealers.

—A shocking piece of vandalism is re-
ported by Mr. E. L. Stuart, who says that
his gentle canine, Ursus, upon spying a
copy of his last WEEKLY on the floor
pounced on it and in a frenzy clawed it
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the intelligent animal resented his owner's
carelessness in leaving the paper on the
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whether the dumb brute does not like
the paper.

—The Chicago Philatelic Society con-
tributed ten dollars to the fund for the
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trait of Washington, which has been
copied on so many of our stamps.

—The Indianapolis Star of March 17
had a very appropriate article dealing
with the 2d Irish Free State stamp, and
accompanied by a fine illustration. The
article was entitled "The 2-Penny Irish
Free Stamp a Symbol." It was written
by Victor Richardson and deals very in-
telligently with Irish problems. George
R. Rankin submits the clipping.

—At the last meeting of the Boston
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bers were present, the largest attendance
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months.

—We have received a subscription
from Harry R. Duncan. The letterhead
shows residence at 42 High St., Milford,
and shop at 73 E. Broadway, Myrtle
Beach, but in neither instance is the name
of the state given. We find one Myrtle
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—"I followed your suggestion to get
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in philatelic news and I sent in a short
story based on stamps, which appeared
in print under the heading, 'Stamp Muts
Invited.' The editor meant stamp 'nuts.'
This is a poor beginning. No names,
please." The foregoing letter is amusing
but for all that, the correspondent has
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ing fellow but he means well.

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The March Issue will be the **LARGEST NUMBER YET** and contain some
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retary. The semi-annual election of of-
cers will be held April 9.

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The Managing Editor.

EDITORIAL.

According to the San Diego Union of
 March 16th, which has come to us
 through the courtesy of Mr. W. J. Stan-
 ton, San Diego enjoys the distinction of
 sending the first batch of mail around
 the world in the great flight of the
 army's earth-encircling squadron. The
 commander of the air fleet has been
 sworn in as a mail clerk and a small
 package of letters enclosed in a special
 canvas mail sack delivered to his care.
 The letters which are addressed to var-
 ious cabinet officers and a "number of
 San Diegos" are postmarked San
 Diego, but whether a special marking is
 employed, we cannot say. It would be
 fitting that the world flight be appropri-
 ately recorded in a postal sense; and it
 is hoped that the postmark is distinctive
 in some way or other.

The following letter has come from
 Mr. W. E. Greenaway, post-office in-
 spector: "I believe the numerous read-
 ers of the WEEKLY would be pleased to
 have you publish information concerning
 the issues of 'Postage Currency' by the
 Treasury Department, under Act of
 July 17, 1862, 'Receivable for Postage
 Stamps at any U. S. post-office, printed
 by National Bank Note Company.'" Soon
 after the outbreak of the civil war,
 specie or "hard money" was at a pre-
 mium, as it was largely withdrawn
 from circulation and consequently, the
 difficulty of obtaining small change was
 great. On July 17, 1862, a bill was
 signed by President Lincoln authorizing
 the issue of postage and other govern-
 ment stamps as currency, and prohibiting
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 ing notes below the denomination of one
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 before this, postage stamps were used as

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circulating medium, notwithstanding
 that they were unsuited to wear and tear.
 A number of firms enclosed the stamps
 in little envelopes as a protective means
 and later the Gault patented metal cases
 were used to shield the stamps. While
 the postage currency issues in five, ten,
 twenty-five and fifty-cent denominations
 (as we remember) were valid for gen-
 eral use, they were intended to facilitate
 the business of the post-offices, it has
 been pointed out, where the necessity for
 making change was constant. The notes
 were issued perforated and imperforate
 and those showing the five-cent stamp
 were in brown and those picturing the
 ten cent were green. Much more could
 be said on the subject of these bills
 which make a decided impression on
 stamp collectors when they see the stamp
 designs on them for the first time.

"It has been ages since I have seen
 anything in the WEEKLY about U. S.
 private proprietary stamps. Why are
 they neglected so?" writes Dr. Albert N.
 Waters, who evidently has a soft spot
 for the issues named of the civil war
 period. As Christopher West's articles
 on the match stamps have been running
 for many months, it is apparent that the
 medicine stamps are in the doctor's mind.
 Interest in private proprietaries ebbs and
 flows, but at no time are the stamps
 without friends; and there are many col-
 lectors who have superior collections of
 the stamps. They may collect the pri-
 vate proprietaries unobtrusively, but
 they are keen after them, for all that.
 The difficulty in getting many of the
 stamps in an acceptable condition in a
 collecting sense is known as some of the
 stamps were affixed to the containers in
 a way to make the stamps suffer. The
 pricing of the stamps is not as carefully
 done as in the case of other stamps of
 a more general appeal and the discrimi-
 nating collector finds that the knowledge
 that he gets by experience of compara-
 tive values stands him in good stead. It
 is fair to say that interest in private
 proprietaries will increase as the years
 pass by, and as attention is given in
 greater measure to the earlier days of
 this country, in all their phases, the
 medicine stamps will become the more
 significant. Certainly, they reflected an
 age in the United States when the patent
 preparation was in the ascendant and
 the stamps typify a period when the
 nostrum was in its hey-day that is fading
 in distinctness. The patent medicine
 style of advertising, the old almanacs,
 the names of the medicines and the pro-
 prietors and the general influence of
 this division of industry bore directly
 on the people. The patent medicine
 stamps were more distinctive of their
 times than other stamp issues were and
 all this is aside from the solid philatelic
 claims of these extraordinary creations.
 As the history of these obsolete issues
 has been written, there is little to be
 said in the way of aftermath; and only
 the historian is in a position to augment
 the story of the stamps which has been

ably presented in the book by Messrs.
 Deats, Toppan and Holland.

Recently, the Associated Press sent
 out from New York a stamp "story"
 that while not worthy of that important
 news organization in some particulars
 gives several views that call for com-
 ment. Stress is placed on the statement
 that stamp collecting has now become
 one of the favored hobbies of the wealthy
 class and that it is crowding out "fine
 paintings and other bulky works of art"
 as objects of collection. The point is
 made that with changing living condi-
 tions, the question of space is of para-
 mount importance and that possessions
 requiring much room are a hindrance to
 easy movement. The advantage of
 stamps on the score of compactness is
 mentioned and the displacement of stamp
 albums is shown to be relatively small.
 It is true that the space restrictions im-
 posed at present have a quickening effect
 on stamps as affording an outlet for the
 artistic idea with no inconvenience and
 while the rich may be the most vitally
 affected by the demand for curtailment
 of space, other classes as well, welcome
 the stamp on account of its small size.
 In fact, the "portability" of stamps may
 be made a strong argument in their cata-
 logue of "reasons" for philately and it
 should be emphasized more strongly than
 it is usually, in citing the advantages of
 stamp collecting. Assuredly, the people
 of means are great factors in the strength
 of philately but at the same time, let it
 be known that stamp collecting may be
 indulged in by persons of limited purse
 as with the large number of common
 stamps that are now available it is easy
 to obtain a representation of stamps for
 a modest outlay. No class of persons,
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 be derived from a well-ordered collec-
 tion of stamps.

In the New York Times of March
 16th, there is an account of the Prosser
 find that makes one of the best tales of
 the kind that has ever been told and in
 speaking of the enterprise of the Times
 in furnishing the account, we take occa-
 sion again to commend the example of
 this great newspaper in dealing in its
 columns so liberally and intelligently
 with philatelic topics. Mr. Herman
 Toaspern of New York included many
 items in the Prosser find in his auction
 sale held at the Collectors Club, which
 may be said to be the culmination of Mr.
 Toaspern's shrewdness and persistence
 in running to cover a remarkable lot of
 early United States stamps. Elsewhere,
 room must be made for the story of the
 hunt that ended so successfully as the
 human interest in a narrative of this
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The British lot is truly an important collection and we find a wonderful mint block of four of the 1d black and a very beautiful unused block of the 2d blue. There are numerous single copies and pairs. The 1847 octagon issue is represented by mint singles, pairs and a very nice unused block of the 10d. We find two used copies of the rare 1873 6d buff, both cancelled, and several copies of the 10sh and 1 pound of the 1878 emission, which catalog \$200 and \$200 respectively. In the case of the 1882 issue we find these two stamps on blue paper in addition to three mint copies of the 5 pound, which list at \$500 each. There is a very unusual lot of the official stamps, including practically all of the rarities. There are several singles, as well as a pair, of the 1d

black "VR" in corner, including two used copies.

The Portuguese lot, which also includes Portuguese India, contains many specimens to delight the heart of collectors of these issues, and we find literally dozens of each of the first issue in mint condition, as well as several very fine pairs, including one with large margins of the 100 reis. There is also a beautiful mint block of six of the 5 reis. The later issues are well represented and include practically everything.

In Two Sicilies there is a copy of the 20 grana of the issue of 1858 doubly printed and this is a very distinct double impression. There are also several of the 50g, as well as very fine copies of the Savoy Cross. There are many nice pieces in Modena, including a goodly lot of the minor errors. Parma is well represented. There are several copies of the 2 soldi and the 60 crazie Tuscany, as well as a tete bache pair of the 2s newspaper stamp, a variety that I have not heard of heretofore.

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The early U. S. are mostly very choice pieces; the issues from 1890 to 1912 are mostly represented in bloc and many in fine plate number bloc.

The envelopes contain many choice items in cut squares and many fine entires. In revenues, the first issue perforated are complete with a couple copies of several of the choicer items. Second issue is complete through the \$200 value and following issues are all remarkably well shown, numerous fine pieces and bloc being in the lots.

In match and medicine, the stamps are a superb lot, many being uncanceled, some with full gum and as a whole a lot that could be called SUPERB. These issues are complete except for the rarities. Several of them, however, are in this collection.

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A few other odds and ends are scattered through the sale, such as pairs of the Barbados 1d on 5sh, reading both up and down, some unusual Turks Islands surcharges, a Tonga 1897, 7 1/2d with inverted center; Venezuela, 1871, the two varieties with heads inverted, and the like.

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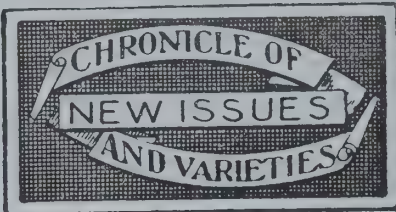
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UNITED STATES.—North Pole Postal Card.—The New York and Philadelphia papers of Sunday, March 16th, carried full page advertisements of Gimbel Brothers regarding the proposed flight across the North Pole by airplane of the great explorer Roald Amundsen, along with Lieutenant Davison of the United States Navy. They offered to sell the postal card described in this column some weeks back at the same price at which they were then being offered by the Aeronautical Company, namely \$1.00. They inform us that they have two hundred thousand cards and these may be purchased by remitting to either their New York or Philadelphia office. The funds are to help to pay for the expenses in connection with the trip, which I understand will start in July. When the cards were formerly offered, the descriptive matter led one to believe that the card would simply be postmarked by the Norwegian Government before being placed upon the airships, but we are now informed that Norwegian stamps of special design issued for this occasion will be attached to the card and that this manner will be the only way in which the stamp will be obtainable.

Gimbel Brothers clearly state in their advertisements that there is a possibility of the cards being lost in transit and not coming back, but they call attention to the fact that in such a case you will have contributed to an historical and daring adventure. The expedition will leave Norway, cross the pole, land somewhere in Alaska, and it is then hoped that the cards in turn will be sent in bulk to Seattle, where they will be distributed throughout the country.

Mr. P. J. Kranz calls my attention to an illustration of this card appearing on page 85 of the *Aeronautical Digest* for February. The card shows a Harding stamp attached.

Circular Type 2c Envelope, Recut Die.—In my Chronicle of last week men-

tion was made of what was supposed to be a new die of the 2c current design envelope. The matter was referred to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, who informs me that no new die of any denomination has been made since May 31, 1919, on which date the new 1c die for the Kenney presses was ordered.

He further informs me that if there is a slight difference seen, it is probably due to a worn printing die. This new type, which I described in detail in this column of last week, is so similar to in other details that it is my opinion that Die H in many respects and so different the die has been recut.

1920-21 Provisional Surcharged Envelopes.—Mr. W. A. Langdon kindly submits for inspection a copy of the 5c blue circular die envelope, which had been overprinted 2c in the Cleveland Post-office. He writes that he picked up five that were returned to the post-office about three months ago. The envelopes bear the privately printed corner card of H. B. Wick of Cleveland. The envelopes in question are on white paper, size 5, watermarked 20, and have the type III Cleveland overprint.

Mr. F. H. Lord also submits for inspection a new window envelope of the provisional issue, namely a San Francisco 2c on 3c, die E on blue, size 5, watermarked 19. Mr. Lord states that he obtained two of these.

Odd Postal Marking.—I have just received an envelope mailed from Chicago to Philadelphia, N. Y., instead of Pennsylvania. It is surprising to learn that there is a city of this name in New York and they must receive a good amount of mail for Pennsylvania, for the letter contains a circular postal marking in red, reading "Deficiency in address, supplied at Philadelphia, N. Y., P. O." They also had a rubber stamp for changing the address from N. Y. to Pa. It is quite possible that many post-offices have odd markings with which the philatelist is unfamiliar. Fifty years hence when they go in for covers of today the way we are going in for older covers at present, will see such items in demand.

Westwood, Mass., Post Office 100 Years Old.—The Information Service of the Post Office Department recently sent out to the press a circular communication calling attention to the fact that during March the post-office at Westwood, Mass., would celebrate the 100th anniversary of its existence. During this century but three postmasters, all in the same family, have presided over the little office, which is located on its original site of one hundred years ago. The town is located in Norfolk County, fifteen miles from Boston, and

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If we permit our memory to go backward, it will be recalled that James Monroe was President of the United States at the time this post-office was established, and we then numbered our post-offices in the hundreds instead of in the thousands, as at present. It was not until twenty-one years later that the New York Post Office issued the famous Postmaster Provisional, and was twenty-three years before the first official government series made its appearance. If these three postmasters had put away a sheet of each variety of stamps that passed through their hands they would possibly bring more today than they received as salary from the department in the entire century.

BEIGIUM.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the following Parcel Post stamps: 5c chocolate, 10c vermilion, 15c violet, 1fr blue, 1 fr 50c emerald green, 1fr 80c pale claret, 2fr 10c green, 40c purple, 3fr vermilion and 10c carmine.

GREAT BRITAIN.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts copies of the 1d and 1½d surface printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Co., multiple watermark Crown over G. V. R. in block capital. They are the same colors as before perforated 15x14.

HUNGARY.—The 300 korona red ordinary adhesive has been promptly followed by the same denomination in the current Official series, viz.:—Official (1921 Type). Wmk. Double Crown. Perf. 15. 300 korona red.—Stamp Collecting.

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IRAQ.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the following "On State Service" stamps of this country with the bilingual overprint: ½a, 1a, 1½a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 6a, 8a, 1R, 10R. The overprint in English is at the left and Arabic at the right. Colors and watermarks are as before.

JAMAICA.—The Jamaica Gleaner reports that "the second issue" of ½d Child Welfare stamps have been on sale for some weeks, and were mostly purchased by stamp collectors. "The given time for the sale of these stamps was drawing to a close unless an extension was granted."

We have received a copy of the Jamaica Post Office Handbook for 1924, in which it is stated that all postage stamps for the colony are now being printed on the Multiple Crown Script CA watermark paper.—Stamp Collecting.

JAPAN.—The quaint stamps of the Osaka emergency series are now commencing to appear in perforated state. Mr. Denton Hepworth shows us the 20 sen, dark blue, perf. 11, the copy submitted having the Osaka postmark of January 17th.—Stamp Collecting.

SIAM.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal prints the following: "The Oriental Stamp Co. writes that a second air mail service between Nong-Khay and Bangkok, via Roi Ed and Korat, has just been established. We beg to send for your inspection a specimen cover of the first day flight which carries the date 11.12.23. The aerocancellation shows an aeroplane in a circle and the town of Nong-Khay and date in native and English characters, the design being the same as the Bangkok, Roi Ed Korat and Ubol air postmarks except that it is much smaller."

TONGA.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 5d of the 1920-21 series with the surcharge "Two Pence" at the top and "Peni-e-ua" across the base over the figure of value. The overprint is, in blue. Mr. Roberts also reports the 2d on 7½d and the same value surcharged on the 1sh.

TURKEY.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal announce that they have been shown a pair of the 4½pi, new Peace issue, imperforate, and are informed that five sheets of fifty exist thus.

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By Vic.

(The following story and cartoon was published in the "Cleveland Press" and we take pleasure in reproducing the same. It's a "Vic and Ethel" story and bears the title "Vic and Ethel Stamp Away." Wm. W. MacLaren, who was recently "written up" in the WEEKLY, is associated with the "Press."—W. O. W.)

"Say, onion-eye," says Ethie, referring to me, "where in the flatiron is that letter you got the other day from your grandmother in Australia?"

"Why?" I asks, giving a question for a question, and not honeying the occasion of committing myself to anything I'll worry over.

"Well," Ethie begins, "if you gotta know, I get myself introduced to a gent the other day who says he likes my drawings and then, I don't know how, but he gets raving about hobbies, and starts telling me about his."

"Which is?" I sighs, thinking probably it's auction sales, or bum cigars.

"Postage stamps," Ethie exclaims, "and that's why I wanta see that Australian 2-center. Maybe it's worth something. I'll take it down to that gent and ask him. He says some foreign stamps sure sum up."

"Yeh?" I hint, wondering. "Who's stamp is that?"

"Yours, but I—" Ethie encourages.

"But I'll do my own stamp collecting," says I, sticking up for my 2-cent taxer.

"I wouldn't put it past you," Ethie says, sassy-like, "but you don't know any stamp gent."

"Then let's co-operate," says I, figuring we gotta make an agreement somewhere. "You do the talking to the gent and I'll hang on to the stamp."

So today as we're just about forgetting postage excitement, in tip-toes somebody who looks like he wants to see me for he sets down on my desk a pamphlet that says, "Big Banquet Given by the Garfield Perry Stamp Club."

"Wanta come?" he says, not looking at Ethie.

"Sure," says I.

"All right," he grins, and walks out.

"Now ain't he the antelope's eye-wink-

er!" says I, after the office door shuts. "You don't sneeze that all male cigaret-puffers who ride stamp hobby-horses are like that, do you?"

"Naw," says Ethie, "they're all dignified fellows. We'll go tonight and you can find out."

Which we do. * * *

We arrive late as usual. There's nothing in the room except men and an eating table, with some consomme at each place. And as I have that country trait of being hungry all the time, I sit down right away in a chair that some fellow wearing glasses points to.

When I come to I find we've got orchestra seats, right next to the toastmaster, who's name is W. H. Barnum, 'n' wink at Ethie who's mincing croutons, whatever they are, but they look like toast squares, while the talking at the other end of the table begins.

"Mine is the most beautiful stamp ever made," says one gent, excited over the argument. "That head is perfect, the paper is not marred. It is dated 1847, 'n' if you can beat that you're going some!"

"I can," says I, choking on a whole tablespoon of sample soup. 'N' I jump up and reach in the pocket of my raincoat, which I'm still wearing, 'n' yank out my little Aus. letter sticker.

A coupla men come rushing with their exhibition books and when I finally shove forth my offering, I hear Ethie giggle:

"Hey, Harvey, better not show that sample! This fellow sitting beside me by the name of Cramer says it isn't even worth the 2 cents your grandmother had to pay for it out on that island!"

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"The rarest specimens are old stamps," says one gent, "old ones that aren't being made anymore. They have to be really dated and marked with the stamping machine of their day and sets of stamps like these sometimes run up into thousands of dollars."

"Now if you knew that before you dragged me here," I warn Ethie, embarrassed-kind, "I'm going to come over and make your coco-look-loco!"

But she denies it, and my little speech is buried by the voices of a bunch of stamp collectors.

"Those books are all the pig-knuckles," says Ethie, feeling she better say something as one man after another is furiously turning page after page of used stickers, for her to see. The books have what the stamps are written below 'em, and the date they were issued, along with how much they're worth now.

'N' just then we're interrupted by some fellow who gets up and starts talking about how the Garfield Perry Club did this, and they could do the other thing much better if they'd try, and gives a long-winded yarn about the history of these stamp-bugs. Which all goes fine while we're listening, which ain't often, until I hear the name of Garfield Perry and I ask who he is.

This gets me in bad, pretty-near, for when we vacate the banquet kinda-late, I ask Ethie: "Say, fish-bone, why'd you razz me for asking who's Garfield Perry?"

"Because he's some prominent guy outta history," says Ethie, "'n' you shouldn't let 'em know you're so dumb!" Which all fractioned up, means, "You naughty girl, you shouldn't talk about

things you don't understand, especially when you're so slack on hobbies."

Which I ain't got almost hardly anyway!

(In connection with above story have received from W. W. MacLaren who is credit manager of the Press, menu of the event, which was the anniversary banquet of the Garfield Perry Stamp Club, Hotel Cleveland, March 22, 1924. Exhibits were made Messrs. MacLaren, Good, Janssen, Molitor. The program of after-dinner speeches included nine toasts together with short addresses by guests of occasion. W. H. Barnum, president of the club, was toastmaster, and the banquet committee consisted of Dr. Jos. Schneider and Louis Hanford.—W. W.)

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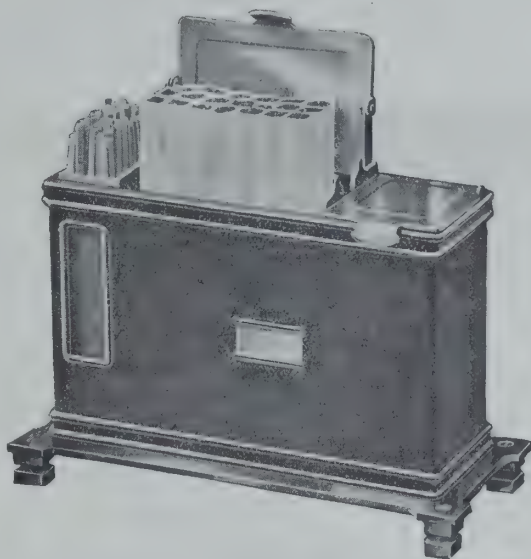
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The discovery resulted from alterations made a year ago in the old building at 22 Platt Street, occupied since 1850 by Thomas Prosser & Sons, which is still there. The firm's record of 74 years in the same place is exceptional, in view of the changing conditions in the business life of the city. The present members are Thomas and Richard Prosser, grandsons of the founder. Ever since its organization, prior to 1850, when the firm was in Brooklyn, it has been the New York representative of the Krupp steel works of Germany.

During the alterations, said Thomas Prosser recently, a mass of the old correspondence was carted away without investigation. Some of the musty envelopes had curious stamps on them and a few were abstracted before the junk dealer got them and sold to Nassau Street dealers who recognized their value, for the stamps were of the 5-cent and 10-cent 1847 issue, the first United States stamp issue, now worth many dollars apiece. In a few days several dealers were prospecting energetically for this philatelic mine.

One of these prospectors was Herman Toasperm. With the aid of another dealer, who had obtained some of the stamps, he located the junkman after a long search, only to learn that the stock had been sold to a paper mill in New England.

"We went right up to the mill," said Mr. Toasperm. "The Prosser papers were mixed with a mass of other scrap paper, but we purchased six bales, and when we got them into a New York warehouse we spent several days in sorting them. The results were better than had been

looked for.

"There was a splendid lot of the first and second United States issues, and among the rarities were several envelopes with Canadian and United States stamps on the cover. There were all sorts of rare railroad and steamboat cancellations and many letters had designs of early Krupp guns."

One of these rare combination covers has a 3-cent stamp and a 12-cent of the United States 1851 issue with a 4-penny rose of Great Britain, the letter being mailed from the Bahamas on March 26, 1859, and sent via New York to Canada. In the sale are thirteen of the 5-cent 1847 issue on original envelopes, and five of the 10-cent stamps of the same issue also on the original envelopes.

Probably the rarest thing in the sale, but which was not among the Prosser papers, is a Civil War envelope with 1-cent, 10-cent and 24-cent copies of the United States issue of 1857. The letter was sent from New Orleans on Aug. 13, 1861, four months after the war began. It was brought through the Confederate lines by the Adams Express Company to Louisville, and has the cancellation of that city under date of Aug. 20.—N. Y. Times.

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Mr. Pickman's stamps were brought to New York for exhibition to the club members by Warren H. Colson of Boston. Western Australia always has been one of Mr. Pickman's favorite countries, explained Mr. Colson, from the fact that a great deal of the shipping trade in which the Pickman family was engaged was with that country.

Western Australia began issuing stamps in 1854. Adorned with a gracefully designed figure of a swan, these stamps always have been popular with philatelists, and the swan design, with minor modifications, was retained for many years. Mr. Pickman has all of the fine early issues. Among them are two copies, one used and the other uncanceled, of the two-penny in violet colors which was an error, as the proper color was yellow, the violet being reserved for the six-penny stamp. They are of the 1865 issue. This error variety is now worth about \$125 each.

Charles J. Phillips, the former London dealer, related an interesting story about the "error" stamp. Many years ago a batch of them was sent from a Post Office in Western Australia to the Stanley Gibbons Company in London with the statement that they would cost the firm 6 pence apiece, as that was the charge checked up against the Post Office.

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—You'll be interested to know that I am sailing for England from Boston, on the "Devonian" on April 12th. Mrs. Clark and I are celebrating our silver wedding in this way, altho the real purpose of the trip is to pursue some zoological investigations at the British Museum for two or three months. I have long wanted to do this and now a kind fortune seems to smile on my plans. While in London I hope to attend the J. P. S. silver anniversary dinner on May 6th and Plumridge's auction on May 8th. I also hope to see the Brussels exhibition for a few hours on May 31st. I have other philatelic plans of which you shall hear if they work-out O. K. I have notified most of my correspondents of this coming hegira but I shall be grateful if you would just insert a note saying that I have gone to England and will be away until Aug. 1. Then I'll be back doing business at the same old stand—M. C. Z., Cambridge 38, Mass.

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—"I think this proposed stamp for philately is the bunk. It would be an honor to the hobby, I admit, but it would be a disgrace to the Post Office Department. I still maintain that if we are to be consistent we must either drop this agitation or include such despicable trash as the Italian stamps overprinted to commemorate the Ninth Italian Philatelic Congress in our catalogs. Even the Malaya-Borneo had the virtue of advertising a national exhibition and calling attention to the prominence of those Oriental countries, but this proposed stamp would help the government only financially. Why condemn the Italian collectors if we are going to do

the same as they did? Mr. Miller's "compromise" suggestion, while it also shows traces of speculation, is far better, but I think we should content ourselves with a special cancellation as at Springfield. The imperforate Harding was shock enough."—K. E. PARKER, M.H.C.

—We have received a circular letter saying that a liberal reward is offered "for return of or information leading to return of all or part of the following rare stamps stolen from J. Lek, Berlin, February 7, 1924." The list of stamps headed by issues of the German states embrace a host of rarities, such as the Baden Landpost, 12 kr. on entire; Saxony, strip of three of the three pf., red, on entire, block of four, pairs and singles; Austria Mercurys on newspapers; Switzerland, all the cantonals, etc., etc. The loss is a severe one and the thief made a rich haul indeed, and it is hoped that he will be apprehended. Persons interested are requested to communicate with Toplis and Harding, Inc., 235 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, Cal.

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New Issue Notes.—Chicago closely follows Cincinnati in precancelling the 30 cent (Bison). Mr. Julius Kurtz has shown me several in the new type reading down and double down.

Albany, Ga.—The 1917 issue 1 cent comes to hand precancelled in the same style electrolyte as the new Chicago plate. A separate universal type will be in order for this style. Although the letters resemble universal 18 the spacing is quite distinctively different. Newton, Iowa, Holton, Kansas, and Muskegon, Mich., are other cities with plates of this sort.

Anaconda, Mont.—Some time ago I listed a 30 cent from this city. Mr. T. W. Hayes, supt. of the Anaconda Copper Co., writes as follows, "I have recently become interested in the precancel hobby due to the fact that Anaconda has now begun using these stamps. When the handstamp was received only a few of the 1 and 2 cent 1917 series were on hand. These were shortly superseded by the 1923 series and should become rare. Anaconda now uses the following: 1917 series 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 20 and 30; 1923 series 1, 2, 5, 10, 14 and 25 cent values. Not many Hardings were issued and they have been obsolete for some time. A few sheets show the cancellation in the inverted position, something which I have not seen on any of the other stamps. The P. O. clerk explained that they were accidentally cancelled that way during the holiday rush."

Beloit, Kas.—Mr. S. Altman of Atchison, Kas., favors me with the information that this city has recently issued precancelled stamps in small type hand-stamped between bars. Mr. Altman has the 1, 2, 4, 5, 5 inv., 8, 9, 9 inv., 10, 11 and 15 cent values in his collection.

Cottlettsburg, Ky.—Uses the U-16 handstamp. Among some I have seen was a 20 cent double printing, the interesting thing about it being that one overprint was in red and the other in

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Crosby, Minn.—Scene of a recent mine disaster which was the worst in the history of the Iron Range. A 1 cent handstamped in large letters between bars is the first precancel this town has issued.

Elkhart, Ind.—Mr. Everett G. Emerson submits Elkhart Harding precancels as follows: U-18 electro, normal and inverted; small type rubber roller normal, inverted, and up. These were in limited use for a short period and are now obsolete.

Lansing, Mich.—The first type was used in 1905 on the 1902 series 1, 3, 4, 5 and 1902, 2 cent stamps. It consists of the representation of nine railroad tracks converging to a center, where an encircled star is located. Lansing is spelled out above the design in capital letters and Mich., below. This design has long been a favorite with the precancel enthusiast. It tells a story. All roads lead to the capital city. On a number of the early issues in our precancel history we find striking and original designs. They are becoming quite hard to secure and when bought at the existing catalogue figures are a very good investment. No better field for pleasure and investment presents itself than U. S. precancelled stamps prior to 1910.

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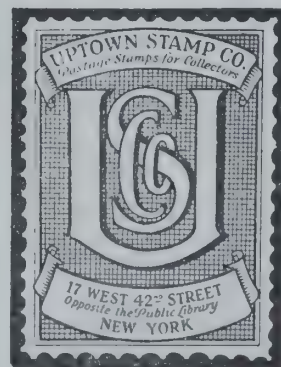
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EDITORIAL.

According to press reports, the com-
ing of the special set of stamps to cele-
brate the three hundredth anniversary
of the settling of the Walloons in "New
Netherlands" will soon be recorded by
the issue itself; and the Huguenot
stamps, as they may be called popularly,
are awaited with tranquillity by collec-
tors. While there seems to be no
considerable enthusiasm for these com-
memoratives, yet at the same time they
are not being subjected to unkind com-
ment, even though they are not exciting
the interest that an issue of the kind
ordinarily occasions. The truth is that
special issues now do not make a lasting
impression on collectors, as they once
did and the philatelic appetite is a bit
cloyed with them. That the celebratory
issues have a quickening effect on phi-
latelists in bringing it to the attention
of the public is not to be denied and that
they are now accepted as a conventional
means for paying tribute to makers of
history is evident. Of course, too many
issues of the kind will detract from the
distinction that any one of them may
carry; and as a good business move, it is
well not to crowd too many of the extra
attractions on philatelists.

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Several years ago it was common for
outsiders who wished to perform the
part of Job's comforter to say that the
movies must be knocking stamp collect-
ing into a cocked hat. These persons
having no appreciation of stamp collect-
ing or understanding of it, resented
seemingly the flourishing condition that
it had attained and if their secret wish
were revealed, it would have shown that
they were not saddened by the "decline"
of interest in stamps. As it was seen
that philately progressed notwithstanding
the popularity of moving pictures,
it was necessary to find some other out-
let for lugubrious comment and the
radio afforded it. The fashion is now
to say sighfully that the radio must be
terribly crimping to collecting. Here,
the croaker has little satisfaction. The
radio is helping philately and philatelic
broadcasters tell of the interest inspired
in stamps by their talks. For instance,
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April 18th. Those who have heard Mr.
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of himself and of his topic and that his
discourse is most enlivening. He is a
great *avant courier* of philately.

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We have been shown by Mr. Douglas
P. Ball an old historical document
stamped with the seal of the Guatemalan
postal department, directing the move-
ment of mail from Guatemala City to
southern Mexico. The instrument is
dated in 1846 and directs the various
postmasters on the route from Guate-
mala City to San Christobal (Mexico)
to receive and receipt for the mails car-
ried by the messenger, together with
an accounting by the carrier for the
money advanced to pay for the service.
The dates range from June 3, 1846 to
June 20, 1846, and Chiapias was on the
itinerary, this state, at the time having
been a part of Guatemala.

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The death of Charles S. Patteson
which was chronicled recently in the
WEEKLY brings vividly to mind a re-
markable personality. Mr. Patteson was
a thorough collector who brought to
bear, particularly on the stamps of the
war and reconstruction period an en-
thusiasm that was genuine and compell-
ing. Mr. Patteson, whose vocation was
that of advertising adviser, came in con-
tact with the proprietors of not a few
of the great newspapers of the country
and his trained mind solved many mo-
mentous questions of policy in connec-
tion with their properties. He travelled
from coast to coast accompanied by his
wife who shared deeply his philatelic be-
liefs and he was a caller at many of the
stamp shops in different cities. He never
hesitated to speak of his stamp faith to
the big men with whom he came in con-
tact and was eloquent in his praises of
stamps for the comforting effect that
they had in restoring quiet to nerves
driven at a high pace. Mr. Patteson's
experiences were more extensive than
those that fell to the common lot of
men; and he was in Chicago as a young
man before the great fire in that city, in
1871. We shall miss Mr. Patteson whose
reminiscences were so interesting that
they would hold the listener's rapt at-
tention; and to Mrs. Patteson our sin-
cere sympathy is offered. Mr. Patteson
was well in the sixties.

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Some time ago reference was made
to a "McMillan's Despatch Post" cir-
cular, found on a notice in printed form
telling of the impending maturity of a
note, from the banking institution of

Geo. Smith & Co., Chicago. Unfortu-
nately, there is no year date found and
Mr. R. McP. Cabeen, Chicago, to whom
was given the task of running down in-
formation about the post reports that
while Geo. Smith & Co., bankers, are
listed in directories from 1849 to 1868,
and the addressee of the circular, Charles
P. Bissell as a commission merchant
from 1855 to 1862, there is no definite
reference to a McMillan's post. A Wil-
liam McMillan who was a drug clerk
in 1850 had his own drug store later and
he seems to be the only possibility as a
post proprietor. With the data at hand,
the existence of the McMillan post is
fixed between 1855 and 1862.

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An editorial paragraph in our issue of
November 12, 1923, spoke of the veteran
Moens of Brussels as having been the
first collector of stamps and the year
1855 was given as the earliest date that
could be boasted of by any stamp col-
lector. Our friend, Mr. Gustave de La-
chasse, Avignon, France, wrote us some
time ago in this interesting way: "With-
out having the thought of robbing Mr.
Moens of his laurels, as being the oldest
collector, or rather the first one, I can
truly say that I come rather close to him,
having begun my first collection in 1858.
This does not make me any younger!
But, anyway, I do intend being with you
at Detroit." Mr. de Lachasse is in his
78th year and we shall be glad to do
him honor at the Detroit convention. He
has been a reader of the WEEKLY for
many years and for nearly fifty years
was a resident of the United States be-
fore he returned to France.

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The controversy over the suggestion
that a philatelic stamp be issued in con-
nection with the international philatelic
exhibition in Philadelphia, 1926, con-
tinues and a call for arbitration is in
order. Neither faction seems to have
any marked advantage in numbers, yet
it is probable that if a poll were taken
of the votes of all who have written to
us, the objectors would win rather com-
fortably. The plan of Mr. Michael
Miller that a special issue for the Phil-
adelphia sesquicentennial portray the
workings of government by allotting a
stamp for each of the departments, that
of the post-office department having a
philatelic cast, has been hailed by two
correspondents as smoothing the road to
accomplishment. All this is very much
in the future, of course, and until the
special issue impending is well out of
the way, the time is not propitious to
even whisper anything of later achieve-
ments in this direction. We suppose
that by this time our readers are rather
well out of ammunition on the subject
of the philatelic stamp but if not, they
may fire when ready.

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to see in some place in Nassau Street, a lot of framed sheets of the 1893 Columbians but I never get into advanced civilization nowadays and so must depend on you for some assistance in this instance." The framing that we have done for "loan exhibits" has been on a small scale and we hope that some ingenious reader will tell Mr. Martin of safety first precautions.

—A correspondent, A. W. Filstrup, informs us that H. L. Wiley is now located at 1801 Taylor St., San Francisco, Cal., and a letter addressed to him there will no doubt reach him. It is also reported that he has recently been in Los Angeles, where he has been engaged in the writing of plays for moving pictures.

—Joseph V. K. Wells, of the Home of the Postage Stamp, has convinced us that the firm's advertisement of Germany No. 206 was a genuine mistake upon their part. The stamp as advertised was listed in the belief that it was actually the stamp referred to, and money is being refunded to all customers with regrets.

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*482	1916-7, 2c impf. (Pair .08), Blk. 420
*482	1916-7, 2c impf. (Pair .02), Blk. 405
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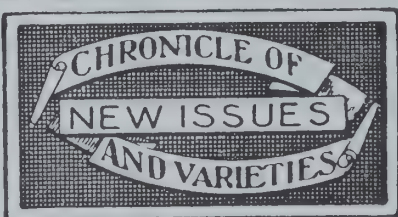
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UNITED STATES.—Shade Varieties, 1922-1923 Series.—Now that the current series is being distributed throughout the country, minor shade varieties of several of the values have been noted. The 1c is coming in both light and dark green, while the 2c seems to vary but little. The 3c, which was first issued at the Philatelic Agency in a bright violet is now coming in a much deeper color. The 5c, which was at first quite dark, is now to be had in a much lighter shade. Marked differences have been noted in the 10c due no doubt to the intensity of the ink. I have been looking from the first for shade varieties of the 11c, but without apparent success. The 14c can now be had in two very distinct shades. In the higher values I have not as yet seen any differences worthy of notice.

Night Air Mail Service.—Under date of March 29th, the Associated Press advised under a Washington headline that the House of Representatives on that day agreed to appropriate \$1,500,000 for operation of the New York-San Francisco air mail service, during the fiscal year beginning July 1st.

It also approved an additional appropriation of \$1,250,000 for operation of the air mail service by night flying. It will be recalled that the series of air mail stamps issued during August of 1923, consisting of the 8c, 16c and 24c were for use in connection with this coast to coast service. As the current appropriations were exhausted after a few trips were made, it was necessary to discontinue the service. Since then the department has been after an appropriation, which at first was stricken

from the budget, but we now see has received the favorable consideration of the House. It is to be hoped that it will be treated in a like manner in the Senate, so that in the near future the department will be giving us an honest-to-goodness air mail service. European countries at present are far in advance of America in their air mail activities, much to our regret.

Alaskan Air Mail Fairbanks to McGrath.—Under date of March 31st the Information Service of the Post Office Department released to the press an exceedingly interesting story regarding the first trip of the air mail over an experimental route between Fairbanks and McGrath. I can do nothing better than quote from the Post Office circular:—

"Lost in an airplane in the stygian darkness of an Alaskan night without a star above or a light below to guide him, was the harrowing experience of Carl B. Eielson, Air Mail Pilot, on his first trip over an experimental route between Fairbanks and McGrath, Alaska, according to his report just received by Postmaster-General New.

"So interesting was the report of Eielson's adventure that the Postmaster-General read it at Friday's Cabinet meeting and President Coolidge, impressed by the tale, wrote a personal letter to the Air Mail pilot congratulating him upon the successful completion of his flight. Accompanying this letter went one from Mr. New of similar purport.

"I congratulate you on the conspicuous success of your undertaking," the President said, "Your experience provides a unique and interesting chapter in the rapidly developing science of aerial navigation."

"I don't know of a more interesting story," Mr. New wrote Eielson, "than is provided by this very intelligently prepared report, and I have no doubt it will attract public attention, which it so thoroughly deserves."

Eielson made the first leg of his trip from Fairbanks to McGrath without mishap, covering in less than three hours a distance formerly traversed by dog team in 16 to 18 days.

Rather than face a cold motor in the morning and with a full realization of the danger of being caught by the early descending darkness of an Alaskan February night, he began the return trip at 2:35 P. M.

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"I expected, Eielson said in his report to get home by 5:10 P. M. That is just at dusk. I flew over Appel Mountain and one hour and fifteen minutes later I reached Lake Minchumina, which is nearly the half-way point. This was a schedule so I thought I was all right. Later I passed over a stream which was not on the map and I thought it must be the Kantishna River. Still later I reached this stream but thought it was the Tanana River.

"To the left I saw a bluff which looked like the Nenana bluff. I checked it further by noticing a river going around the bluff. I was positive that it was Nenana when I saw a river entering the Tanana at the point where the Nenana River enters the Tanana at the town of Nenana.

"I struck for the bluff and everything was all right except that the town of Nenana was not in its place. I knew I must have veered to the left so I started up the Tanana. I followed it for half an hour (that is fifty miles).

"By this time it was pitch dark. I could not believe that I had gotten fifty miles off my course after the same compass course had brought me to Lake Minchumina half way, which is exact on the course. I could not see the light of Nenana so I left the river, going east. I thought I must have gotten on the Kantishna River and that I was following it back to Mt. McKinley as the country looked flat in the pitch darkness. The sky was entirely overcast and not a star showed.

"I wandered around completely lost for most of an hour. Then I knew that the river I had left was the Tanana. About this time I saw a light so I checked my altitude and went down to it. I must have been a trappers' cabin near the Chatanika River. I was tempted to set the ship down there and have a place to sleep, but I knew I would regret it if I did, so I decided to look around some more. I went back to the river I had left and while following it down saw a flare in the distance. I followed it and it turned out to be my hotel field. There was a light in front of the hangar."

Eielson broke off one ski and his propeller in landing but no serious damage was done and he found the entire town waiting at the field. He had been in the air seven hours that day, covering a distance farther than from Fairbanks to Siberia; Fairbanks to Point Barrow, Fairbanks to Juneau. This seems incredible in Alaska for it takes a month of hardship at this time of the year to go from Fairbanks to Nome by the fastest route—dog team.

The flight was made with the thermometer at five degrees below zero by Eielson complained of being "too warm"

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Gambia

A fine book of early issues, about a dozen imperf., fine lot of Crown and CC including five of the 1sh green.

Cape of Good Hope

Book No. 38—Grand lot of triangular in singles and pairs, unused and used. Woodblock 1d and 4d, later on cover and rare thus, and grand lot of shades in issues 1864-1890, all unused.

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STAMP COLLECTING IN TORONTO.

In the Toronto *Star Weekly* of Saturday, March 29, appeared a very nice feature dealing with stamp collecting in Toronto. It is illustrated with pictures of Major General Robert Rennie and Fred Jarrett, president of the Canadian Philatelic Society. We consider the article of sufficient interest to reprint:—

Stamp collecting on the wane? Maybe in some parts of the country but assuredly not in Toronto. A gathering of the clan at the Hotel Elliott the other night provided ample evidence to the contrary.

The occasion was the first annual dinner of the newly organized Toronto Stamp Collectors Club. More than 50 turned up, varying in age from the grey-haired veteran to the recently inaugurated novice, but the same extraordinary enthusiasm pervaded both the young and old.

How could a grown-up man become enthusiastic over the collecting of little bits of square-inch, colored paper?

William W. Young, of 69 Clinton Street, one of the oldest and most prom-

inent collectors in the city, explained something of the lure of the hobby *The Star*.

"I started away back in 1881 when I was a 13-year-old clerk in a Sheffield merchant's office," he related. "We had a large foreign correspondence and in all this foreign mail gave me an idea of starting a stamp collection. My imagination soon became fired and I was at it off and on ever since."

Today Mr. Young has assembled more than 26,000 stamps, representing nearly every country in the world and including some of the rarest specimens of the continent. The present value of his unique collection has been placed at \$4,500.

The Toronto club includes a lot of other well known collectors. Fred Jarrett, of 354 Albany Avenue, has an exceedingly valuable collection of British North American varieties. That is his specialty. The issues that he has a specimen of are few and far between. So precious are his holdings that he keeps them safely locked up in the safe deposit vault of one of the local banks. "It has taken me years to get

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Henry B. Phillips sending in the subscription for the Berkeley Public Library calls attention to the claim made by the Rhode Island Philatelic Society of being the oldest organization of its kind in the country. Mr. Phillips contends that the Pacific Philatelic Society organized Nov. 24, 1884, antedates the Rhode Island Society by at least three months, during which time it has functioned continuously. Our attention is called to this as a matter of historical record and the seal of the Society sustains Mr. Phillips' contention.

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Other particularly noteworthy collections in the city are owned by Lieut.-Col. J. B. Miller, George A. Lowe, Alfred E. Venables, and Major-General Robert Rennie, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O.L., D.S.O. One of the more recent recruits to the ranks is H. J. Brook of Simcoe. He has only been collecting a comparatively short time but already he has brought together one of the finest Canadian collections in the province.

To the unappreciative, a stamp is merely a means of getting a letter from Toronto to some other part of the country one of the older collectors pointed out to *The Star*.

But to the initiated a stamp means a thousand and one intricate interests—they see the period, the kind of paper it is printed on, the number of perforations, the post mark, the watermark, the color, the cancellation, and countless other little features which to the ordinary person means nothing.

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1840 is 40,000, for which the British Empire itself is responsible for fully one-third.

In Toronto, there are supposed to be at least 750 active stamp gatherers with the size of their collections extending all the way from 100 different varieties to 30,000. Many of them are juniors. There are three stamp clubs for boys now flourishing in the city—one is conducted by the boys' work secretary of the Central Y.M.C.A., another at the College St. Public Library, and the third at the Jewish Boys' Home, Simcoe Street.

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(Clipping from A. S. Davenport.)

In the opinion of prominent New York stamp collectors and dealers, the stamp hobby bids fair to supplant fine paintings and other bulky works of art among the wealthy who make collections for collecting's sake.

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Stamp collecting first became a really international hobby, dealers here say, in the early nineties. From 1893 to 1900 it had a great following. Then it died down until 1912, since when the ranks of enthusiasts have been steadily augmented. Today there are in the United States alone fifty or more collections which are worth between \$100,000 and \$300,000 each, dealers say, while there are a large number of collections valued from \$25,000 to \$75,000 each.

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While the entry date for this Exhibition has already closed, the ambitious International Philatelic Exhibition at Brussels will not open until May 24, and it is scheduled to last until June 1. There is no definite information as yet as to how many Americans will be represented by exhibits. Francis M. Botelho, Ph.D., Wayne, Pa., linguist and extensive-traveler, connected with the famous

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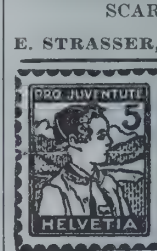
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Notes by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

A large number of members and visitors to the Collectors Club had a great treat on Wednesday evening, April 2nd when Mr. Ferrars H. Tows exhibited his matchless collection of the Philippine Isles.

Mr. Tows has been a collector since 1885 and about ten years ago decided to specialize in the U. S. Possessions, and was good enough to bring to the Club his eleven volumes of Philippine Islands and give us a first-rate talk on them.

After an inspection of this fine collection it was the general opinion that the catalogue lists of this country required re-writing in toto, and if any responsible cataloger wants to undertake the job I am sure that Mr. Tows would gladly help, as this is an important group of stamps of a great U. S. Possession that should be properly written up while the material is available.

Space at my disposal will only allow of a few brief notes, whereas many pages would be occupied in a proper description of these stamps.

1854—5c orange, with fine and coarse lines, about a dozen unused, including one on thick ribbed paper which is believed to be unique.

5c used several on covers with various cancellations, a block of four and an extraordinary block of 37 used.

10c pale rose. An unused block of four, very rare in this colour in a block, and a number of singles.

10c carmine. Large number of unused and used in singles, pairs and blocks and a reconstructed sheet of the 40 types.

1rl. These are divided into three groups of colors, the slate-blue, blue, and ultramarine, fine lot of shades and reconstructed sheets in what Mr. Tows thinks are the first and last printings. There is also a wonderful uncut sheet of the 40 types, used, an extraordinary item to find thus preserved.

2rls. green. A beautiful page of unused in a perfect gradation of shades, 29 copies in all. Also a reconstructed sheet of the 40 types used.

It should be noted that in this grand lot of the rare 1854 issue every stamp is perfect, no thin spots or tears. Those

who have handled many of these stamps well know how difficult it is to form a large collection of perfect copies.

1855—5c broken circle. Nine copies with the four types plated.

5c re-engraved. A fine unused pair believed to be unique.

1856—A number of the Cuba design stamps used in the Philippines in blocks of four and six and many copies on letters with all known cancellations.

1859-1863—Many pages of these in all varieties of color, shade, paper and gum and all in groups of 4 types and some in full sheets. In one setting of the 10c Mr. Tows drew attention to No. 38 on the sheet which is without period after the 10.

In the thin paper group of the 5c he pointed out that one setting has a frame line round each group of 4 stamps, and another one is without this frame line.

In regard to the scarce 1rl violet and 2rls blue it was pointed out that the 2 reales was printed first, then the figures "2" in the groups of 4 were removed and "1's" were inserted in order to print the 1 real.

In the 2rls. blue Mr. Tows has a block of 4.

1868—The issue with "HABILITADO" &c., is a wonderful lot with the overprint is a wonderful lot with the overprint in every possible position except on the backs of the stamps.

1864-1879 issues include a large number of essays and also "printer's waste."

1875-1876 and later issues. Mr. Tows drew attention to the fact that all these can be made up in two distinct sets, the one with yellow and the other with white gum.

1877-1879—The provisionals are a grand lot with all varieties and errors. Mr. Tows specially drew attention to the blue surcharges which he has found very rare. The genuine are in bright blue, those usually sold are in a dull color and are forgeries. The originals are very rare.

From 1878 to 1882 most of the stamps come in very clear impressions and in colors markedly different to the reg-

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ular and common issues. Mr. Tows believes that these are Special Printings, probably only one or two sheets of each, that were printed off for some Spanish Royalty and some of which have got into circulation.

In the 1879 he drew attention to the error "COREROS" which comes in a pair side by side in the sheet, and he also showed the rarer error CORR-ZOS which was once catalogued but for some reason has now been dropped out.

1882 issue includes the rare 25c green in a block of four.

The provisionals of 1881-88 are a wonderful part of the collection with many large blocks, and almost all of them double and inverted. Here Mr. Tows drew our attention to uncatalogued varieties which he had found on the 2nd and 3rd re-engraving of the 2 4/8c ultramarine. Among many rarities in this issue I can only note:—

Un real in black on 2c carmine, the only copy known without the hole punched in it.

Un real in green on 8c on 2c carmine, not catalogued by Scott.

8c on 10c bistre in a pair, one surcharge inverted.

In the 1889 Recargo provisionals a rare variety is the error 11 4/8 on 5p for 11 2/8.

There is a fine lot of all varieties issued in 1899 by the Republic, unused, used and on covers.

Of stamps issued under American Dominion, there is a most remarkable lot and one that cannot be duplicated in any collection. They include all printings in blocks, shades and plate numbers in strips of three.

In 1900 issue Mr. Tows showed the special surcharges for the Paris Exhibition, also the Postage Dues.

In 1904, at the time of the St. Louis Exhibition, Mr. J. M. Bartels who had been appointed Special Agent to prepare and arrange the exhibit, asked for some stamps to complete it. A special printing was made and a sheet of 100 each of the 2c (Flag), 6c, \$1, \$2 and \$5 was sent, from which five copies had to be selected for the exhibition and the rest returned to the Bureau.

Of the 6c there is a strip of three, the right hand stamp has a broad diagonal bar across it indicating that the plate had been cancelled for destruction prior to use.

The Special Printing of the \$5 is the only impression ever made from plate 288, the ordinary number being 85. Mr. Tows showed this rare \$5 with the plate number which is unique.

In the 1903 issue he showed two pairs and a block of four of the 10c, one in each with and one without the surcharge and all penstroked. Mr. Tows mentioned that only one vertical row of this error ever existed.

In the 1903-04 set and the Postage Dues there are also Special Printings of the surcharges, only one sheet being printed of each value.

The O. B. stamps are an almost com-

plete series in many sets of different types of the letters. They were shown in pairs with and without O. R. With the O. B. double, also in red and in black on same stamp, handstamped—and with MSS. surcharges.

Mr. Ams moved a most hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Tows for the fine collection he had shown and the interesting description of it that he had given.

PHILATELY IN CLEVELAND.

The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club which formerly held its meetings in the Finance Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio, is now located in its new club room at 324 Caxton Bldg. At the meeting held April 4 the local branch endorsed the Philadelphia ticket with the exception of Directors at Large, and for these two offices the branch names Judge Robert S. Emerson, Providence, R. I., and W. W. MacLaren, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Cleveland Press has established a stamp column in its Saturday paper. At no time in the history of stamp collecting has it been so popular amongst the boys of Cleveland as it is today. Nearly all the schools, branch libraries, branch Y's, etc., have stamp clubs.

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 E. L. Davidson, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Richard Lichtenstein, N. Y. City, N. Y.
 Harry L. Jefferys, Ardmore, Pa.
 J. Weer Chew, Merchantville, N. J.

On Thursday, April 3, we received two applications in the same mail. One was from Harry F. Allen, Norwood, Mass., a long-time subscriber to the WEEKLY, who wants to be assured of the regular receipt of the paper for another five years. A remittance of \$5 was also received from E. L. Davidson of Indianapolis, Ind.

A long-time subscriber to the WEEKLY in the person of Harry L. Jefferys takes his membership in the Honor Club. He became a subscriber in the early nineties and the Managing Editor will vouch for the fact that his collecting proclivities have been steadily promoted by the use of the WEEKLY. He is a member of the Collectors Club of New York and also the Royal Philatelic Society of London.

Alfred F. Lichtenstein sends us a check for \$5 for a five-year membership, the paper to be sent to his nephew, Richard Lichtenstein. The letter is accompanied by this sentiment:—"I am hopeful that some day this young man will develop into an ardent collector and I am sending him the WEEKLY to assist in the making."

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A COMPARATIVE EXPLORATION OF THE THREE CENT GREEN.

By M. H. HOOVER, Lockport, N. Y.

This study is based upon an examination of two separate unpicked finds aggregating 32,000 unusually rich in the older issues of the banknote companies comprising approximately 83% National, 10% Continental, 5% American, 2% re-engraved and about 20% of which had original gum.

This research although founded on a limited field of only 32,000 copies may serve as an interesting check-up on prices estimated by specialists and catalogers on major and minor varieties, blocks, strips, pairs and cancellations. The data offered with reference to the frequency or scarcity in the seven divisions and their sub-divisions as assigned in this work to the immortal 3c green will prove of permanent value. My other collection of 30,000 3c greens lent assistance.

This study of the comparative occurrence of the items assigned to the sub-divisions has been aided by a study of standard works of Wiley, Scott and Stevenson, the fraternal instruction of friends like Perry, Ritchie, Bates, Atwater and Fenster, and inspired by my love for the 3c green, whose acquaintance I formed soon after its birth—as a boy collector in 1872.

The comparative data is limited to 8,600 selected copies called 8,000 for convenience, leaving 24,000 common run copies that are important factors in determining the relative values of the more desirable one-fourth.

We must leave to the students of higher mathematics the solution of the problem of the exact values based on relative frequency after furnishing the "known quantities," resigning to them the pleasure of resolving the x, y and z into the known. Given the average catalog value of the 24,000 common run (2½c) the ratio of occurrence of any sub-division class, e. g., one stitch watermark in 3,200, are we justified in multiplying 3,200 by 2½c, which would make the relative value of the stitch water-

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The economist will remind us of the complex laws of supply and demand and that a limited supply, a scarcity, does not invariably predicate high value, commercially at least. The buyer must be found. Desirability is probably after all the key to the problem of relative values, controlled, however, by the masterkey, the number of people who desire a certain thing. Undoubtedly a stitch watermark or a plate number is a desirable philatelic item, but as yet only a comparatively few collectors desire such items to the extent of a willingness to pay the price that the inexorable law of mathematics applied to relative scarcity would impose.

With this in mind we resign ourselves to modifying the rule of comparative frequency so as to reach figures more nearly approaching the values fixed for rarer items by the dealers and catalogers—a reduction which the average collector will no doubt endorse in a lively recollection of the wide divergence in prices arrogated by a dealer buying and a dealer selling, for the average col-

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Only the part covers are hinged. All copies in the other divisions are inserted in stockbook-like strip pockets, some transparent, so that these unhinged lots arranged by classes as indicated may be readily studied for stitch watermarks, grills, ribbed and other paper varieties, gum varieties, etc.

U. S. NOTABLES AT BRUSSELS.

Without doubt there will be a large attendance of American philatelists at the Brussels Exhibition. Herman Toasperm sails April 26 and will visit the philatelic centers of Great Britain, Holland, Austria and Germany in connection with the Exhibition. Edward Stern of the Economist Stamp Co. sailed April 3 on the "George Washington." Alfred F. Lichtenstein will be the American representative on the jury and is planning to sail May 10.

TEXAS CONVENTION.

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THE PROGRAM

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10.00 a. m.—Meet in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A.

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6.00 p. m.—Leave San Jacinto Battle Grounds and arrive at Houston at 6.30 p. m.

Monday, April 21st, 1924.

10.00 a. m.—Business Meeting, auditorium second floor Y. M. C. A. Bldg.

2.00 p. m.—Auction sale of stamps under the direction of Mr. Fred Green of San Antonio, Texas.

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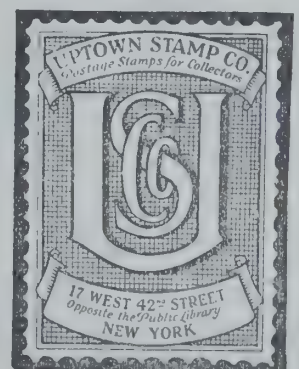
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EDITORIAL.

Through the kindness of Mr. Roscoe L. Wickes, we are shown an original document, "Instructions for Postmasters East of the Mississippi River," signed by John H. Reagan, Postmaster General, and dated at the Post-Office Department, Richmond, March 8th, 1864. We quote: "Sir: Under 'An Act to reduce the Currency, and to authorize a new issue of Notes and Bonds,' approved February 17th, 1864, it becomes necessary that you should be governed by the following instructions: 1st. You will receive Confederate Treasury Notes of all denominations not bearing interest, for postages and postage stamps, at par, up to and including the 31st of March 1864; but you are not obliged to make change for these large notes, and will avoid giving smaller notes in exchange for one hundred dollar notes, and the exchange of five dollar notes for those of larger denominations. 2nd. On and after the first of April, you are not to receive, for postages or postage stamps, one hundred dollar notes. *** 5th. After the 31st of December 1864, you are not to receive, for postages and postage stamps, any Treasury Notes issued prior to the 1st of April 1864, except those below the denomination of five dollars. But you will receive all new notes issued on or after the 1st of April 1864, at par, at any time from that date forward. 6th. All Confederate Treasury Notes, now in circulation, which bear interest, are, by the act above referred to, treated as bonds from the date of the passage of said act, and no longer as currency. You are not to receive them for postages and postage stamps." While the document is more important as a fiscal than a postal pronouncement, it gives an idea that the husbanding of small change was advisable prior to the issue of new notes and bonds.

The reactionaries are still with us and we find an editorial writer in the Chicago Journal who says: "The collection hobbyists include the searchers for rare stamps and coins. It would be difficult to discover any impelling reason for such collections on either educational or artistic grounds. They have slight historic value. Yet they engross the undivided attention of thousands of persons. There are regular exchanges and frequent auctions in such centers as London, New York and Paris. There are publications

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that cater solely to stamp or coin buyers." We know it; we cater to nine thousand stamp collectors. There is more to the editorial which we suspect is based on the recent Associated Press despatch proclaiming that stamp collecting had become a rich man's game. The lack of intimate touch with his subject does not make the preachment of the editor very forcible and it does not inspire one to "sass" him back. Even the title of the editorial is obsolete: "The Freak Collectors."

The *Australian Philatelist* does not see how "American stamp collectors can bother themselves over stamps having no postal value, seeing that they have in the postal issues of the United States, a field for indulging a thirst for the collection of variations that is, perhaps, not equalled in the issues of any other country." The characterless stamps, according to our contemporary, are the proprietary, documentary and other revenue stamps which could not be used for postal purposes. That there should be collectors of U. S. revenues as well as postage is natural enough; and if a collector interests himself in both postage and revenue stamps, it follows that both classes appeal to him. The fact that the postage stamps allow a wide range for cultivation does not make it obligatory or advisable, even, for the collector to limit his attention to them alone. There are collectors to whom the revenue stamps appeal strongly and here and there one is found who prefers them to postage stamps. The classes of revenue stamps that have been issued in this country give a variety of interest to the collecting of the stamps and it never enters the mind of the collector of these issues to have to justify them on what may be called ethical grounds. The paper quoted adds: "The United States of America is a wonderful country for fads and fancies." We are willing to admit as much for the sake of argument but the fact that revenues, general and private proprietary are collected here gives us a touch of normality, we should say.

A "war correspondent" as he calls himself says that now that the heavier guns have been fired in the battle of the "philatelic" stamp and that neither side seems to have scored a decisive victory, it is time to make a report on the operations. He thinks that the subject has been threshed out about as definitely as could be done and that it is unlikely that any decision approaching unanimity may be expected. He says that "commems" will come and go and that, if, taking moral grounds, we want nothing of the kind for a celebration of our own, he asks what position we should take on special issues, such as the one now impending. Our correspondent does not commit himself on the subject and we are just as well pleased that he does not, as, in our opinion, it would avail nothing to complain about an issue of the kind; and we doubt whether a theoretical protest

would be seemly. It is granted that the post-office department does not instigate or encourage so-called commemorative issues but merely carries out the wishes of others in supplying them. The extra issues mean more work for the department that seems to have enough to keep it busy with the regular duties. If the celebration stamps are to be discouraged, it will be necessary to go over the heads of the post-office department to do so; and a means to go about this campaign should be studied well by the "antis" before they seek to accomplish their purpose.

From Mr. F. G. Floyd we have received the following letter: "In the *Philatelic Gazette*, Vol. I, No. 1, p. 9, is a short note 'The Boston Tea Party Stamp,' accompanied by cut describing an early Colonial revenue stamp. The stamp referred to would be more appropriately designated as a 'Stamp Act' issue. There were no stamps connected with the Tea Party. The Stamp Act led up to the Tea Party but the Stamp Act applied to all the American colonial possessions and the stamps were used in all the colonies." Mr. Floyd, whose address is 52 Fraquhar Street, Roslindale, Mass., wishes to get in touch with anyone who is especially interested in these stamps "or knows anything about them." He wants, as well, a bibliography of them. We are sending Mr. Floyd a large reproduction of two of the early tax stamps, one of the 1755 issue that was "accepted" and the other of the 1765 issue that was "refused." The explanatory text reads: "Fac-simile of document used as tax on an American Colonist in 1755, which was accepted; also stamp used during taxation of 1765 which was refused. The refusing of this tax led to the American Revolution. These stamps are very scarce now, as nearly all were destroyed at the time, the 'Boston Teaparty' disposing of a great number." The photograph was taken from originals that were in the possession of Lothrop Lee Brown of Evanston, Illinois. In Sterling's catalogue of U. S. revenue stamps of the United States, fifth edition, 1888, he says that the first British Stamp Act having reference to the colonies was passed March 22nd, 1765, but that so much opposition arose in America against the tax that few stamps were actually used here. In his catalogue, Mr. Sterling priced different varieties at fifty dollars each. The revenue stamped paper issue of 1755 and 1756 imposed the tax on the Province of Massachusetts Bay and the Colony of New York, respectively. The first general act of 1765 "was repealed March 18th, 1766."

CANADA PHILATELIC AGENCY.

By ALBERT E. HAY.

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Had Mr. Kunderd returned the stamp to the Canada Philatelic Agency, notwithstanding his objections, and requested better copies and the Agency not thus obliging him, and assuming they had better copies, he would undoubtedly have had cause for feeling irritated; but to submit to you for publication, and in a paper of such large circulation among stamp collectors as yours, such a criticism does not seem fair nor does it do the Canada Post-Office justice, and certain places the latter in a bad light; especially with those who, not having had dealings with their Agency, will at once be unfavorably impressed.

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Would it not be helpful and good for the fraternity of stamp collectors to look on such matters in a broad way and in this field of endeavor create a feeling and spirit of tolerance toward such happenings.



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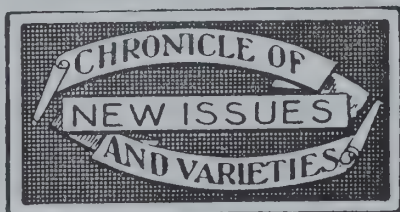
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United States.

Plate Number List to April 3, 1924.

Through the courtesy of the Acting Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we are enabled to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including April 3, 1924. It will be noted that in this list we have several more of the 2c plates of four hundred subjects for the rotary press, and with those previously made, there should be enough on hand to have these go to press very shortly. Possibly the first ones will appear in New York, precanceled for that city. They will no doubt be perforated 10 the same as the similar 1c, but it is expected that they will both in time be perforated 11 for experiments with that idea in view are being carried on at the Bureau in accordance with information previously given in this column.

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Alaskan Air Mail.

In this column for last week I described in detail the experiences of the air mail pilot, who made the initial trip from Fairbanks to McGrath and return. The Information Service of the Post Office Department under date of April 3rd give us a further story regarding this service. I quote verbatim:—

"The Moose Ptarmigan" is the sobriquet given by Alaskan Indians to "Benny" Eielson, intrepid air mail pilot who gave them their first glimpse of a "man bird" and who afterwards lost his course in the night and wandered around for more than an hour before he located his home field, according to information reaching the Post Office Department today. The Yukon Indians want him for a member of their tribe with rank of "Chief."

When official announcement was made in McGrath a month before Eielson's flight that a bird-man would arrive, bringing the mail by air instead of dog team, the Indians of the district were skeptical to say the least. They came into McGrath by the score and, pitching their camps settled down to await developments. By days they watched the skies for the mysterious bird-man which the white men had said would come from the East. By night they held their pow-wows. Their disbelief increased steadily.

After a week of watchful waiting the Indians began preparations to return to their homes. Then Eielson came with a rush and a roar from the mountain peaks on the East, circled the town, and, to the awe of the red men alighted safely on the frozen river. Once more the white man had made good. The Indians crowded around the plane and were among the first to greet the pilot.

The white man no less than the Indians has honored the air mail pilot. Upon arrival after dark in Fairbanks from his first flight, Eielson was presented a gold watch by the business men and recently was made an honorary member of the Fairbanks Igloo of Pioneers. The last to be so named was the late President, "Warren G. Harding."

\$1.00 "Stock Transfer" Printed on Back.

In the *Philatelic Gossip* for March 29th, Mr. J. W. Andrews describes in his column a \$1.00 "Stock Transfer" Scott's No. 4257a, wherein the surcharge is on the back of the stamp instead of on the front. The variety was located by a Kansas City, Mo., collector.

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Mr. H. S. Dickey submits for my inspection a cover used by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in sending out their bills on February 29th, when the envelope first received an impression of the 1c metered mail permit and I was overprinted in red by means of a 2c permit. We should have thought they would have simply added an extra 1c stamp, for as it is, the letters them 3c each for they pay for every impression of the machine—the machine previously having been set by the Office Department for the exact number of impressions that were paid. Such a variety while odd could, of course, readily be made by any firm using more than one denomination. I received the mail not so long ago a copy of a 2c Harding stamp with the 2c metered mail impression over it. It so that someone sent a stamped envelope an insurance company in Milwaukee a reply and they ran this envelope through their machine along with other letters of the day, thus giving a black stamp a very attractive red cancellation.

CHINA.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us copies of the following re-engraved stamps: Junk type; 1/2c, 2c, 5c, Reaper design; 30c and 50c.

HIND.—The following new items have been reported by Mr. R. Roberts: sepia, 1a sepia "Service," 1 1/2as (plural).

ITALY.—A series of charity stamps in preparation in the following denominations and subjects:—

5c green, Crown and Shield of Italy
10c garnet, Crown and Shield of Italy
25c red-violet, Romulus, Remus and Wolf.

30c red-brown Romulus, Remus and Wolf.

50c magenta (? subject).

1 lira turquoise, Crowned female head
3 lire madder, Crowned female head
5 lire brown, Crowned female head

Each stamp has the inscriptions "PIRELLA GÖTTSCHE LOWE" (at top), "ASSOC. NAZ. MULT. INV. GUERRA: ROME" at foot, and "ANNO 1924" towards the centre.

As the lower inscription intimates these stamps are to be sold in aid of disabled soldiers. We shall have much to say on the subject.—*Stamp Collector*

LATVIA.—Mr. Karl Koslowski advises that a new value has been added to the present series 50s dull violet in the

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of Scott's A12. Mr. Koslowski
adds that he is informed that a new
series of two stamps has been proposed
for the benefit of the Boy Scouts. The
values will be a 4 and 10s, but each stamp
to cost 10s over the postal value as 14
and 20s. 50,000 series are to be issued
and were to be placed on sale March 1st

BAHA.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown
the 1a sepia of India with the usual
charge for use in this state.

NAURU.—We have received from Mr.
Meister the set of new stamps from
1 to 1sh inclusive. They are all of
the same design as noted in our last issue
and the colors are as follows: 1/2d
brown, 1d green, 1 1/2d red, 2d orange,
3d dark green, 3d ultramarine, 4d
red, 5d bistre brown, 6d purple, 9d olive
green and 1sh red.

RUSSIA.—The 1 rouble (new curren-
cy, forecast in our issue for Feb. 9th,
now on issue. It is in the small Sol-
dier's Head type, imperf. 1 rouble red
buff.

The gauge of the perforated 3 and 10
c. values mentioned a fortnight ago is
2.

The well known Sword and Chain
(Crensky régime) stamps of 1917 have
been surcharged for use as provisional
stage Dues, as follows:—1 kop on 35
c, 3 kop on 35 kop, 5 kop on 35 kop,
12 kop on 70 kop, 32 kop on 70 kop,
and 40 kop on 35 kop.

—Stamp Collecting.

T. VINCENT.—We have received from
R. Roberts the 5d sage green, King
George type, and the 2sh and 5sh Pax
Justitia design all on script water-
marked paper. The colors on the two
1a values are a trifle brighter than
on the previously issued.

RUSH FOR OLYMPIC STAMPS.

(Clipping from Wm. Shafer.)
PARIS, April 1.—Such demand devel-
oped for the special Olympic stamps,
issued in circulation by the postal author-
ities today, that the Paris sub-post
offices ran short and sent hurry calls to
the main post-office for additional lots.
The stamps were of 10 and 25 centimes
denominations, the others not yet being
issued. The smaller stamp represents
Olympic athlete taking the oath as
amateur, and is regarded by philatel-
ists as a work of art.—Traveler.

NOTICE

We regret to announce that due to unpre-
cedented demand, the 1924 edition of

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find copies still on sale at various retail
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The 28th annual convention of the
Texas Philatelic Society is to be held in
Houston, Texas, on April 21st, 1924; and
the Winnipeg Philatelic Society an-
nounces a second annual convention and
Canadian stamp exhibition at Winnipeg,
as will be seen by notices elsewhere.

—The Treasury Department, Bureau
of Engraving and Printing, Washington,
is advertising for sealed proposals to
furnish the Bureau with "postage stamp
paper and internal revenue paper" and
among the other items enumerated, "post-
age stamp and internal revenue paper
trimmings" during the fiscal year, begin-
ning July 1, 1924.

—The first number of the *Stamp Col-
lector's Magazine*, "with which is incor-
porated the *Boy's Own Stamp Collector*"
comes with a special cover, depicting
"The Find." The reading contents cover
a good range and all in all the paper will
make a name for itself.

—Mr. O. A. Schenck, president of the
Market Exchange Bank of Columbus,
Ohio, was a recent visitor to Chicago,
where he gave local collectors an in-
sight into the many attractions of the
issues of Mexico. Mr. Schenck gives
particular attention to the stamps of
Mexico and his collection of them is one
of the most comprehensive imaginable.

—Mr. C. S. Watson has returned
from his latest trip abroad and he says
that in Europe the tendency is to hold
the better things at home with the con-
sequence of strengthening prices in the
market.

—T. H. Ames, Montclair, N. J., would
like to obtain the address of one Hans
Deering.

—In a recent issue we referred to the
use of the WEEKLY as a reference by
Mrs. Ruth W. Stewart of the Service
Stamp Co., Boston, and indicated that
our name was used without permission.
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Mrs. Stewart was entirely innocent of
any subterfuge. Patrons of the WEEKLY

should bear in mind that the name of
our publication or any individual mem-
ber must not be used as a reference un-
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—From Maxwell Krause, Lebanon,
Pa., has been received a superb price-list
of 20th Century British Colonials. It
is hard to conceive of a better lot or
variety being offered anywhere in the
country. A copy will be sent upon ap-
plication. Mr. Krause resumes his ad-
vertising this week under a 3000 line
contract with right of re-rating on a 4000
or 5000 line basis if desired.

—Ralph H. Martin, 64, Route 2, San
Jose, Cal., is desirous of organizing a
stamp club in San Jose and vicinity.
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cate with him?

—Bargain Bulletin No. 5 has just been
received from J. C. Matthews, Olympia,
Wash. In it is an exceptional line of
complete sets and a copy of the Bulletin
will be sent upon application.

—Harold K. Frederick in a keenly sar-
castic letter to the WEEKLY ridicules the
idea of the proposed philatelic commem-
orative stamp. He suggests that Uncle
Sam offer some prizes for designs, in-
cluding the franking privilege as first
prize. He thinks that a full set of stamps
of irregular shape and odd values might
give added interest to the proposed com-
memorative feature.

—In an ad in the "lost and found"
column of a Chicago newspaper mention
is made of the loss of a stamp collection
at one of the stations on the Illinois
Central suburban service.

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from readers expressing their pleasure
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New Issue Offers, Special Bargain Offers, Collection by Countries
Scarce Stamps (6 pages), Pictorial French Colonials, Recent Issues Gen-
eral Foreign, Mexico, Hayti, Approval Dept., Philatelic Supplies,
Articles on "20th Stamps as an investment", "Dealers and Condi-
tions", etc.

The April number will not be issued until the latter part of the month, owing
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3sh, No. 80	10	
10sh, No. 81	200	
12, No. 82	150	
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3d, No. 105	10	
4d, No. 106	10	
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present. The following officers were
elected:—J. L. O'Bannon president, H.
M. Richardson vice-president, and C.
B. Neumann secretary. Meetings will
be held every Saturday evening in the
directors room of the Chamber of Com-
merce. Dallas has some forty active
stamp collectors, not to mention the
scores who are in a measure interested
in the hobby. There are two active deal-
ers and two others who are carrying on
a fairly good approval business. Quite
recently the Magnolia Stamp Co. has
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OUR SUBSCRIPTION RECORD.

The month of March was most successful in its subscription results. In fact, it was the most successful month we have ever known. There are certain features that we feel compelled to call attention to. The Pikes Peak Stamp Co. sent in no fewer than 110 subscriptions, a notable achievement, while the Fennell Stamp Co., and the Mystic Stamp Co., each send in 92. The Mystic Stamp Co. is a newcomer in our contest but gives every indication of taking a place right away in the ranks of the leaders. It is impossible for us to mention the good work done by our many friends. In looking at the totals one is struck with the closeness of the three leading competitors, the Pikes Peak Co. with 349, the Fennell Co. with 338 and W. J. Zink with 330. These three firms are in a class by themselves and there is bound to be a pretty contest as the months progress. We make a special listing of the firms who have sent in ten or more during the month and the list follows:—

PIKES PEAK STAMP CO. 110
FENNEL STAMP CO. 92
MYSTIC STAMP CO. 92
W. J. ZINK 92
HAWKEYE STAMP CO. 62
L. B. DOVER 34
KANSAS CITY STAMP CO. 32
COVERT STAMP CO. 26
PAUL F. CORNISH 25
D. B. NAGLE CO. 23
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ATLANTA STAMP CO. 14
C. LEE TUBBS 13
PIONEER STAMP CO. 12
EUGENE KLEIN 12
BYMOR STAMP CO. 10
MIDWEST STAMP CO. 10

The detailed standing of all the contestants for six months is as follows:—

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H. C. Buchholz, Norwood, O. 18
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Vahan Mozian, N. Y. City 16
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25th November—Lord's Day—Riding to Los Angeles, and to the Clark Inn, which we do much love and where we do ever lie our heads when we do come to the City of Angels. In the eve do entertain at dinner, Masters Ruedy and Porter, two of our agents that we do have here and do discuss philatelic matters with them, and to the Playhouse where we do see "To the Ladies," most laughable and comick, and Master Theodore Roberts, the droll mummer, very good and fine to watch. So back to our Inn and with a prayer and many thoughts of the morrow, we to put out the taper and to sleep.

26th November—Up betimes and do take a Taxi Coach for Master Passmore's home, and as luck do fall out, the coachman do drive us hither and yon, seeking the place we go, he, poor dolt, not knowing the town sufficient well to find what we do seek. The charges do mount up and finally, he do find it, and we out much time and 9 shillings, for what should have been but a brief journey. My wife and I much wroth and do vow, with high words that we will report upon him, but after we do see that he would but lose his situation and it would profit us naught, and when our choler do abate, we do dismiss him and part with our 9 shillings with what good grace we might. We do find Master Passmore at home alone, and he a most excellent pleasant man, and it do pleasure my wife and me to sit a while talking and looking over his wares, and most excellent were they, like unto the man himself, all orderly and pleasant faced. We do buy some from him and do get up and do tell him we go to Master Thompson's and naught must do but he forthwith do call up his Studebaker coach, and insist with much kindness that he carry us hither, which he do and leaves us at Master Thompson's, bidding us bide with him, when next we come to town. All our morning made brighter by our meeting of this most excellent gentleman. Master Charles Sidney Thomason do greet us with a merry quip and as is his wont, do make jest after jest in quick time, so fast following one jest upon another's heels that we had much to-do to keep our laughter from running on apace sans intermission. Sir Charles do in his cryings of his wares, make use of the

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Thanksgiving Day—Up betimes and with my wife to Mexico, where we do while away many pleasant hours and so home to dine at seven of the clock at My Lady Mother's and comes to dine Sir Aubrey Davidson, a great man of San Diego, who hath been President when they do hold their fair in 1915 and is most to be held accountable for its success. He do be President of the mighty Southern Trust and Commerce Bank and do build this fine institution by his early efforts when the town was naught and it do stand a monument to his courage and industrie. He very pleasant and always from my first glimpse of him, some two or three years ago, I do like him marvellous and my wife, who is wise and of keen judgment in people, do like him also, so I do know my judgment good, when it do run along with hers. My Lady Mother's house guests, Doctor Benjamin Ide Wheeler and Mistress Amy, his charming wife do make up the Company. Dr. Wheeler has but lately lost his home and effects in the fire that do raze Berkeley Town, where he did live after retiring from many years at the head of our beautiful University of California. He a most learned and worthy scholar, and known throught the Kingdom as a foremost educator. And so to table, where

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OLYMPIA STAMP CLUB EXHIBIT.

The city of Olympia, Wash., has a thriving stamp club and April 22 and 23 a public exhibition will be held in that city. It is expected that a large attendance will be in evidence. J. M. Hitt, librarian of the Washington State Library and A. P. S. 5728, is greatly interested in the project and we hope to be able to advise our readers of the outcome of the enterprise of this club.

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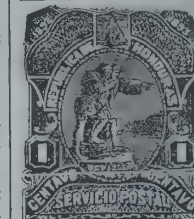
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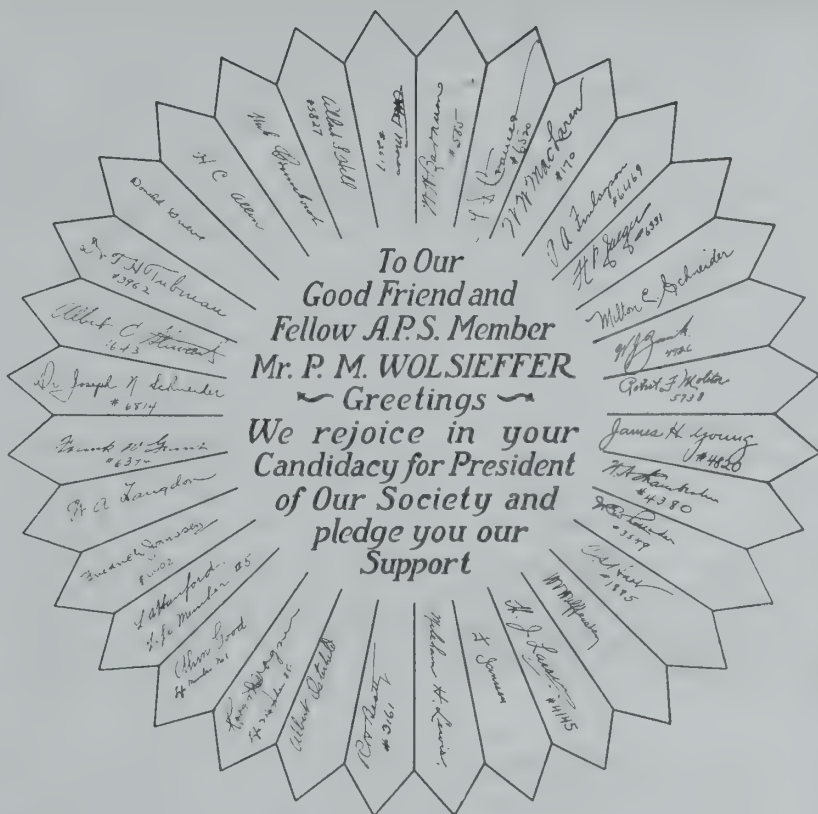
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THE FUTURE OF PHILATELY FROM THE VIEW POINT OF THE COLLECTOR AND DEALER.

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

(Continued from page 207)

TWENTIETH CENTURY GENERAL COLLECTORS.

Owing to the vast increase in "new issues" in the past ten to fifteen years, a new class of collector is coming to the fore which we oldsters in the trade never had to consider.

The death of Queen Victoria caused the issue of scores of sets of new stamps with the head of Edward VII and his death caused the issue of another big batch of British Colonials when George V came to the throne. Then we had an enormous number of new stamps from all the Colonial Possessions of France, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Germany, etc., but it remained for the Great War and its after results to cause the greatest creation of new varieties that philately has had since it started.

We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that these twentieth century stamps are being very largely collected and there is very much to be said in their favor.

They are mostly very cheap and easily obtained. They therefore appeal to the collector who likes to fill up his spaces rapidly, but there is much more than this in their favor.

Take the great group of stamps which we call "War Issues" and which became so important that Stanley Gibbons Ltd. had to issue a special catalogue that ran through some dozen editions, and many other firms did the same, notably Champion and Field.

Then after the war we have had an enormous crop of what we call "post-war issues," caused by the remaking and regrouping of a great portion of Europe.

A great rush was made for these groups of stamps in 1915 up to about 1919, and then hundreds of collectors began to get disgusted with many of the issues owing to the continued fall in prices. I saw a lot of this during my last two years as Manager of Stanley Gibbons Ltd. Dealers would sell large quantities of stamps to collectors, and a few months later when the collector wanted to realize he found he could not get more than a small fraction of what he had paid.

For instance, take the numerous issues of South Russia. In January, we might buy a batch when the rouble cost 12 cents each, and sell them at a reasonable percentage above that. A few months later Mr. Collector comes along to sell, but the rouble is then down to one-tenth of a cent and he could only get a fraction of what he paid.

The result very often was that the collector put the blame on the dealer, who had nothing at all to do with the matter. You foolish ones who speculated in German marks or Russian roubles might just as well blame your

broker or banker who sold them to you, at your own request and on your judgment, you being the gambler who thought you were going to make a killing.

The old Latin tag "Caveat emptor" is all very well, but "let the purchaser beware" is not the ethics of Fair Trade.

We who are dealers in stamps must, to some extent, try and guide and direct our clients to buy what is likely to be to their advantage in the future. In this respect I think the position taken by my friend, Mr. Hugh Clark of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., is an eminently just one. He says, in effect, to any of his clients who ask his advice about collecting twentieth century stamps: "There are two points of view for you to consider, the one if you are collecting for amusement or to teach you something of modern history, and the other if you only consider value or investment. If you love collecting anything as a hobby, be it picture post-cards or stamps, the matter of value is not the object but the pleasure and interest you get out of making a collection, but if you collect with a view or thought of value, then I say do not buy twentieth century stamps, stick to old timers which have been tested for years and proved sound, but many of these new things have not been proved, and are produced in enormous quantities." Mr. Clark finally said that he advised buyers of modern issues to look on their collection as having fun and amusement but not to look upon them as an investment.

Now these "war-issues" and "post-war issues" are, I think, going to prove of the greatest historical interest in the future. In fact, hardly an other group of stamps, with the exception of the issues of the Confederate States, can possibly compare with the issues I have referred to.

Every boy should collect these, and the older boys and young men would learn a vast amount of modern history and geography if they took the trouble to read up and study the reasons that caused these numerous issues to appear. From just such stamps we should learn the break-up of the German Colonial Empire, the seizure of their colonies by Great Britain, France and Japan, the vast alterations in Russia, Poland, and Central and Southeast Europe, and so on. Some of these temporary issues will turn out to be rarities, as in many cases the issues were very limited. I am convinced that the worst is over in Europe. Austria has already been put in a fair way to recovery, Italy is pulling herself together, France is at last recognizing that taxation is necessary, and another year or two must see things in Europe approaching normality, and this will all be to the advantage of the col-

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of the British Empire since 1901. The
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stamps since 1840 until her death in
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period? Certainly not, one has only got
to study the catalogues of the past ten
years and note how the rare varieties
have gone higher and higher in price
year by year.

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1c, 2c and 4c, center inverted, might be
bought for about \$250. Today a set is
worth close to \$1,000, and this increase
in value applies to many other scarce
varieties.

During the war there was a shortage
of many German dyes and this resulted
in the production of a most extraordinary
range of shades, some of which will be
found to be great rarities in the near
future.

(To be continued.)

BOOK REVIEW.

The "Pro Juventute" of Switzerland
have been written up by Fred J. Melville.
The booklet is No. 10 in the Philatelic
Institute papers and the price is 14c post-
paid. All nine issues of these interest-
ing childrens' stamps are written up and
illustrated in an attractive manner.

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catalog of stamps issued by British ex-
enemy countries from the outbreak of
the war to the present day. The cata-
log before us is priced at 30c and is a
book of 68 pages. Especial attention is
called to the fine list of Turkish war
stamps, including the Angora Provis-
ionals. The book is freely illustrated.

A MORGENTHAU AUCTION.

(N. Y. "Times" clipping from G. W. Gunner.)

Evidences of an increasing interest in
the early German stamps, especially those
used by the various States and free cities
prior to the formation of the German
Confederation, were seen last week at
the sale of the collection of the late Dr.
Alfred Schirmer of Chicago.

The stamps were sold by J. C. Mor-
genthau & Co. at the Collectors Club,
120 West Forty-ninth Street, Walter
S. Scott being the auctioneer. The
highest price paid for a single stamp was
\$73, for the first adhesive stamp issued
by Saxony, a 3 pfennig, red, 1850. It
was an excellent lightly-cancelled copy.

The stamp is one of the most valuable
of the early German issues and is valued
by the Scott standard catalogue at \$350,
an advance of \$50 having been made
within the last year. In view of the
marked difference between the pub-
lic sale price and that of the catalogue,
it would seem as though it were over-
priced although such striking differ-
ences frequently appear in the auction
room.

On the other hand, many of the less
valuable stamps, when on original en-
velopes or in good pairs and strips,
brought prices higher than the cata-
logue rate, indicating the increasing de-
mand for old stamps on envelopes. A
1/2 groschen of Hanover, 1859, on the
cover, sold for \$12.75; a strip of three
of the 1-30 denomination, 1856, went for
\$8.25, and a 1-30, of 1851, on the cover,
sold for \$4.35, all exceeding the cata-
logue value for individual copies. A
Hanover 10 groschen, 1859, with a 3
groschen stamp, on the envelope, brought
\$20.50, and a 1/2 groschen, on cover, 1864,
sold for \$18.

A strip of three of the 4 pfennig, Prus-
sia, 1850, sold for \$13. Fair prices were
obtained for some of the Oldenburgs, a
fine cancelled copy of the 1/2 groschen,
red brown, 1861, going for \$27.50, while
\$22 was paid for the same value in the
brown shade. A 1-15, of 1852, on the
envelope, sold for \$13.75, considerably
above the standard value for the single
stamp. A fine pair of the 2 1/2 Lubeck,
brown error, 1859, with a 2 schilling, sold
for \$22.50 and six German Samoa stamps
on four envelopes, used in Samoa, sold
for \$10.75.

Among the forthcoming sales which
will attract the interest of philatelists
from the excellent variety of early
United States issues which they contain,
as well as choice foreign stamps, will
be one by George B. Sloane at 116 Nas-
sau Street on April 25 and 26, followed
by a large sale by the Scott Stamp and
Coin Company, on April 28 and 29, at
the Collectors Club.

W. J. Gascoyne of Baltimore will be
the guest of the Collectors Club next
Wednesday night, when he will show a
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tion, containing many rarities of the
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ether, the rest was made easier as on
 ch one there was a slight difference
 that it was possible to determine the
 position of a stamp in the pane from
 the individual peculiarities of the in-
 dividual cancellation.

While I am writing at such length, I
 might add that I do like the section you
 publish occasionally on Early Low
 values Specialized. The matter is very
 interesting to the average collector of
 moderate means who can not afford to
 attempt plating the early stamps, like
 re 1847, 5c and 10c. I read them with
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The reference to the "Graceland Philatelic Club" at Chicago in our news columns recently has caused a number of inquiries to be made relative to the club and its officers. The organization does not seem to be known to the "down-town" stamp folks and pending further investigation, it is advisable for persons interested to exercise vigilance, especially as one of the references given by an officer says that he is not acquainted with him.

—A dealer sent an approval selection and marked over a King George stamp, "Cheap, George." The young man who got the book happened to have the name of George and thought that the dealer had addressed the remark to him, in a burst of hail fellowship.

—A subscriber writes: "You may be interested in hearing that a stamp collection that I made during periods of activity that began in 1910 has given me a profit of nearly fifty per cent. While I had some early U. S., the later issues in blocks that I bought at the post-office at face were the items that showed the best average profit." We may add that the stamps were bought by a dealer.

—We learn from *Stamp Collecting* that through the instrumentality of Messrs. Frank Godden, Ltd., London, there will be an exhibit of sets of the current colonials at the British Empire Exhibition which is to open this month, and which has been so well advertised in the cancellations on many of the British colonial stamps for some time past.

—What is thirty years in philatelic life! Mr. P. Jacob Gauff, Cheyenne, Wyoming, writes as follows: "I think that you will remember the writer as we met in Denver at the convention of the P. S. of A. in 1895. The other night when looking over some old stamps, I found a horizontal pair of the 1870-73 issue, 10c brown, Jefferson, the left-hand stamp being a National (without the secret mark) and the right hand one a Continental, with the secret mark. I have never seen such a 'freak' before in my collecting career of nearly fifty years. The pair is well-centered and the cancellation very good." Mr. Gauff has an interesting pair such as comes to the surface only occasionally and while we have seen several pairs of the kind, one of which was unused, he has something to talk about. Who can match his possession?

—From the buying ads that are appearing in the European stamp papers, it is evident that the "philatelic rehabilitation of Europe" is well on its way.

—Mr. Walter W. Anderson of Princeton, Ill., was a recent visitor to Chicago in the interests of his firm.

—The eminent Italian student, Dr. Emilio Diena, has an article in Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal* for April, wherein he describes three varieties of the 10 c. de p. October 1st, 1874 of Spain which briefly may be mentioned as: variety I, figures of "10" thin and well apart; II, figures thin, less spaced and a

little taller and III, figures thick, with the zero more circular.

—The following notice is taken from the *Postal Bulletin*: "Air Mail Service Between Barranquilla and Interior Points of Colombia, South America" WASHINGTON, April 8, 1924.

Information has been received by this department that the American Trading Co., 25 Broad Street, New York City, has been designated agent for air mail stamps to be used on articles forwarded via the air mail route between Barranquilla and interior points of Colombia, instead of Mr. Gonzalo Mejia, 82 Broad Street, New York City, as mentioned in notice of this office, dated December 27 last, and published on page 14 of the January, 1924, Postal Guide.

PAUL HENDERSON,
 Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

—John G. Jewett who recently offered to present obsolete copies of Scott's catalog to any shut-ins really feels that with his offer he should have given a definition of the term used, as he has received at least one hundred requests and only two mention the fact that they are in such circumstances as to warrant a gift of the catalog. Mr. Jewett suggests that the phraseology of his offer did not include "anybody."

—At the annual election of the Philadelphia Stamp Club held April 15, W. H. Emmert was elected president, P. M. Wolsieffer vice-president, J. W. Chew secretary, A. F. Henkels treasurer, James Whiteside auction manager and Geo. C. McNabb librarian.

—The Marks Stamp Co. informs us of an error in their April 7 advertisement. The firm advertised Siam Nos. 152-156 inclusive as "ticals" rather than "bahts."

—We are indebted to Louis P. MacCubbin for a newspaper clipping picturing the new French Olympic games stamps. We shall try and reproduce the same in the WEEKLY.

—The Boston *Post* recently published a nice little boost for stamp collecting in picturing and describing the activities of two Medford, Mass., boys, by the name of Titus. There is no doubt but the father of the two boys is himself a collector, judging from the descriptive matter which accompanies the cut. The boys are shown busily engaged with their stamp albums.

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EDITORIAL.

The radio is becoming the hand-maiden
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swinging around the circle, broadcasting
his stamp talk from Chicago, Cincinnati,
Buffalo and other cities before filling
dates in his home town, New York.
His philatelic sermons are ten minutes in
length, as a rule, and are given in a pop-
ular style that attracts favorable attention
to stamp collecting. The albums that
are given away to those who write in for
them, accepting the invitation made by
Mr. Power, are intended to fix the minds
of recipients on collecting. Well over
ten thousand albums have been distrib-
uted and the end of the procession is
not yet in sight.

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A statement has been made by Stanley
Gibbons, Ltd., London, in order to cor-
rect misapprehensions that may exist
about the marketing of the Rhodesian
remainders, which became available for
sale through the passing of the adminis-
tration of Southern Rhodesia into the
Government of Southern Rhodesia. The
total stock of these stamps is said to be
2,700,000, mostly low values, among
which there were no stamps of the cur-
rent King's head type. It is told that
the issuing company had determined to
sell the remainders either before or after
demonetization; and recognizing the in-
tention of the British South Africa Com-
pany, Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., bought the
lot after the company had applied a
legitimate cancellation to them. Stanley
Gibbons, Ltd., at once resold the stamps
and feels that its action in buying was
a protective one and "that nothing has
been done which is likely to have any
derogatory effect on either the philatelic
or market status of the stamps of an ex-
tremely interesting and popular country."
The vendors were advised by Stanley
Gibbons, Ltd., to burn the stock of re-
mainders but needless to say the sug-
gestion was unheeded. It now appears
that demonetization of the existing un-
used stamps is not now necessary.

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In "Failure," the great Italian writer,
Giovanni Papini, in speaking of his
early poverty, told of different ways in
which he tried to raise the wind in
order to buy books and writing paper,
etc. He says: "I collected wrapping
paper and sold it. I gathered peach
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stamps. But all this was hard work and
the recompense small." We are sur-
prised that the illustrious Papini, whose
espousal of nationalism was so intense
did not see that he could well apply the
idea of collecting Italian issues to him-
self.

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That the regulations attending the
importation of stamps are not wholly
satisfactory is known to some whose
experience allows them to speak by the
book. The confusion that sometimes
arises in the minds of the customs
officers has its reflection in the conditions
imposed on the philatelic importer.
There does not seem to be a unanimity
of opinion among the tax leviers as to
the character of stamps in a commercial
sense and occasionally the rulings are
so drastic that they work a hardship on
the dealer. The administrative heads of
department should specify what course
should be taken in the treatment of
stamps brought in from abroad, with
special attention to the question of re-
importation of U. S. stamps on which
there is a duty charge, while other stamps
are supposed to be untaxed. Mr. Hand-
shaw of New York cites a case: Two
collections of old U. S. came from the
other side, one addressed to Mr. William
Handshaw and the second to his father;
and as they were somewhat bulky, Wil-
liam Handshaw was obliged to open
them in the customs department of the
post-office. "I opened one addressed to
my father . . . and when they
found out that the value was more than
\$100, they advised me that a customs
entry would have to be made. When
they got the packages in the customs
house somebody discovered that there
was a duty of 25% on cancelled U. S.
stamps but that the uncanceled were
duty free. Because of the fact that
one parcel remained unopened, they
wanted to penalize me or fine me 2%.
I think it was for not opening the other
package addressed to myself." Evidently,
Mr. Handshaw was a football of circum-
stance as in the post-office, they told him
that it was not necessary to open the
package addressed to himself. He con-
tinues: "At any rate, I have not been
able to get the packages and cannot
afford to pay an extra 25% on them,
as the stamps do not justify the payment
of the excess. A friend of mine very

kindly wrote Senator Ackerman who
answered saying that this was one rul-
ing that still stood. I believe that
everything else in the line of stamps,
foreign used or unused, U. S. entire en-
velopes and unused U. S. are duty free.
Why can't we get together and get this
ruling changed?" The American Stamp
Dealers' Association has taken up the
same question with the Treasury Depart-
ment and while it has secured no abate-
ment of the department's rule, the chances
are that the dealers' organization, in ques-
tion, will continue its efforts to have the
objectionable tax removed, as we under-
stand that it was regarded as a war
measure, to some extent. Here is a
case where a dealers' association is of
value as it is better able than the indi-
vidual to handle a petition for relief.

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We are told that there is a new regu-
lation in force in the customs department
of the post-office and that patrons at
Chicago are informed that packages from
foreign countries must be marked, "May
be opened by Customs Officers before
delivery to addressee." If packages are
not marked as required, they will be
returned to the country of origin even
though the addressee is willing to pay
the charge on any dutiable matter in
them. In this way, the work of the
customs department is facilitated and
when knowledge of the ruling becomes
general, it will be found to be of ad-
vantage.

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The American Stamp Dealers' As-
sociation has a scalp hanging from its
belt that gives it reason to boast. We
happen to know the secretary of the
American Stamp Dealers' Association
had his suspicions aroused at the first
wave of the inundation of the Para-
guayan forgeries by the "one man gang,"
Collins-Hiordan-Mego, not to mention
other aliases, and worked up the evidence
with some assistance from members that
justified the arrest of the culprit in
Buenos Aires. The job of gathering
details of incrimination and making out
the case was no child's play but Mr.
Slusser, once sure of his ground, built
up his case; and the international crook
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instituted by the A. S. D. A., and mem-
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The Huguenots in the 16th century were French Protestants who were persecuted by the French government in the belief that their failure to adhere to the Established Church made them undesirable subjects.

The Walloons were Frenchmen from north France under the same ban but in their case they had left their native country at various periods previously, and had settled in Holland.

The first settlement of either type of colonist in North America was by the Huguenots in 1562 at a point on the St. Johns River in Florida, which after some changes eventually took on the name of Mayport. It never developed beyond a small village community.

The next was at Port Royal, Canada,

in 1604, again by Huguenots, which failed.

The first Walloon settlement was in conjunction with the Dutch in their initial founding of New Amsterdam, now New York City. Thirty families left Holland, 18 of them Walloons, in March, 1624, in the good ship New Netherlands. They are reported to have landed at what is now New York City on May 1, 1624. The leader of the Walloon Contingent was Jesse de Forest. It is this landing which is to be celebrated on May 1 of this year by the issue of one, two and five cent Huguenot-Walloon Commemorative stamps.

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5 6p red violet & black	1.50	19 1sh black & gray green	4.00
6 1sh black & gray green	4.00	20 1902-04 ½p yel. grn. & black	.50
7 1902-04 ½p yel. grn. & black	.50	21 1p carm. rose & blk.	.35
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9 1p carmine & black	.30	23 2p or'ge brn. & blk.	.75
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12 6p red vio. & dull vio.	1.25	26 1sh green	1.50
13 1sh green	1.50	27 5sh scar. & grn., yel. 5.00	3.75
14 5sh scar. & grn., yel. 5.00	3.75	28 1912-13 4p scar. & blk., yel. 1.00	.75
15 4p scar. & blk., yel. 1.00	.75	29 6p red vio. & dull vio.	.60
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*319	2c Pair of 6, plate 366250
*330	5c blue12
*331	1c (03); Block15
*332	2c (04); Block 420
*332	2c Booklet pair08
*332	3c (12); Block 460
*337	8c olive green35
*343	1c (Pair 12); Block 430
*343	1c (Pair 10); Block 420
*343	1c auto vend. perf. pair20
*343	1c pair of same used10
*344	2c pair15
*344	2c auto vend. perf. pair50
*344	2c pair of same used35
*345	3c pair used or unused35
*346	4c pair used or unused40
*347	5c pair used or unused50
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344	1908-2c carmine	.20	.40
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371	1909-2c Alaska-Yukon	.16	.32
373	1909-2c Hudson-Fulton	.16	.32
383	1910-1c green	.10	.20
384	1910-2c carmine	.20	.40
408	1912-1c green	.16	.32
409	1912-2c carmine	.14	.28
481	1916-1c green	.05	.10
482	1916-2c carmine	.08	.16
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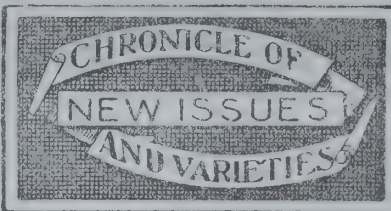
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United States.

Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary Series.—I am officially informed that the Huguenot-Walloon tercentenary series will be ready for delivery on May 1st as announced in my Chronicle, and we are advised that the series, which will be similar in size to the former parcel post stamps, will be very handsome, and will rank among the finest stamps ever turned out by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The three denominations, that is, the 1c, 2c and 5c, will be placed on sale simultaneously at eleven offices on May 1st, and other offices generally will not begin to receive their supplies until May 15th. Ten of the eleven offices where they will be on sale at first are cities or towns designated by the Huguenot-Walloon Commission as special centers connected with the settlement or associated with the celebration of the events that the stamps commemorate. On the same day the Daughters of the American Revolution will dedicate the marker illustrated on the 5c stamp, which is located at Mayport, Florida, the landing place of the early settlers. In other words, a sort of Plymouth Rock without the rock. The places where the stamps are available on the first day are, Jacksonville, Florida, Mayport, Fla., Albany, N. Y., New Rochelle, N. Y., New York, N. Y., Philadelphia, Pa., Lancaster, Pa., Allentown, Pa., Reading, Pa., Charlestown, S. C., and at the Philatelic Agency at Washington, D. C.

The supply of the above will not be very large and it is quite likely that many of the post-offices will not even receive a supply. There will, however, be ample for the stamp collecting fraternity, so there need be no special rush to obtain them.

Sheet Stamps from the Rotary Press.—For a number of months the Bureau has been turning out the 1c stamp, first in the former series and now in the current design in sheets of one hundred from the rotary press. These have been on an unwatermarked paper, and have been perforated 10. Your attention was called in a recent Chronicle to the fact that plates were being made for a similar 2c stamp. The Department has now placed an order with the Bureau for three hundred million of the rotary 1c and 2c stamps, so that we may shortly expect the 2c rotary print perforated 10.

These will possibly come with a perforation 11 later on, but the cost for making the change in the perforating wheels is greater than the department at present cares to pay, so that the change will most likely come when the old wheels begin to wear out. There is no doubt but what this denomination will soon be precancelled at the Bureau, and we may look for the 5c as next in line to be produced by this method.

Precancelled Stamps not for General Distribution.—Since the issuing of the Harding stamp in precancelled condition, collectors generally have been writing offices throughout the country requesting these varieties. Dealers also have been doing the same thing. Many postmasters have favored these out of town clients but a great many of them have referred their letters to Washington for approval. As a result, the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, advised postmasters under date of March 27th, that precancelled stamps were not to be sold to collectors, and that they were to be distributed only in accordance with postal regulations, which permits their sale, to those having special permit. It is, therefore, believed that direct letters to the postmasters in the future with requests of this kind will not be given the favorable attention formerly accorded them. The Philatelic Agency in Canada sells to collectors the current stamps in precancelled condition but if we ever prevailed upon Washington to grant the same privilege here, they would have to hire several times the prevailing force to take care of the great number of cities, which are using precancelled stamps.

Post Office Nomenclature.—If anyone has a spare half hour and desires to be amused, pick up the current Postal Guide and read the names of the towns throughout the country. A communication from the First Assistant Postmaster-General, Mr. John H. Bartlett, under date of April 12th, calls postmasters' attention to the fact that mail for Novinger, Norborne, Novelty and Munger, all in the state of Missouri, are being confused and postal employees are requested to exercise care. All we can say is that we pity the postal clerk and hope he gets his increased pay.

CANAL ZONE—New Series Surcharged on United States.—The arrangement under which the Panama Government has furnished postage stamps to the Canal Zone authorities in the past expires on May 1st next, and it seems that new arrangements have not been concluded. As a result, the Post Office Department at Washington has been called upon to hurriedly prepare a series of stamps to be used in the Canal Zone, beginning May 1st. The Department is therefore overprinting most of the denominations of the current series of United States stamps from 1c to \$1.00 inclusive with the words, "CANAL ZONE." They are also overprinting postal cards and envelopes. The order calls for 1,200,000 assorted denominations surcharged and it is expected that they will be in the Zone ready to be placed on sale on May 1st.

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CHINA.—From Mr. F. G. Seale learn that it is officially announced that another attempt will be made to resume the Chinese aerial postal service in near future.

FRANCE.—We have to thank Mr. Gurd, of Croydon, and Mr. J. T. of Paris, for a cutting from *Le Journal* of March 7th, giving details and illustrations of proposed Olympic Games stamps differing considerably from particulars published in *Stamp Collector* for February 23rd. They are stated to have been authorized for early issue for use on foreign as well as inland mail. These designs are the work of the eminent engraver and sculptor, E. Bech, comprising the following denominations and subjects:— 10c (transverse oblong), Laureated head of an athlete. 25c (transverse oblong), Allegorical figure of Paris and a winged Victory. 30c (upright oblong), Wrestler. 50c (upright oblong), Athlete. —Stamp Collecting

ITALY.—Mr. Denton Hepworth shows us an unexpected quartette of 1 provisional in the shape of the figure of Victory values of 1921 surcharged "LIRE UNA" in small black curved serif capitals at top, the word "CENT" and the numeral in the respective upper corners being obliterated by means of a geometric device in black and white. Surcharged on Victory stamps as above: 1 lire on 5c olive-green, 1 lire on slate-green, 1 lire on 10c red, and 1 lire on 25c ultramarine.—Stamp Collecting

PORTUGAL.—Whitfield King & Co. Bulletin informs us that owing to heavy fall in the rate of exchange, the postal rates have been considerably raised which has necessitated the issue of stamps of new values and changes of colors of existing ones, as follows: New colors: 6c, 8, 20, 80, 100, 120 and 150c. New values: 16, 32, 48, 64, 96, 160, 240, 3, 320, 5, 10 and 20 escudos. Postage Dues: 4, 6, 30, 160 and 320c.

ROUMANIA.—Mr. A. Popescu informs us that the 10 bani charity stamp (1921) is now obsolete, as the postage has been increased to 25 bani, while the 10 bani black, which hitherto has been restricted to fiscal use, is now available for postal use. He is good enough to show us a mint example of this stamp, which Mr. D. Hepworth submits a postmark copy; it is in the type illustrated on page 1065 of the current Scott Catalogue (type "C8"). Charity-Postage stamp

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t, and "1823" and "1923" respectively
the upper corners. Messrs. Bright &
show us an example. Design as
ve. On white wove paper. No wmk.
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Co.'s Bulletin report that the new
ups will shortly be placed on sale
that the set will comprise the fol-
lowing denominations: ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d,
4d, 6d, 8d, 10d, 1s, 1s6d, 2s, 2s6d, and
It is stated that the design will be
similar to the current set with altered
captions.

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beginning this week Wm. H. Jopling
Minardello, Portugal, begins the regu-
lar use of the WEEKLY. He is so much in
interest in convincing us of the merit
of his wares that he sends for inspection
samples of the great Portugal packet
he is advertising. We are glad to
know that the packet is indeed an excellent
one and we have no hesitation in giving
Jopling firm this word of intro-
duction to our readers. The manager
includes a paragraph in his letter that we
are disposed to publish just as it reaches

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lishing an approval trade with a country
which is at a distance, so I am forward-
ing you on approval a mounted selection
of the stamps which I am advertising in
order that you may see them. Up to the
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

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the news from the various philatelic centers.
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prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for
services rendered.

—The Union County (N. J.) Phila-
telic Society elected officers April 9. G.
W. Riker was elected president, G. C.
Jorgensen vice-president and H. Rogosin
secretary.

—The Mack Stamp Co. would like
to know the present address of J. J.
Loaiza, formerly Hermosillo, Sonora,
Mexico. Also Frank Lyman, 4850 S.
Morgan St., Chicago, Ill.

—It is not the practice of the WEEKLY
to announce in its columns particulars
regarding the non-return of approval
selections. We have found that in many
instances selections have been returned
too late to intercept the notice in the
hands of the printer. Our publication
cannot afford to take chances in matters
of this kind.

—The Allentown (Pa.) Philatelic
Society held its first annual banquet
Monday evening, April 28, at the Hotel
Allen. Harold J. Fister secretary, sends
in this notice.

—R. D. MacGuffin, Narberth, Pa.,
would like to locate one W. J. Murphy,
formerly at 25 Nelson Place, Newark,
N. J. Who can help him out?

—Walter E. Lord of Sunbury, Pa.,
sends us a photograph of a very interest-
ing Harding Memorial exhibit, the whole
forming a frame surrounding a picture
of the White House and photographs
of the late President, also one of Mr.
and Mrs. Harding. Beneath the picture
of the White House is an autograph
"Warren G. Harding." The stamps used
are from imperforate sheets showing
plate numbers, and the letter H is shown
in two of the designs. An excellent

photograph of Mr. Lord is on the card,
and all in all the feature is a very fine
one. We would like to use a cut but
are prohibited in view of the use of
U. S. stamps.

—John G. Jewett informs us that the
Philatelic Society of the Oranges will
hold a precancel night on Friday, May
23, when Dr. G. Ward Disbrow will ex-
hibit his collection of 13c precancels.
This collection is without doubt the best
of its kind in existence. Frank C.
Brown, C. H. Gallagher and Raymond
Geary will also exhibit. The society
meets Friday evenings at the Orange
Camera Club, Main and Clinton Sts.,
East Orange, N. J.

—"I have not seen the chronicle of
the three new values of Guatemala.
The 50 cts. deep rose has the same
design as the 6 cts. of the 1902 issue.
The 1 peso dark green is just like the
½r and 1r issued in 1879; and the 5
pesos orange, with the monument of Gar-
cia Granados, is exactly like that of the
same value of the 1921 issue; but re-
duced in size. I will report as soon as
our new series is available. To this a
new value has been added: the 3 cts.
with the picture of the Indian chief At-
lacatl who ruled in Salvador when the
Spanish conqueror Pedro de Alvarado
came to subdue this place and one of
whose arrows lamed Alvarado for life
in the battle of Acajutla."—SAMUEL C.
DAWSON.

—The Graceland Philatelic Club of Chi-
cago is now in the lime-light. One C.
Archer using letterheads of this club
has solicited approval selections and
failed to make returns. The WEEKLY
has received a letter from a brother
signing himself "A. Bergman" and offer-
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Somaliland, 1 to 3, 101 to 111.
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RANDOM NOTES ON RECENT PORTUGUESE COLONIAL PROVISIONALS.

By G. H. JOPLING.

As collectors are taking a much greater interest in the issues of Portugal and Colonies, no doubt they will appreciate the following random notes taken from the original documents which give the reasons for the appearance of the provisionals in some cases and also the numbers issued. As the issues are small in number in the case of some the present catalogue value hardly gives a true value of their worth.

Cape Verde, Scott 171-181.—In August, 1920, a requisition was made from this colony to the mint for a further supply of stamps but as these had not been received by January, 1921, an order was issued on the 22nd of that month for the overprinting in the Imprensa Nacional of the following values. This was rendered necessary as there were no values in the local Treasury below 10 centavos, while the cost of a letter in the colony was only 4c.

50,000 War Tax 1c surch. 1/4c. Sc. 171.
50,000 War Tax 1c surch. 1/2c. Sc. 172.
50,000 War Tax 1c surcharged so as to serve as an ordinary stamp Sc. 173.

19,000 Vasco da Gama issue 15c. surcharged 2c (Sc. 174.)

10,000 Vasco da Gama issue 10c. surcharged 4c. Sc. 176.

19,600 Carlos issue 100 reis surcharged 6c. Sc. 177

405 of each were forwarded to the Postal Union at Berne.

I have not seen a copy of Scott 176 and this must be an error due to some sheet of the same value of Macao being mixed with those of Africa in printing as it was stated in the official order that the surcharge in the case of each of the Vasco issues should be on the stamps of Africa. It was further stated that all stamps with errors had to be destroyed.

At the beginning of April the stamps had not yet arrived from Lisbon and as it was considered necessary to have a further supply of the 4c, a further

order was issued for the overprinting of some of the 1902 issues bearing the REPUBLICA surcharge with \$04.

The following list gives the numbers which were ordered to be printed of each:—

46,200 of 130 reis on 75 reis
53,200 of 130 reis on 80 reis
46,200 of 130 reis on 200 reis

These values were still in existence in the Treasury and were considered as useless for the postage rates then in vogue.

Of the 53,200 of the value 130/80 14,000 had the local surcharge "REPUBLICA" (Sc. 137). Later in Boletim Oficial No. 16 it was declared that it was found impossible to overprint the 46,200 of the 130/75 value as the greater number of the sheets were found to be stuck together and were returned to the Treasury. Also of the other values several were destroyed, and finally the numbers issued were as follows:—

17,812 \$04 on 130 on 75.
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Stanley B. Ashbrook of Cincinnati, whose name is quite familiar in the philatelic world, writes Mr. Severn at our Chicago office:—"Would it be asking too much to have you renew my subscription for five years, so that no matter how busy I am I shall be sure to receive the WEEKLY?" We can assure any of our readers who are at all in doubt in regard to the matter that we have no hesitation in requesting all the trouble of this kind that can possibly be placed upon our shoulders. They are broad enough to bear it.

We acknowledge with thanks a remittance of \$5 for membership in the Ho Club from Paul K. Owen of Newark, N. J. Mr. Owen is a certified public accountant and is a member of American Institute of Accountants. has offices in New York and also Newark. We are pleased to add him to our list of members.

Dr. Lister Tuholske when making application for membership in the Ho Club describes the WEEKLY as the "backbone of American philately." This without doubt true and we are conscious of the fact that it carries with it a great responsibility of always presenting philately in the best light possible.

Willard J. Gould of Southington, Conn., writes us as follows:—"I have your paper over thirty years ago and have dabbled in stamps off and on for forty years. I guess I am now in for the rest of my life, which means I need the WEEKLY and may as well take membership in your Honor Club." check for \$5 accompanied the letter. Gould is connected with the Gould Company, home outfitters, plumbing, heating, etc., in Southington.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$5 from Dr. H. C. Updegrave of Easton, Pa., for membership in Honor Club. Our friend is a long-time subscriber to the WEEKLY.

We shall soon commence in WEEKLY a serial by Dr. Francis Botelho of Wayne, Pa., that will be of practical interest to every collector. will supplement the article by Chas. Phillips that is now running in WEEKLY. Dr. Botelho is a philatelist long experience and we welcome him to membership in our Honor Club.

"Everybody's doing it" greets us in a letter written by Wm. F. Warncke of Hoboken, N. J., when enclosing check for \$5 membership in the Ho Club. Mr. Warncke is treasurer of American Cotton Fabric Corporation with rooms at 120 Broadway, N. Y. C. Seven in one week.

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STAMP COLLECTING AS A HOBBY.

(Clipping from Albert E. Hay.)

That former well-known Cleveland—that it is quite possible he still calls himself one of us—Charles Lathrop Pack, once president of the Chamber of Commerce, father of war gardens and now, as he has been for many years, at the head of the American Forestry Association, is an industrious collector of postage stamps. He was recently honored by the Collectors Club of New York with the first Award of Merit medal offered in America for research in philately, which the real professors of the fascinating pursuit use in place of stamp collecting.

The recipient of this honor is one of the few men in the country who has made a critical study of the postage stamp, its history, its paper and watermarks, the matter of engraving and printing it, and the reasons for those peculiar variations and errors that are so puzzling, and when discovered create such a high value in dollars.

It is claimed that the Pack collection of early Victoria stamps is one of the finest in the world, having won the championship and gold medal in the international exhibition in London. The high honor attached to this award is enhanced by the fact that the only other collection that compared with it was owned by King George, who is himself a celebrated collector. The king was so much interested in Mr. Pack's work that he sent for him to study his entire collection—the first time an American citizen has been so favored.

A LEGION OF FOLLOWERS.

Stamp collecting is a hobby whose followers are legion. It absorbs the interest of people of all walks in life from schoolboys and modest young clerks to notables of high learning and people prominent in public and professional positions. Indeed philately has become an established business with agencies or exchanges in various cities actively engaged in buying and selling, and many individual collections are said to be worth almost fabulous prices.

Another Cleveland, the late George H. Worthington, was for a long time an ardent collector. It is said that his collection was acquired a few years ago by ex-Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen of New Jersey for something like \$250,000. A host of stamp fans can be found in Cleveland.

On March 20, 1890, an organization known as the Garfield-Perry Club was formed here, and today the membership, active, associate and honorary, numbers nearly 100. A few evenings ago the members met in happy company at Hotel Cleveland and celebrated the club's thirty-fourth anniversary. In this charmed circle there is the utmost good feeling and the members cheerfully allude to each other as "bugs" or "nuts."

The officers of the Garfield-Perry Club are: W. H. Barnum, president; Alvin Good, vice president; F. S. Cramer, secretary; Albert S. Hill, treasurer; directors, W. H. Barnum, W. W. McLaren and Otto F. Moses. The three latter are also vice presidents of the American Philatelic Society.

HIDDEN TREASURES.

The local club meets weekly at its rooms in the Finance building and great interest attaches to these sessions; new acquisitions of stamps are reported and exhibited; news of investigations from other places are discussed. One member describes the work as fascinating as well as educational, and confesses to have

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(We have two reasons for publishing the following clipping from a Montreal paper sent us by E. E. Goodchild. In the first place it demonstrates the splendid work that a man can do in the line of interesting boys in stamp collecting. In the second place these boys are situated where an instructive talk along stamp lines may be very helpful in winning them back to leading clean lives.—W. O. W.)

The first of a series of instructive entertainments for the boys of the Shawbridge Boys' Farm and Training School arranged by the Junior Board took place last week-end when W. R. Allen gave the lads an interesting talk on stamp collecting. The Junior Board comprises a number of Montrealers who particularly interest themselves in the entertainment of the boys throughout the year, and they have arranged that each Friday evening somebody will interest them in a variety of ways, a member of the Junior Board accompanying the entertainer. Mr. Allen took up his own splendid collection of stamps and showed the boys, explaining to them the history of philately and pointing out its value from an educational standpoint. Many of the boys are already stamp collectors and an album is given every collector who accumulates 200 different stamps. Mr. Allen promised a valuable stamp to the boy showing the neatest collection when he returns to the farm.

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GERMAN COLONIALS.

(The following article is reprinted from "Die Post", Leipzig, Germany. It is sent us by Prof. Jas. Lewis Howe of Lexington, Va., who would like to have some reader of the WEEKLY shed light upon the situation. Our columns are open for a further consideration of this matter.—W. O. W.)

German colonial stamps are for the German collector the most desirable and most collected varieties. And they belong to the class of stamps that for pure intrinsic value belong to the best class in their collections. And now the hyena's among the stamp speculators, and probably also the wholesale counterfeiters have taken them up. The swindle, which is probably being supported by parties in Germany, and by which collectors could be cheated out of millions in gold marks, seems to have its origin among people living in Switzerland.

For some time strange rumors, circulating especially in Switzerland, have been going the rounds, evidently destined at first to shake the confidence of collectors in these stamps. First, it was rumored, that the German Government had made reprints of these series. The "Berliner Bismarckzeitung" thereupon enquired from the Reichspostamt, who said these rumors were lies and that since June, 1919, no German colonial stamps had been reprinted. Now comes a new rumor, which this time takes in cancelled German colonials. A German paper, under the heading, "Probable Drop in Price of German Colonials," a report of their Swiss correspondent, who says that on account of reparations, immense quantities of German colonial stamps on envelopes to the total value of five million Lira, were delivered to the Italian Government. A large part of these stamps came through Italian dealers into Switzerland, and so flooded the market that they were being sold at a fifth of their value. This, added the correspondent, would probably cause a big drop in values of genuine used copies, which would have far-reaching effect.

I doubted the genuineness of this suspicious report, and wrote to the Reichspostministerium. The report was then branded as a swindle. The Reichspostministerium brands it as totally imaginative, without a shred of truth. All remainders of these stamps are being sold as before, by public auction and open sales.

The spreading of these reports can only have two motives: either it is a manoeuvre to get certain stamps cheap, or as is far more probable, that large quantities of unused stamps were bought at public auction, which have now been supplied with spurious cancellations and pasted on pieces of envelopes, so as to make huge profits from their sale. Collectors, who have recently been offered large quantities of these stamps on packet addresses and at a cheap price, would do well to see a district attorney.

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By JOHN R. CHAMBERLIN.

Miss L. Brown, an artist and art teacher in a St. Louis High School, was recently elected president of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society. She is the first woman to have been elected president of any philatelic society. Miss Brown was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and was educated in the public schools there. She studied art in the St. Louis Art School, after which she spent two years studying in Paris. Since that time she has visited Europe some fourteen or fifteen times. Miss Brown is a painter of some note and every winter exhibits some of her works in the East.

She became first interested in stamps

watching her little brother stick his stamps in one album, and then pull them all out and put them in another. When she was in Europe studying she gathered stamps from her friends to send home to her brother. When he was leaving home, he presented her with his collection, because, as she said, "I was the only one who took any interest in it." The collection lay untouched for some time, until four or five years ago she was induced to attend a meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society. Since that time she has added to the original collection, until she now has a fine general collection, including many countries practically

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BOOK REVIEW.

A short time ago we referred to the need of what might be termed a philatelic primer, a book that would be even more useful for the beginner than our "Stamp Collector's Guide." G. F. Rapkin, 151 Goswell Road, London, E. C. 1, England, accepts the challenge and sends us a copy of "Guide to Stamp Collecting" by Fred J. Melville, price 25c. While we cannot admit that this book is superior to the book we have published, we do take pleasure in commending it as a very handy volume for the beginner. The book is freely illustrated, has 64 pages, and is written in Mr. Melville's well-known style. It is commended to those of our readers who would like to become acquainted with the fundamentals of stamp collecting.

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A PENNYWORTH OF FINNO-UGRIAN PHILOLOGY FOR THE STAMP COLLECTOR.

By DR. WALDEMAR KLOSS.

Don't be scared by the hieroglyphic headline! This little extravaganza will contain something of use to the stamp collector. The writer, even, indulges the fond hope that it will be found more amusing than difficult.

In fact, the first steps in the study of an unknown language which is very remote from our own, invariably prove entertaining and exhilarating. How funny some of these words look! How strange they sound when we try to pronounce them. This ticklish sensation of strangeness, must, however, wear off before we get anything out of our linguistic "attempts" besides the innocent fun.

The collector of stamps, whatever his linguistic attainments, is often enough at a loss to appreciate the special character of a stamp because he does not know the language of the legend. Very few collectors, I think, know Hungarian.

This language belongs to the Finno-Ugrian group of the Ural-Altaic family of languages. Its nearest relations are the Ostiak and the Vogul in Siberia; together with these it forms the Ugrian branch of the group. The main characteristics of this group are the formative principle of agglutination and the so-called vowel harmony. The first implies that to the root word which remains unchanged any number of suffixes may be appended, i.e., agglutinated. The euphonious principle of the vowel harmony demands that in termination sharp and flat vowels must be followed by vowels of the same class.

The Hungarian language has no diphthongs; therefore, wherever we meet the combinations of ai or ei they are to be considered as two separate syllables. Modern Hungarian displays an extremely puristic tendency which makes the language indeed homogeneous, but also difficult. Let us try to appreciate the following fact: All the international terms derived from Greek ending in ology, onomy, graphy, or beginning with auto, phon, psycho, and thousands of others are almost invariably expressed by genuine Hungarian combinations. Here a few examples to illustrate this point: Geometry in Hungarian is *mérés tan*; *mérés* = measuring, *tan* = doctrine, so Geometry is the doctrine of measuring. Grammar is *nyelv-tan nyelvi=tongue*. language, *tan*, as we know: doctrine, theory, Geology is *föld-tan*, from *föld*=the earth.

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The Hungarians take pride in calling themselves *Magyars*, this word and *posta*=post-office will probably be the only ones grasped immediately by the average stamp collector. Then follow the names of coins: *filler* corresponds to the Austrian "Heller" and Korona to the Austrian "Krone." The series issued by the monarchy bear the legend: Magyar Kir post. *Kir* is an abbreviation from *Királyi*=royal. *Király*=the King, is indeed a strange loan word. Like *Kral* or *Krol* in Slavic languages this title bears testimony to the overwhelming impression Karl the Great (Charlemagne) made upon his contemporary world, for it is really "Karl."

Légi posta=air post; for *lég*=the air; *légi* with the adjective suffix *i*=air. A similar legend is *Repülő posta*=Flying post; for the verb *repül* means to fly; *repülő*, the participle is flying. Special delivery stamps are indicated by the one word: *sürgös* which means urgent and is derived from the verb *sürget*=to urge. Newspaper stamps are marked: *Hir-lap jegy*; *hir*=news; *lap*=paper; *jegy* mark, label, ticket. On war stamps we frequently read: *Hadi segély*, i.e., War-help. *Had*=war; *hadi*=war-, *segély* derived from the verb *segít* to help, means assistance.

Other war charity stamps have a legend consisting of the following two sentences:

Segítsük hazavereinket! and *Hadifoglyaink javára*. in English: Assist the defenders of the fatherland! and, in the interest of our prisoners of war. Now, for the analysis! *Segítsük*, derived from the verb *segít* to help is the imperative. *Haza* which corresponds to the modern German *Haus* is an old loan word; it means the home country, the fatherland. "*Vereinket*" is more complicated than it looks. The verb *ver*=to beat, to fight, the participle *veré* or *verő* the fighter, the combatant; the agglu-

tinated suffixes "inket" mean "our" as direct object. In the second legend our analysis will have the following result: *Hadifoglyaink* is our prisoners of war. *Javára*, derived from *jó*=good, means for the best of. On some charity stamps we read: *özvegyeknek és árváknak* i.e. Widows and orphans. This phrase gives a fine example of the principle of vowel harmony. Ak and ek are the plural endings. Ak is euphoniously followed by nak i.e.—*aknak* ek by nek which gives—*eknek*. The legend of the Flood charity series reads: *Arvizkarosultaknak külön*. For the relief of the flood sufferers; *ár* flood; *viz*=water; *károsít*=to damage; *külön* for the benefit of. On the Szegedin issue we find the surcharge: *Magyar nemzeti Kormány Szeged*. Hungarian national government, Szegedin.

On postal savings stamps the legend is *Magyar postatakarék pénz-tár*, i.e. Hungarian postal savings bank. *Pénztár* is a remarkable word; *pénz* is an old Slavic loan word for money *tár* a genuine Hungarian word means the receiver, the receptacle, reservoir.

On the war exposition stamps of 1916, we read: *József főherceg vezérégre* *hadi Kiállítás*, i.e. War exposition of Archduke supreme commander Josef. Here it is interesting to observe how in the Ugrian Hungarian language the term *Kiállítás* is formed according to the same method as the English Exposition and the German Ausstellung, for Ki means exactly the same as the Latin English prefix ex, and állítás position, Stellung.

The postbellum stamps of Hungary confront us with an endless repetition of the surcharges *Magyar köztársaság* and *Magyar tanács köztársaság*. Here we are confronted by the same phenomenon *köztársaság* is exactly the same-formation as Commonwealth. *Tanács*=Köztársaság was chosen with malice aforethought as an adequate rendition of the Russian Soviet. When the Soviet regime expired the interesting ominous surcharge was covered up by an emblematic design of exorbitant proportions. Hold these stamps against the light and you will clearly perceive the obliterated surcharge.

Official stamps exhibit the line "*Hivatalos*" which simply is official, derived from *hivatal*=the office.

A commemorative issue bears the legend: A *nemzeti hadsereg bevonulása*, XI. 16., i.e. Entry of the national army. Now for the analysis: *nemzet*=the nation; *nemzeti*=national; *had*=war; *hadi*=sereg army of warriors; *be*=in; *bevonul*=to enter; *bevonulás*(a). Entry thus: Entry of the national army. We have exhausted our topic and explained almost all Hungarian stamp legends.

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The Scott Stamp and Coin Company has submitted one of the most interesting shifted transfers on the one cent 1870-71 (Scott's U. S. No. 145-used) that it has ever been the privilege of the editor to examine. Through the kindness of Major C. W. Bonesteel of West Point, the variety is illustrated herewith. The detail description follows:



One Cent Blue, 1870-71, Ungrilled—Major portion of the entire design shifted to the north and west. Upper lines of the U. L. ornament well doubled showing both above and below the "U. S." of the top label. Top frame line of upper label shifted clearly to the north so

as to merge with the vertical lines of the background of stamp at top. These vertical lines are also shifted north so as to show above what would normally be the top margin of the design. Lines of the shift show clearly in all the letters of "U. S. Postage" at the top. Upper and lower lines of ornament at U. R. well shifted, although not so far North as on the left of the stamp. There is little trace of this shift along the left side of the design outside the panel containing portrait but the shift is clear in the ornaments and pearls at the L. R. Horizontal lines of the lower label are well shifted and traces of the shift show in the figure and lettering at the bottom. The strongest part of the shift at the bottom is found in the ornaments and pearls at the L. L. Study will indicate certain doubling of shading lines on the bust of Franklin and in the medallion panel which contains this bust.

As this description indicates, this shift while practically all over the stamp is most clearly defined at the left. In the opinion of the writer, the plate maker did a very poor job of "erasing" a misplaced design of the stamp on the soft plate and then, after this sloppy attempt to eradicate the previous plate, again impressed the transfer roll on the softened plate and made the finished design. This is not a double print, although to one not thoroughly versed in studying these varieties the completeness of the doubling of the design might lead to this conclusion.

Harry C. Flierl, 432 Vermont Street, Buffalo, has turned in some very interesting specimens for description in "Early Low Values Specialized." By far the most interesting one is a double print copy of the two cent vermilion on hard paper, U. S. No. 178, issue of 1875. Double prints on any early U. S. stamp are mighty rare and inasmuch as the two cent vermilion on hard paper is itself not nearly as common as many others of contemporary issues the item in question may be listed as particularly

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desirable. No attempt will be made to describe all the details of this doubling as practically the whole stamp shows twice and where the doubling is not clear it simply means that extra lines have merged with some of the regular lines of the stamp thus giving evidences of the doubling. Properly speaking, the second printing struck the stamp slightly south and slightly west. The letters of "U. S. POSTAGE" at the top and "TWO 2 CENTS" at the bottom are well doubled, the "T" "CENTS" looking unusually odd and messed up. The horizontal shading lines of the background back of the shield set well over outside of the sign. In various other places on the stamp the doubling of lines is very clear and distinct. All in all, Mr. Flierl's find is a "beaut."

Another one in Mr. Flierl's lot is three cent green, 1873, Scott's No. 178 showing crossed guide lines through the guide dot in Washington's forehead. The editor has a duplicate of this variety in his collection but outside of these two has never seen the variety anywhere. Another is the three cent green, No. 158, showing the dot in Washington's forehead. These dots are occasionally found in various places in Washington's face, but not often by the means.

TWIN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The regular meeting was held April 12th, at their club rooms in Minneapolis. A special feature of the meeting was an exhibition of O. J. Olson's specialized collection of U. S. stamps. This contained unused singles, blocks, used singles and blocks, cancellation varieties, departments, reverses, etc. Exhibitions are held often, and meetings are well attended. The society was organized in 1913. The officers for 1924 are: President, Geo. M. Brice; vice-president, L. R. Sours; secretary, E. M. Oleson; auctioneer, Gerald H. Burgess.

Mr. O. J. Olson is known well in the stamp collecting fraternity and one of the really fine collections of U. S., as well as other countries. Several large pieces and scarce items are in his collection. He is the head of the firm of Holm & Olson, who have the largest florist establishment between Chicago and the West coast. Mr. Sours was formerly Sales Supt. of the M. P. A., and now treasurer of that society. Mr. Sours is one of the original incorporators of the A. P. S.—E. M. OLESON, Sec.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The following paragraph is copied from the latest circular sent out by the Philatelic Agency at Washington: "The Philatelic Agency has been entirely reorganized since sending out the last circular. However, in view of the fact, the Agency has over 10,000 patrons on the mailing list, it necessarily means that when circulars of this character are issued the Agency is deluged with orders. It shall be the strict policy of the Agency to fill all orders in their regular order of receipt, as it has been in the past. Patrons can therefore co-operate with the Agency by refraining from making inquiries concerning their orders which are not filled within two weeks. In many inquiries received from patrons in the past during the periods of special issues have to a large extent retarded the filling of orders. Every effort will be made by the Agency to fill orders immediately on receipt, if possible do so, in order that patrons may not be inconvenienced."

—Apropos of the article that appeared in the WEEKLY on the Lovibond Tintometer and Mr. Applegate's remarks on the subject in a later number, the following note is taken from *Stamp Collecting*: "Mr. Vivian G. Pickering, of Leeds, writes: 'I was much interested in the article in *Stamp Collecting*, of February 9th, entitled 'Colour Analysis of Stage Stamps by Lovibond Scale, by John H. Warth. As it happens I daily use a Lovibond Tintometer for colour analysis in certain scientific work, and have often thought that the instrument might be used in connexion with stamps. I have been at a loss as to how to adapt it. I should be glad to know, therefore, either directly, or through your paper, whether I can get into communication with Mr. Warth on this subject.' We are communicating with the Marylebone Academy of Sciences on Mr. Pickering's behalf."

—At a recent Harmer, Rooke & Company sale in London, a pair of the five-cent New York showing a distinct double line brought 62 pounds.

—The following stamp exhibitions are scheduled in Europe: Brussels International Stamp Exhibition, May 24th to June 1st; Hague International Stamp Exhibition, September 6th to 17th and 18th; Christiania, Norway, International

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—Will you please make mention of the fact that Mr. George A. Baas of Batesville, Ind., long a member of the A. P. S., and the possessor of an unusually fine collection of Match and Medicine stamps, died early in February. I have just received a letter from Mrs. Bates, advising me of this fact.

—PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

—Information has recently come from S. C. Potts from Singapore. Mr. Potts is from Holidaysburg, Pa., and is making a tour of the world. He writes that the climate is hot and humid, and that he found an ardent philatelist in one of the dining room stewards. In fact, he states that he finds stamp collectors everywhere.

—Robert Campbell, 1748 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, O., would like to know whether there is a stamp club for young collectors in his vicinity.

—A. S. Blanchard, Marshfield, Oregon, has an accumulation of stamp papers issued in 1922-23 which he will donate to some stamp club that will pay for transportation. If interested drop him a line.

—W. O. Staeb, 89 Feronia Way, Rutherford, N. J., sends us a carbon copy of a communication that he will doubtless be willing to send to any interested party. It deals with the organization of what is called a Stamp Lovers' League, which makes it easy for members to dispose of

their duplicate stamps by a sales department. Collectors residing in the Oranges, Newark, Passaic, Hoboken and Rutherford are especially invited to communicate with Mr. Staeb.

—Allen H. Wright, San Diego, Cal., sends us an impression of the special postmark which was used on the letters despatched on the Round-the-World Flight from San Diego, Cal., March 17. Mr. Wright will ultimately receive some letters carried by the flyers. The marking shown us bears an appropriate inscription with the date, Mar. 17, 1924, in bold characters in the center of the design.

—We have received a letter from F. S. Cramer, secretary of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, in which attention is called to the fact that the club has nominated two new men for directors-at-large at the coming A. P. S. election. The two in question are Judge Robert S. Emerson, Providence, R. I., and W. W. MacLaren of Cleveland. Mr. Cramer pays a warm tribute to the character of these two men and believes that Cleveland is warranted in presenting these two candidates. Geographical location as well as capabilities are strongly urged as potent factors in their candidacies.

—Maury Swartz has been compelled to resign as secretary of the S. P. A. and William Lycett, 399 Lincoln Rd., Brooklyn, N. Y., has been appointed to secretaryship. Mr. Lycett began his work in philately in 1875 and is a member of the A. P. S., M. P. A., J. A. P. S., and Texas state association. He is also secretary of the Brooklyn Stamp Club and vice-president of the United Stamp Societies.

—"Re Roscoe B. Martin's inquiry. I would suggest that Mr. Martin purchase some ordinary waxed paper such as is used by the National Biscuit Co., to line their cracker boxes and which is obtainable at any Woolworth 5 and 10c store in packages of 80 unfolded sheets for 10c, that a sheet of this paper be laid between the gummed side of the sheet of stamps and a piece of cardboard, that the three shall be bound together at the four corners by means of stamp hinges or transparent gummed paper (in rolls) such as Mr. Martin no doubt uses for patching torn \$1 and other bills. After this treatment the combination can be handled by the framer with safety."—D. D. BEROLZHEIMER.

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80 all different	.20	.50	1.30	
100 all different	.25	.60	1.40	13.50

BOSNIA

	Each.	Per 3.	Per 10.	Per 100.
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22 all different	.25	.55	1.35	
40 all different	.75	1.80		

BULGARIA

	Each.	Per 3.	Per 10.	Per 100.
10 all different	.05	.20	.35	6.00
25 all different	.15	.30	.85	
50 all different	.45	1.00	3.00	
75 all different	.75	2.00		
100 all different	1.10	2.75		

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200 all different	.85	2.20	6.00	
300 all different	1.75	4.50		
400 all different	2.50	6.00		
500 all different	4.50	11.00		
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	Each.	Per 3.	Per 10.	Per 100.
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A country no longer issuing stamps

	Each.	Per 3.	Per 10.	Per 100.
5 all different	.07	.40	3.50	
10 all different	.18	1.10		
15 all different	.30	2.00		

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The very earliest as well as the recent is- sues are in these packets.

	Each.	Per 3.	Per 10.	Per 100.
25 all different	.05	.25	3.00	
50 all different	.20	.45	1.20	11.00
75 all different	.70	1.75		
100 all different	1.20	2.50		
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	Each.	Per 3.	Per 10.	Per 100.
20 all different	.08	.15	.40	3.30
30 all different	.15	.30	.80	7.00
50 all different	.30	.65	1.75	
75 all different	.55	1.00		
80 all different	.75			
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The 20- and 30-variety packets are of recent make, with many newer issues.

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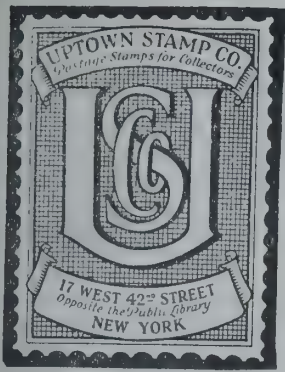
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POWER'S RADIO MESSAGE.
By E. B. POWER.

The origin of my broadcasting on
tage stamps was an idea that came
my head of broadcasting the fact that
ould like to buy old postage stamps,
l inasmuch as almost every house in
Eastern State is decorated with an
enna the thought came to my mind
t perhaps many people would like to
her up stamps and send them to me.
My first talk was from W. J. Y., New
rk City, and produced slightly over
answers, 90% of which seemed to
e from people who were anxious to
se stamp collections, and not to sell
nps.
his caused me to immediately reverse
osition and to conduct my future
s along the lines of collecting rather
1 along the lines of buying. With
end in view I produced what I was
used to call the Radio Album. A
y small affair with spaces for about
stamps and with this album I of-
d to give away a packet of 25 differ-
stamps.
With this theme I proceeded to broad-
from the following stations:
ladelphia, Pittsburg, Washington,
ton, Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati,
falo, Schenectady, and other far-
hing stations. The rebound from
talk has produced to date upwards
twelve thousand answers, a very large
ority of which are from women.

About this time Mr. H. M. Clark of the
Scott Stamp & Coin Co., decided to join
forces with me and produce a much
more pretentious album which gave up-
wards of spaces for 250 stamps, wherein
50 countries were represented and illus-
trated, and that is the album I am now
supplying to my radio friends. I do not
attribute this interest to my ability as a
speaker; rather would I attribute it to
the interest in stamp collecting, but what-
ever the cause may be it is with great
pleasure that I am able to tell you that
the answers I have received from each
station are the record number for that
station, no matter on what subject the
talk was given.

Before I discontinue for the summer,
when results are not so good on account
of "static," I shall probably have received
in excess of fifteen thousand answers.

With fifteen thousand co-hearers on
Radio circuits I shall have an interested
audience to commence talking to again
in the fall when climate conditions are
favorable.

From one station or another I have
received answers from thirty-seven
states in the Union. I have had four
answers from a distance of four thou-
sand miles from the base of the broad-
casting station. I think it is very possi-
ble that in the future it may be necessary
to talk on postage stamp collecting only
without offering to supply any material;
and should this contingency arise it will
then be necessary to find some other
means of financing the heavy expenses
involved traveling on these circuits.
These expenses could be raised from phil-
atelic prominent dealers and individual
wealthy collectors.

S. O. S.

ALVAH G. CLARK, Trenton, N. J.

A few years ago I recall that you
published an editorial relative to a col-
lection that could be made by a boy
consisting of one stamp from each coun-
try in the world and at that time you
also published a letter that I sent you
giving my experiences along this line at
that time.

This is a most interesting collection to
try and amass. My idea has been to ob-
tain one stamp (the cheapest possible)
from each stamp issuing country in the
world under their various changes of
government. As an illustration, Cuba
would have three stamps, one under
Spanish Dominion, one under United
States occupation and one as a Republic.
All colonies of a mother country are
represented under their various forms
of government. As an illustration Ma-
rianna Islands would be represented by
two stamps, one issued under Spanish
Dominion and one under German Do-
minion. All occupational issues, whether
caused by war or otherwise, I consider
varieties. As an example, there would
be one stamp for Roumania, one under
Austrian Occupation and one under
Bulgarian Occupation. As another illus-
tration India would have one under the
East India Company, one under India as
an English Colony, one of the Chinese
Expeditionary Force, one of the Indian
Expeditionary Force and one of each
of the Native States.

I have worked on this collection in-
cessantly since 1914. There is not a
leading stamp dealer in this country or
abroad who has not furnished one or
more stamps toward my collection and a
great number of the smaller dealers have
been furnished want lists. I have writ-
ten close to two hundred letters in my
attempts to obtain some specimens and
at times it seemed like chasing a rainbow.

To date this collection consists of 593
specimens and catalogues by Scott's 1924
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The collection still lacks three speci-
mens to complete it: Cape of Good
Hope (under British Occupation, Cata-
logue No. 60), Trans-Jordania and Tur-
key in Asia, the issue under Greek Oc-
cupation, Scott's Nos. 301 to 304.

Here is where the S. O. S. comes in.
If any reader of this article can supply
me with one of the above mentioned
stamps I will be pleased to hear from
him or her to the end that I may com-
plete this ten years' chase.

A Fallacy

is something not founded on fact and I want to point out some Fallacies
that a few of the many thousand readers of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY may
yet have.

1st Because I advertise that I specialize in stamps issued before 1880,
that I have no others. This is a Fallacy. I have lots of cheap
stamps in my approval books up to 1900. I specialize in early
issues, but I can supply many of later periods, and occasionally
I have odd lots of the 20th Century when I buy a collection more
or less up to date.

2nd Because I have been advertising rarities it is a Fallacy to think
I confine my business to them. I have many books of low value
stamps, and while I do not handle the boy trade, or deal in packets
or sets of stamps, I shall be glad to send collections of cheap
stamps in the issues before 1900 when I have what is desired in
stock.

3rd It is the greatest Fallacy of all to think that my prices are high.
Modesty almost forbids it but I must say I am often astonished
at my own moderation when I compare my sale prices with the
catalogue. To prove this I take a bunch of books at random and
I just quote a few items, showing my net selling prices and cata-
logue price. As a rule I have only one copy of these bargains
but send for a lot of my books and you can pick out scores of
others just as good. Any doubting Johnny can call and see any
or all of these books.

	My price.	Catalogue
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" " " used on piece	16.00	25.00
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Under date of April 10th, the Philatelic
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 saying that the Huguenot-Walloon
 tercentenary stamps would be on sale,
 May 1, 1924, at Room 216, New City
 Post Office Building, Washington, D. C.
 At the same time, the five cent blue, coil,
 Roosevelt is mentioned. Incidentally, it
 is announced that the Philatelic Agency
 has been re-organized and in consequence
 is enabled to handle orders without undue
 delay. The *Postal Bulletin* gave in its
 issue of April 17 a full description of
 the three stamps and named the offices
 where the stamps will be on sale May 1,
 1924. Ten offices in addition to Wash-
 ington will distribute the stamps on that
 day and after May 10th, postmasters at
 central and direct accounting offices are
 permitted to make requisition for limited
 quantities of the stamps; and district
 postmasters will be furnished with small
 quantities "to meet the local demand, by
 drawing upon their central-accounting
 postmaster." The stamps come in sheets
 of fifty.

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How do philatelists in this country
 look upon these celebration stamps? We
 have sought opinions from a score of
 typical collectors and it is interesting to
 know that not a single one of them
 voiced sentiments that were really hostile
 to the stamps, on philatelic grounds.
 The set awakens an interest that is akin
 to that aroused by a new story in one
 of the favorite magazines and it may be
 described as being stimulating upon col-
 lectors, to put it conservatively. The
 reaction on the non-philatelic public will
 be worth attending to, as it is possible,
 in view of the vast volume of publicity
 on stamp topics for the past few years,
 that outsiders will examine the stamps
 with some idea of using them as a basis
 for collecting. It is our opinion that a
 good many people feel a philatelic im-
 pulse in a vague, formless way and the
 trick that we have to accomplish is to
 give direction to the feeling.

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We are indebted to *Stamp Collecting*
 of April 12, 1924, for an important bit
 of news that is described as "splendid"
 by our enterprising contemporary. The
 British Empire Exhibition, opened at
 Wembley on April 23, 1924, will be signal-
 ized by two commemorative stamps,
 which "are now being printed." The
 stamps will be on sale only at the ex-

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hibition post-offices but will have postal
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 anywhere in Great Britain. A "tre-
 mendous boom" is anticipated in Great
 Britain in consequence of the appearance
 of the new stamps.

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From Mr. Theodore Siddall, Shanghai,
 China, we have received a number of
 postal documents that throw a side-light
 on the history of the Chinese Commemo-
 rative of Constitution issue; and the or-
 ders show that the Chinese in the prov-
 inces do not regard the action of Peking,
 sacrosanct by all means. The Direc-
 torate General of Posts, under date
 of Peking, 18th of October, 1923, an-
 nounced that the commemorative stamps
 would be on sale concurrently with the
 ordinary postage stamps at all offices
 and agencies "to mark the occasion of
 the promulgation of the Constitution of
 the Chinese Republic." It was said:
 "These stamps in sets of four, respec-
 tively of the 1, 3, 4 and 10 cent denomi-
 nations will be sold by Second and Third
 Class Offices and Agencies up to 31st
 March, 1924, and at Head and First
 Class Offices to 30th June, 1924, unless
 stocks are previously exhausted. After
 the latter date, they will not be obtain-
 able at any Postal Establishment, and
 in no circumstances will a fresh supply
 be printed." Provision was made for the
 purchase of the stamps in "obliterated"
 condition if desired. Further: "As in
 the case of ordinary postage stamps, the
 supply sent to Singkiang (Chinese
 Turkestan) is overprinted" (Chinese
 characters) "i.e., for use only on mails
 posted in Singkiang." This is all clear
 enough but the postal commissioner for
 Kwangtung, in his Notification, No.
 653, regarding Constitution Commemo-
 ration Postage Stamps, throws a monkey-
 wrench into the machine, saying: "No-
 tice is hereby given that the above post-
 age stamps are not on sale in the Kwang-
 tung Postal District, and that the posting
 of mail matter franked with such stamps
 is declared invalid by the Board of Or-
 ganization, Canton. To avoid delay and
 mail matter being taxed, ordinary post-
 age stamps should only be used." This
 notice was dated at Canton, December
 12, 1923. Here two opposing forces meet,
 one of which rules the stamps invalid
 in the face of their authorization for use
 up to June 24, 1924.

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The following translation of a refer-
 ence to the speculative Tunis "croix de
 guerre" stamps is made by Mr. Lowell J.
 Ragatz from a Bulletin Général des
 Colonies, Aug. Sept. 1923: "As the
 result of the issue of Tunis war cross
 stamps for the benefit of the Bureau of
 Wounded and Victims of the War, the
 bureau is to receive more than 200,000
 francs from the Tunis postal service,
 this money arising from the sale of these
 stamps and thus providing for the suf-
 ferers. Such a result, it seems, fully
 justifies the issuing of the stamps, per-
 mitting as it does, philatelists to co-
 operate in a worthy work, while at the

same time, enriching their albums with
 an official series, deposited with the In-
 ternational Bureau in Berne and whose
 value can only increase with time. It
 is, briefly, philanthropy well placed and
 only philately makes possible the doing
 of good and receiving in exchange for
 a charitable gift something whose value
 is really very superior."

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In the April number of *Nature Maga-
 zine*, there is a stamp cut that confronts
 the collector so boldly as to make him
 catch his breath. The picture accom-
 panies an article that is most interesting
 to the philatelist, "Insects' Sense of
 Taste," by H. A. Allard, of the United
 States Department of Agriculture. Mr.
 Allard begins by saying that his son,
 Howard, who has become an enthusiastic
 stamp collector, showed him a two cent,
 1903, U. S., "mutilated in a most re-
 markable manner." The stamp has por-
 tions of the uninked surfaces removed
 almost as carefully as if the work had
 been done with a scalpel. Insects claimed
 the stamp as their prey and discrimi-
 natingly chose their diet by eating the
 white portions so that the stamp has the
 suggestion of filagree work. The canni-
 balistic bugs consumed most of Wash-
 ington's head; and they made short work
 of the white margins between the per-
 forations and the inked border of the
 stamp. The entomological epicures ate
 only white meat as the heavily inked
 part of the stamp was given the cold
 shoulder. The picture showing the nor-
 mal unused stamp and the mutilated speci-
 men, side by side, is an offense given un-
 wittingly in a good cause as the article
 proves that under certain condition, bugs
 are to be numbered among the enemies
 of stamps. As Mr. Blakey, Chicago,
 who sent the article says: "It seems that
 other bugs besides stamp collectors like
 stamps." Mr. Allard explains the cut
 with the text: "Probably ants, carefully
 avoiding the dyed sections of the stamp,
 ate the white because of the gum on the
 back of the stamp." We have seen a
 few stamps on old envelopes that had
 been bitten by something and rats have
 sometimes nibbled stamps. Perhaps
 other collectors have had definite experi-
 ences with pests of the kind and if so,
 their stories would be of interest. Mr.
 Allard is to be credited with having
 brought the subject so vividly to atten-
 tion in the high-class publication under
 notice; and we trust that the magazine
 will not be given even a hard look by
 the postal potentates for having made
 the slip.

DEATH OF W. T. FENTON.

By ROSCOE B. MARTIN.

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 City schools and who, like his father,
 an ardent collector of stamps, antiq
 of all kinds and local Indian relics.
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 last summer for a sum in the four
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Notes by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

The Collectors Club was very happy to have Dr. W. J. Gascoyne with them on Wednesday evening, April 16th, when he made a special journey from Baltimore to show his triangular Cape of Good Hope and his Niger Coast collections.

Dr. Gascoyne has been a collector for some 30 years. During the earlier period he collected somewhat generally but for many years he has specialized in the above named countries and showed us what could be done by patient research extending over a long period.

In the course of his very interesting talk the doctor made our mouths water by recalling the prices he paid in days of long ago for fine blocks and scarce items on covers. We noted throughout his collections the neatness of arrangement and the care with which the copies were selected; fine margins and light cancellation seemed to be the rule.

The following are a few of the more interesting items:—

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Color Trials. In addition to the ordinary black proofs there were two very rare ones in color, the 6d orange-red and 6d lilac.

In the Perkins Bacon & Co.'s stamps I note the following:—

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4d blue on blue paper. 2 pairs and 4 singles unused and a used block of 6.

In the same printing on white paper:—

1d 6 pairs and 3 blocks of 4 unused.

4d Used strip of ten.

6d gray. 9 singles and a pair unused.

6d lilac. 6 singles, 2 pairs and a grand block of 9 all unused, the latter a very remarkable item; also 6 pairs and a block of 4 used.

1sh dark green. Seven pairs unused, three of them being in old shades; also 4 pairs used.

1sh yellow-green. 4 unused, and 6 pairs used and a fine block of 5 used; also 4 singles used on one cover.

In the 1861 so (mis)-called Wood-blocks.

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In the provisionals of 1893 he showed us a fine vertical used pair of the 1/2d on half of 1d, the upper pair having the violet surcharge and the lower pair the common red surcharge. Dr. Gascoyne pointed out that one top row of 12 stamps only were surcharged in violet all the others being in red.

In the first issue he showed a very interesting variety, the overprint reversed, "OIL RIVERS" being at top and "BRITISH—PROTECTORATE" in 2 lines below. This is a Gibbons, but not in Scotts. In the numerous provisionals he has most of the varieties unused and used and a number of interesting blocks, showing two different varieties set-tenant.

He drew special attention to two great rarities, the 1sh in black on the 2d with the surcharge vertical and the 1d on half of 2d green, with the small "1" (Scott, No. 50b). Of this he said it was believed only two copies were known.

The collection concluded with a large number of stamps on original covers and with several varieties of bisections on covers used for half the original value.

Mr. Millar of Baltimore also came up and there was a large attendance of the leading collectors, but not so many New York dealers as we should have liked to be present.

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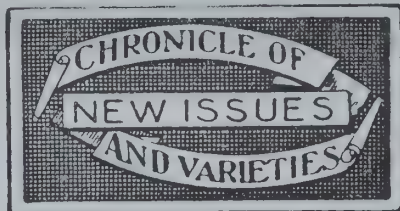
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The chronicle of United States is edited by **PHILIP H. WARD, JR.**, Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by **PERCY C. SMITH**, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.

Huguenot-Walloon Series.—By the time these notes appear the Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary stamps will have appeared, and judging from official information they will be exceedingly handsome. As a matter of philatelic history, I desire to record the official information as sent out by the Department describing the series and its issue to the public.

"HUGUENOT-WALLOON TERCENTENARY STAMPS."

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL, "WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16, 1924.

Postmasters and other officers and employees of the Postal Service are notified that the department is about to issue a special series of postage stamps in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the settling in New Netherlands, now the State of New York, of the Walloons in 1624. These stamps are issued in three denominations, 1 cent, 2 cent, and 5 cent, and are described as follows:

They are rectangular in shape, about 1 1/2 by 7/8 inches in size. The 1 cent stamp, printed in green, has for its central design a view of the ship *New Netherlands*, upon which the Walloons sailed. The 2 cent stamp, printed in red, represents the landing of the Walloons at Albany, N. Y., and the 5 cent stamp, printed in blue, represents a marker located at Mayport, Fla., showing the landing place of one colony of Walloons.

The surrounding design of the three denominations is identical, except for the necessary change of numerals representing the denominations. Above the central design in a semi-circular panel appear the words 'Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary' in white Roman letters and above this, at the top of the stamps, in a straight line, are the words 'U. S. Postage.' In both upper corners are ribbon scrolls bearing the years '1624' to the left and '1924' to the right. At the bottom of the stamp, in a straight line, is the word 'Cent' or 'Cents,' and in both lower corners within circles with dark backgrounds appears the white numeral representing the denomination. The entire stamp is enclosed within a single white-line border.

The first issue of the new Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary stamps will be placed on sale May 1, 1924, at the following post-offices: Jacksonville, Fla.,

Mayport, Fla., Albany, N. Y., New Rochelle, N. Y., New York, N. Y., Allentown, Pa., Lancaster, Pa., Philadelphia, Pa., Reading, Pa., Charleston, S. C.

The stamps will also be placed on sale May 1, 1924, at the Philatelic Agency, Division of Stamps, Post Office Department, for the benefit of stamp collectors and dealers.

This series of stamps will be issued in sheets of 50, and postmasters at central and direct accounting offices may draw requisitions for limited quantities after May 10 on Form 3201, the words "Huguenot-Walloon issue" to be written plainly on the blank. District postmasters may obtain small quantities of these stamps to meet the local demand by requisition on their central-accounting postmaster.

W. IRVING GLOVER,

Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

The above information was not only sent out in the usual circular form but also appeared in the Postal Bulletin, Volume XLV, No. 13447 of Thursday, April 17th, 1924. Under date of April 10th, the Philatelic Agency sent out their circular, No. 9, calling the attention of philatelists to this series. They further state that since sending out the last circular the agency has been entirely reorganized. However, in view of the fact that this circular is going out to over ten thousand patrons on their mailing list, it necessarily follows that they will receive a very substantial number of orders. These they promise to fill in the order of their receipt as has been their custom in the past. Patrons are asked to co-operate with the agency by refraining from making inquiries concerning their orders which are not filled within two weeks. The answering of these many letters in the past at a time when special issues were being placed on sale have to a large extent retarded the filling of orders. Every effort will be made by the agency to fill orders upon receipt, if it is physically possible to do so.

Waterglass Covered Postage Stamps.—At least one of the large mailing houses, who use in the course of a year a considerable number of the higher value postage stamps have been giving them a coating of waterglass previous to passing the packages through the post. As a result, these are almost lost to philately for it is exceedingly difficult to remove this without either damaging the stamp or else leaving traces of the varnish. Having run across a number of these varieties, I submitted samples to Professor James Lewis Howe of the Department of Chemistry, Washington and Lee University for his opinion. As there are large numbers of these stamps around, the information furnished by Professor Howe will be of general interest. He writes:—

"Surely the user of those stamps intended they should never come into philatelic use. He has daubed, why I fail to guess, over them a liberal supply of waterglass (sodium silicate). It is a fine glue and never yields its grip. It is most generally used for gluing the sheets together and making corrugated board, and paper boxes, which shall have

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I doubt if stamps treated in this way can be saved. The alkali can best be removed by dilute acetic acid, after soaking in water to loosen the stamp from the paper to which it is attached. In most cases a film of silica is left across the stamp. In several cases I have dissolved or loosened this by hydrofluoric acid, but of course, several pigments, notably the ultramarines, are destroyed by this or any other acid. (See Special Delivery.)

We join with Professor Howe in hopes that this practice of using waterglass on stamps will not become general.

CANADA.—Mr. R. Roberts has sent for the chronicle the 3c carmine, perf. 12 and also imperforate. He further adds that these stamps are printed in sheets of 100, 10x10.

FRANCE.—From Mr. R. Roberts we received the 10c and 25c of the Olympic Games issue. The 10c is green and shows an athlete wearing a laurel wreath, the right arm extending to the upper right corner of the stamp. At the top in small letters is the name of the country while just below the arm at the center right is "Paris." The lower right corner shows the figure of a val with "Postes" above. The lower left has the monogram "R. F." with the "Olympiade 1924" between the two corners. The 25c is a rose shade and pictures a man holding a medal and figures of value in the upper left and the usual monogram in the upper right. Between are words describing the event and at the base "Paris—1924."

GWALIOR.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 3a blue of India with the surcharge "Gwalior" and native characters in black.

HUNGARY.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us a new provisional Postage Due, consisting of the 5 korona brown postal adhesive (Harvesters type) surcharged in red:—"PORTO—5000—KORONA" in three lines. Provisional Postage Due, 5,000kor on 5kor brown.—Stamp Collecting.

JUGO-SLAVIA.—The 8 dinars violet portrait of King Alexander (issued a year ago), has now appeared with the surcharge "ANH. 5 din." in black (on line). Mr. Denton Hepworth shows a used copy, 5din on 8din violet.—Stamp Collecting.

MACAO.—The following new colors and shades are announced in the general Ceres type (inscribed "MACAU" foot):—3c orange, 6c grey-lilac, 10c blue, 24c blue-green, 72c brown.—Stamp Collecting.

MADAGASCAR.—We learn from the Philatelic Magazine that a provision

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that office, as well as the general public. Therefore, the order from the Marks Stamp Company was not reached for attention until January 16, 1924. However, a letter was sent to this Company advising them of the reorganization of this work and the necessity of the de-

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21† U. S. 1851 (35) 10c VERTICAL PAIR, light gr. canc., very fine & rare	35.00	405* 1881 (4) 5c block of 4, wide margins. Remarkable and rare piece. Hardly ever found in larger than pairs. Superb. PHOTO, O. G.	20
37* 1857 (54) 90c blue, unused, centered, very fine, rare thus	25.00	419* 1881 (7a) 1c block of four. EXTREMELY RARE PIECE. IMPERFORATE HORIZONTALLY. UNIQUE IN BLOCK. SUPERB. PHOTO, O. G.	8
60† 1862 (83a) 3c rose, IMPERF., shows adj. stamp at L., very fine & rare..	22.50	458* 1886 (18) 1c, O. G. Block of 8. Rare. Superb. Plate Nos. 7, 10, 17, 20..	37
80† 1879 (190) 30c, full black, IMPERFORATE, not ment. in Scott's cat., rare	25.00	480† Gr. Brit. 1882, with Plymouth cane. on piece of cover, probably used on boat	100
91* 1873 (1544) 90c Navy, ultramarine, no gum, fine and very rare	25.00	493† Hungary 1871 (2) 3kr light green, town cane., center, B. & R., very fine & rare	150
106† Afghanistan 1870 (5) 1sh black, has a horiz. crease, extra marg., fine and rare	12.00	505† Italy, Off. in Turkey 1908 (11) 4pi, type I, centered to B., lightly used copy,	150
112† Albania 1913 (4) 5pa ochre, O. G., very fine, rare	25.00	535† Mauritius 1859 (14b) 2p blue, close marg., fine shade, lightly cane., very rare	150
119† Argentina 1862 (5) 5c rose, from WORN PLATE, Gib. No. 29, val. 100sh	12.00	537† 1859 (16) 1p red, bright color, heavy cane., marg. fine exc. at T., very rare	150
120† 1862 (6) 10c green, margins superb, has unsign. thin spot, very rare	25.00	544* Modena 1859 (20) 10c black, superb	150
121† 1864-67 (8) 5c brown rose, superb town, date cane., very rare	5.00	550† Natal 1857 (2) 6p green, stamp measure 30x22 mm., lightly cane., fine, very rare	150
127† 1884-87 (361) 25c lake, part. gum, superb centr. copy, rare thus	6.00	557† 1908 (117) 4l black and violet red, superb, rare	150
131† Buenos Aires 1860 (10) 1p blue, blue town cane., superb	25.00	577† Norway 1854 (1) 4s blue, extra margins, superb	150
132† 1860 (11) 2p vermilion, lightly cane., superb, very rare	25.00	585* Palestine 1918 (1) 1pi deep blue, sheet margin, unused, superb, very rare	150
136† Armenia 1920 (232) 100r unused O. G., superb, issued only 100, very rare	25.00	587† 1918 (1) same in block of 4, sheet margin, superb, very rare	150
140† Austria 1850 (501) 1kr blue, type I, unused, very fine and rare	12.00	588† 1918 (1, 1a) both used together on postal card, superb, rare	150
143† Azores 1868 (3) 20r bistre, lightly cane., extra margins, superb, rare	3.00	624† Portugal 1866 (18) 10r yellow, superb	150
147† 1875 (34) 50r blue, lightly cane., center, superb copy	6.00	630† 1895 (131) 75r rose and brown, very fine	150
151† 1895 (88) 150r violet rose and bistre, superb, O. G.	12.00	644* Roumania 1862 (15) 3pa lemon, unused, O. G., block of 4, superb	150
166† Bavaria 1850 (7) 12kr red, lightly cane., fine marg., rare	3.50	646† 1871 (44a) 10 bani orange br., laid paper, unused, superb, very rare	150
172† Bremen 1856 (3) 7gr yellow, superb, rare	12.00	676† Saxony 1855 (10) 1ng on orig. cov., rare R. R. cane. over the stamp, superb, rare	150
185† Bulgaria 1884 (20) 5s on 30s, very fine	12.50	677† 1855 (10) 1ng, 2 orig. cov., town cane. over stamp, both superb, rare	150
185† Canada 1869 (34b) 3c dull red, used, very fine, very rare	17.50	685* Siberia 1921 (51) 4k unused O. G., only 90 issued, very fine, rare	150
187† Colomb. Rep., Bolivar, (1) 10c green, used, superb, very rare stamp	75.00	694* 1921 (61) 20k unused O. G., very fine, rare, only 50 issued	150
229† Danish W. Ind. 1855 (1) 3c dark carmine, unused, O. G., superb	12.50	695* 1921 (63) 20k, unused, O. G., very fine, 15 only issued. RARITY	150
235† Denmark 1863 (11) 16r violet, cane. "I", very fine, rare	75.00	696* 1921 (64) 20k, unused, O. G., very fine, very rare, 29 issued	150
241† Dominican Rep. 1862 (2) 1r deep green, superb, rare	9.00	704* 1922 (78-81) 4 stps., compl. set O. G., very fine, issued about 2000, set, rare	150
274† Finland 1901-03 (68, 75) both O. G., very fine copies	3.50	713* 1922 (108) 35k unused, O. G., fine, very rare	150
277† France 1870 (40, 41) 5 and 10c, both superb copies	2.00	723† Spain 1852 (14) 2r pale red, remarkably conserved item. Just a bit small margin at upper corner, but design clear and full, margins all around,	150
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293† Germany, Thurn & Taxis 1852 (1) ¼th sgr red brown, unused, good copy ..	12.00	747* 1858 (9) 120 ultramarine, unused, centered copy, superb, rare	150
295† 1865 (22) ½ rd. sgr. green, town cane., superb	3.00	749† Switzerland 1848 (13) 5c black and red, has a pinhole, superb margins, very rare	150
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307† Germany 1872 (11) 18kr bistre, light town cane., superb copy	24.00	813 Russia, No. 104, 5r Romanoff, 25 copies all O. G.	150
310† 1872 (13) 30 gr. blue, light town cane., very fine, very scarce	35.00	820 Spanish Colonies, 41 stamps all O. G.	150
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329† Greece 1861-62 (9b) 20L dark blue, fine copy, very rare	2.50		
352† Hanover 1850-63 (23) 3g brown, blue town cane., very fine			
353† 1859-63 (24) 10g green, blue R. R. cane., superb, very rare			
366† Hayti 1881 (1) horizontal strip of 4, superb, wide margin left end, O. G.			
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lay. Undoubtedly, this Company has just cause for complaint in view of the fact that their order was not filled promptly, but to imply that this is the general method of furnishing stamps to all patrons is an unfair reflection on the methods employed in the Philatelic Agency.

The records further indicate that the Marks Stamp Company did receive complete sheets of stamps without the straight edges being removed, and it may be possible that some of them were slightly offset. However, this error of the Agency was due to the fact that the employee who filled the order had just been assigned to that work several days previously, and undoubtedly, due to the rush of business at that office when practically 3,500 orders were on hand, overlooked the order of the Marks Stamp Company. The Philatelic Stamp Agency has repeatedly called the attention of stamp clerks to the necessity for furnishing all collectors with perfect specimens and the complaints received by that Agency are so few in number as to indicate that this policy is being carried out very effectively.

In the attached article, the publisher indicates that one reason the Philatelic Agency is inefficient is by reason of the fact that a non-philatelist is in charge. For the benefit of those desiring to know of the qualifications of the present Philatelic Agent, I desire to invite your attention to the fact that Mr. Mount, the present Philatelic Agent, is an employee under the Civil Service, and has had years of experience in the sale of stamps and stamped paper, having been engaged in the Washington City Post Office for 19 years. During his connection with the Washington post-office, he was employed in the capacity of stamp clerk for 14 years, the position he held at the time of his transfer to the Post Office Department and appointment as Philatelic Agent. By reason of the fact that a number of years ago, the Washington City Post Office furnished stamps for collection purposes, and Mr. Mount was in charge of that particular work, when

the Department established the Philatelic Agency he was considered by officials of the Postal Service to be the most competent man that could be obtained and the Department feels that he is performing excellent service. In fact, the numerous letters of commendation received from patrons of the Agency concerning his activities justify this confidence in his work. Furthermore, letters have been received from patrons of the Agency calling Mr. Mount's attention to the injustice of the Marks Stamp Company's article, as well as expressing complete confidence and appreciation of the work he is performing.

Possibly, the writer of this article is not aware of the fact that the work of the Philatelic Agency is of a highly fluctuating character, so much so, that orders cannot be filled with the usual promptness, by reason of the fact that the Department has only a limited number of employees trained to perform those duties and cannot add to the personnel of the Agency to advantage when these rush periods occur. It was because of this reason that the reorganization of the Agency was undertaken, with a view of placing competent employees as retail stamp clerks to meet the ever increasing demand for stamped paper desired for philatelic purposes.

The Department does not encourage the appointment of a philatelist in the Philatelic Agency. Mr. Mount is not a collector of stamps, but through his continual contact with collectors for many years in his capacity as stamp clerk in the Washington City Post Office, he has become a competent judge of desirable stamped paper for collection purposes. Were the Department to appoint a philatelist or a collector to the position of Stamp Agent or to a minor position in the Philatelic Agency, it would be subjected to a great deal of criticism by stamp collectors who would be of the opinion that the philatelist in charge or any other philatelist connected with the Agency would absorb all desirable stamped paper having a large philatelic value for their own use.

The popularity of the Philatelic Agency is evidenced by the fact that the demand for stamped paper at this time is the greatest since the establishment of the Agency; in fact, indications point that the sales of the Agency for the present fiscal year will be largely in excess of the amount received during the last fiscal year. The Department has expended during the past two months over \$2,000 for new equipment for the Agency, in order that every facility can be extended to the prompt filling of orders.

In a business of this character, where hundreds of different varieties of stamps are carried on hand, this Department feels that the work of the Agency is being performed in a most commendatory manner. The Agency at all times stands ready to rectify errors which are inadvertently made and if any defective stamps are sent to any patron at any time, they will gladly be exchanged upon application.

The Philatelic Agency will be glad to receive constructive criticism from collectors, as it is my wish that every effort of the Department shall be directed towards making this newly established bureau a highly efficient organization.

I have gone at length in this letter to explain to you the methods employed by the Philatelic Agency, by reason of the fact that you are a member of the American Philatelic Society and can offer legitimate criticism or commendation of the actions of the Government Philatelic Agency at any time you may desire.

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W. IRVING GLOVER,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

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An old friend of the WEEKLY in the person of Laurence B. Mason of Cranford, N. J., is our first applicant for

membership in the Honor Club this week. He has been a subscriber to WEEKLY for many years and assures that he takes a keen interest as it appears. Thanks, Mr. Mason.

"Some men are ambitious to retire sixty and go on farm to raise hens, my hope is to become a stamp dealer and write some of the tempting advertisements that compel me to read every column of your paper. Necessity limits me to United States and Confederate covers. Otherwise there would be hope of anything to retire on, and indeed there is very little hope as I have this little preachment Dr. J. Harper Blaisdell sends in his check for membership in the Honor Club. The Managing Editor confesses that the time when he too had the same ambition to become a dealer, but it was ordered otherwise. Anyway, the next best thing to being a stamp dealer is to read dealers' advertisements week by week."

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of \$5 from Elliott S. Robinson, 76 Halifax St., Jamaica Plain, Mass. for membership in our Honor Club. We thank Mr. Robinson for his co-operation.

After taking a vacation of two years in stamp collecting, Harry E. Gray, in 1921, began again and he suggests that someone should "write of the joys of stamp collecting once again after collecting when a kid." Mr. Gray believes that it surpasses the thrills furnished one who reads "Alice in Wonderland." His original subscription began in 1895. Mr. Gray is a member of the firm of Gray & Gray, real estate investments and insurance loans, Bacon Block, Oakland, Cal., and his membership in the Honor Club is made possible by renewal for five years.

Frank J. Pope, formerly of Charlotte, Vt., is now located in California, "the land of sunshine," and may be found in Covina. He advises us that after five years of stamp collecting he can reasonably hope for at least five more years of pleasure, and he therefore encloses membership fee of \$5 in the Honor Club. THE MANAGING EDITOR

I Want To Thank

Many Customers for their liberal support, and their many answers to my ads, which have appeared in these columns during the last few months. On this page in the present issue appears my last Auction Sale for the season. In this sale there are many items of interest, both for collectors and dealers. There are some good U. S. Stamps, including some interesting covers, etc. There are also good Foreign items. It seems to me that something of interest may be found for all.

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* 185 100 Nicaragua 1911, 5c, No. 291	10.00	
* 186 Another lot	10.00	
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199 200 Roumania 1879, 1 1/2b	6.00	
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THE AUSTRALIAN 6d AND 9d KANGAROOS.

By A. H. DAVIS.

Having several points in common,
these two denominations may well be
taken together—the blue and the purple
Kangaroos. Both have been fairly con-
stant in colour, though there have been
variations in shade; both have lived
through the three phases of watermark
that Kangaroos in stampdom are liable
to; both have been, and are, printed
from the vertically-double plate of 240
designs commonly used for values of
medium occurrence.

PAPER.

The paper used for these stamps has
been normal, with a couple of exceptions
to be noted presently. The 1913 6d and
9d are on the thinnish white wove usual
with the first wmk. The provisionals of
1914-15, printed on paper used for king's
head stamps of that period, is compara-
tively thick and creamish in colour. The
third watermark stamp used to be on
coarse white wove distinctly thicker than
that of 1913, but recently the tendency
in all A. C. stamps, including at least
the 6d., has been the use of a thinner
and whiter paper than of yore.

The exceptions spoken of were a single
sheet of 6d and 9d on thin paper that I
handled at the G. P. O., Melbourne, in
1919 (similar to the thin paper 2½d is-
sued in 1918). They had been printed on
undoubted thin paper, the test of which
is: turn a sheet upside down, when the
design appears on the reverse side
through the translucent texture of the
paper. These sheets were to have been
reserved for me, but by some mistake
got mislaid or sold. I managed to ob-
tain a few copies of the 9d thin later,
but never saw another such 6d sheet,
though I handled many hundreds be-
tween that year and my departure to-
wards the end of 1921.

WATERMARK.

The 6d value is known with inverted
wmk., in all three kinds, but none are
common. As a matter of fact, the writer
has only seen used examples of each.
Strange to say, the only mint copies he
has had were overprinted "North West
Pacific Islands," and so belong to an-
other part of the album. They were first
wmk. stamps, which are apparently bet-
ter known overprinted in this fashion
than plain in this upside-down position.
He once saw the 6d with third wmk. in-
verted advertised by a Sydney firm, and
at once applied for some, but all he re-
ceived was a regret "that the 6d inverted
wmk. is completely out of stock, and we
are unable to obtain further supplies."
Without in the least doubting that the
advertisers actually had the stamp ad-
vertised, the number probably was very
small; and their inability to procure
further supplies may be taken as gospel.
Neither 6d nor 9d is known with wmk.
sideways.

The first wmk., 9d is not known with
inverted wmk. Until recently only the
third wmk., of this denomination, a few
sheets of which appeared so in 1919,
had been discovered thus. Though not
actually found by the writer, a search
at his instigation led a London firm to
find a second wmk. 9d with this error of
wmk.—a superb copy of probably unique
variety he now has in his possession.
Until this, the only value of the 1914-15
provisionals known with upside-down
wmk., except the top value (5s), had
been the 6d. This is a striking illustra-
tion that research in this country has not
reached finality even in the 1914-15 pro-
visional issue, which by now has been so
much studied it had not been thought
would yield further results. It is strange
that by far the commonest value in this
series—the 2d—has never yet been seen
with error of wmk.

PERFORATION.

The 9d has been seen by the writer
with double perforations at foot (third
wmk.). He does not remember seeing
any freak perfs. in the 6d value, though,
of course, such may exist.

The perforation is usually nearly 12.
clean cut, but it can be found pretty
rough in both values. Indeed, the writer

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has in front of him a block of sixpenny,
in which the perforation is nearly blind.

SHADES OF THE 6D.

Quite the commonest shade of this
stamp is that kind of blue called ultra-
marine. Indeed, the first wmk. is not
known to the writer in any other colour,
though Mr. Rosenblum in the A. C. hand-
book describes the colour as from "dull
blue to ultramarine." All the writer
knows of is slight differences of the
latter colour from light to deep.

The second wmk. 6d is ultramarine,
and nothing else. This seems unani-
mously agreed. Indeed, the constancy
of shade in this variety is remarkable
for an Australian stamp, and seems to
prove a single printing only.

When we come to the third wmk. 6d,
we get variety at last. Yet it continued
in an ultramarine shade, little varying
from the 1913 stamps for quite a while.
And it may be worth mentioning that
the last lot of these stamps received by
the writer, despatched from Melbourne
G. P. O., in August, 1923, are almost
identical in shade with this stamp as it
first appeared in 1913, only the ultra-
marine is rather brighter so as to make the
older stamp appear by comparison a trifle
dull. Nevertheless, it is true that con-
siderable variation in hue has intervened,
especially in the years 1919 to 1921, while
the shade of the 2½d denomination was
also greatly fluctuating. About May,
1920, the colour seems to have changed
from deep ultramarine to dull blue, and
it changed again at the end of that year
to a colour described on Gibbons' colour
chart as "violet-blue;" and it continued
in shades of this violet-blue colour most
of 1921. In his handbook, Mr. Rosen-
blum calls this colour "greyish-blue,"
and I have seen it described as "a warm
ultramarine" in an English chronicle of
this stamp in this shade; but it is quite
a different colour from that of the 6d
of 1913, which was a true ultramarine.

SHADES OF THE 9D.

When we spoke of a "purple Kanga-
roo," we were quite aware that most cata-

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logues attribute to this stamp the col-
our of "violet," and no other. We ap-
ply to its hue a generic name denoting
mixture of red and blue, because, as
matter of fact, this stamp has appear-
ed in almost every shade that comes
from that mixture, although it is granted
violet has been the prevailing shade
date. Even the first wmk. 9d, which
nearly always appears in the ortho-
dox shade, may yet be found in hetero-
dox shades, such as deep mauve, pale lil-
ac, etc. When we come to the second
wmk. 6d, the exceptions are almost
as numerous as the rule, and we
deem it a sign of conscientious com-
piling that Messrs. Bright, in their "Br-
itish Empire," connote this stamp
"mauve," though we hardly see w-
both colours could not have been giv-
But it is the third wmk. that the great
range of shade occurs. Here Mess-
rs. Bright give both colours, "violet" and
"mauve," whilst Messrs. Gibbons a-
give two, but only "violet" and "br-
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tive shade is a pale mauve Cooke print of about 1918. Then specimens can be picked out that are deep mauve, dull mauve, bright mauve, besides lilacs and purples and the conventional violets.

FLAWS OF THE 6D

are not numerous. Most of those seen have really been not plate flaws at all, but due to excess of colour, like those spoken of in the 4d Kangaroo.

In the first wmk. stamps of 1913 there is a conspicuous plate flaw. The last stamp of the upper, or North Plate, has the final "E" in "PENCE" broken and chopped up until it hardly looks like a letter at all. This is the largest flaw seen by us, but it does not occur in later printings.

The most noteworthy flaws in later printings seem to be where "white lines" stand out above and below words of value. In some stamps of this value this is quite conspicuous.

FLAWS OF THE 9D.

Plate flaws are more numerous in this value. For years the first stamp of sheets printed from the lower or South

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Plate has had a "ruffled sea" under the word "POSTAGE," the appearance being due to white specks. In some specimens it is more marked than in others. In the right-hand pane of the same sheet, in the first stamp of the second row, there is a white oval underneath the final "A" of "AUSTRALIA." In the second stamp of the third row, there is a white tail shooting out of the bend in the back of the letter "R" in "AUSTRALIA." In the upper plate, I find in the last stamp of the left pane a white islet between Tasmania and the mainland. In some stamps there is also a tendency for "white lines" to develop over words of value, but generally this does not show before the letters "NCE," and there is no trace of it under the words (unlike in the 6d value).

The above mentioned flaws occur in the last plate used for Harrison printings, but I have a few flaws that belong to former plates, which I am unable to locate, not having entire sheets printed from these. Prominent among these are a couple of examples of a white hair line dropping from the letter "G" in "POSTAGE" to the north of the map. This is the best defined and most important plate flaw I know of in this denomination. I also have a mint pair, in which the first stamp has the word misspelt "POSTAGE." This seems to have been due to damage to a plate that was speedily corrected, for I never saw but one example of it. I also have a block of four in the pale mauve shade that identifies it as a Cooke print of 1918, in which the second stamp, a side marginal one, has what looks like an elongated island under the letter "U."

The most curious flaw in this value seen by the writer is a pair of stamps off the foot of a sheet with a thick coloured hair line extending and bending through both stamps. This was obviously due to a hair, or some other fibre, adhering to plate, and getting printed. But probably only a single sheet would be affected, and the flaw not being in the plate, but on it, and non-recurring is not so important.

PRINTINGS OF THE 6D.

Cooke printings, with AC: JBC monograms at foot, were used in Melbourne up to 1919, and, therefore, as in the 9d value, included all three wmk. In that year the 6d appeared in Harrison's first printing, having the AC monogram under both panes of the sheet. But this was a brief issue, and was followed by Harrison's third printing, with two-line imprint, "T. S. Harrison, Australian Note and Stamp Printer."

It is strange, but there is no trace of his second print, with his one line imprint at foot, though in not appearing in this printing this value is in the same boat as the 3d value. But, we should add, this two-line imprint was attached to plates having full borders, a line of colour around each sheet, with two drop-

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ping down in the gutter dividing the panes. In 1921 all these lines of colour were done away with in what was evidently a new plate, which is still in use.

By the way, it may be asked how, in sheets printed, can the upper plate be distinguished from those coming from the lower half in printings like this (and so many other Harrison prints) without border lines. It will be remembered that in the first wmk. stamps, upper are distinct from lower sheets in the absence of the monograms. Later, in the third wmk. regime, these were inserted in the upper plate also, but the line of colour above had to be whittled down to get them in. And in Harrison printings, even when the monograms had gone, the upper plate could still be pointed out by this thinning of the border line. But when border lines also vanish, how is one to determine whether a sheet comes from an upper or lower plate?

The answer is by the marginal watermark. All coming from the lower plate have, as marginal inscription, the words "Commonwealth of Australia" on the left side with the word "Postage," whilst in upper plates this arrangement is reversed.

PRINTINGS OF THE 9D.

These are fewer than in the former value, only two being known to the author. Firstly, that of Cooke up to about the year 1919, and Harrison's one-line imprint with full border lines, which is still current, or, at least was in August, 1923. Evidently a large printing of this value was made that has lasted a long time, as these last sheets are still on paper similar to that used in 1920 and 1921, and not the thin very white paper that has been used in printing the new colours. But it is fully expected that a new printing of this value may appear any time now without border lines of colour and bearing the two-line modern imprint.

It is just possible this value may have been included in that brief issue—Harrison's first print, having AC monograms on either side. This is an elusive issue, and the only values in it, as far as known to the writer, are the ½d, 1d and 6d ones.—Stamp Collecting.

H. C. NEEDHAM ON U. S. LOCALS.

(N. Y. "Times" clipping from G. W. Gunner.)

Seventy-five years ago, among the many privately printed postage stamps for the delivery of local mail, there was issued in St. Louis a small oblong stamp bearing the words, in three lines, "Clark & Hall's Penny Post, One Cent." One of these stamps was used to prepay an envelope addressed to Miss Eliza Pettus of St. Charles, Mo., in 1849. It evidently contained a valentine, for the envelope is of the fancy lace bordered type so common more than a generation ago, when the sending of valentines was a more popular custom than is the case today. The color of the stamp is pink.

The young woman who received the valentine was a relative of Morrison Pettus, a St. Louis lawyer, and he discovered it a short time ago among a mass of old family letters, several of which contain rare stamps of the early United States issues. Mr. Pettus sent a photograph of the envelope to a New York philatelist, and when it was shown to Henry C. Needham, a lawyer, of 93 Nassau Street, who is acknowledged to be the leading authority on United States locals, the latter pronounced it a unique copy.

"The study of United States local stamps has been carried on with such thoroughness in recent years," said Mr. Needham, yesterday, "that only at rare intervals does anything new come to light. The discovery of a hitherto unknown issue is an event in the local philatelic world and the St. Louis 'Penny Post' found by Mr. Pettus is very interesting. Of many of our rarest locals only a few copies are known. Their scarcity is due to the fact that the envelopes were invariably thrown away. The local postage stamps played an important part in the postal history and development of our country. They have never attracted a large number of collectors, perhaps from the difficulty of

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While it is difficult to place a financial value upon the local discovered by Mr. Pettus, Mr. Needham predicted that one or two collectors in this city would be glad to pay a few hundred dollars for it.

The grandfather of Mr. Pettus was William G. Pettus and he was Secretary of State of Missouri in 1822 when the seal of the State was adopted. Missouri became a State in 1820 and Governor McNair in 1822 authorized Mr. Pettus to prepare the official seal giving him the option of using the figure of a grizzly or a white bear. Mr. Pettus chose the Missouri grizzly bear. The seal with a well engraved figure of the bear appeared on the postmasters' St. Louis stamps issued in 1845 and 1846, the first adhesive stamps in that State, which preceded the first Government issue in 1847. They were issued in three denominations, 5, 10 and 20 cents. They are all worth several hundred dollars apiece and Mr. Pettus has among his letters ten envelopes addressed to his grandfather and father bearing the St. Louis provisionals, nine being of the 5 cent variety and one of the 10 cent value.

Besides these philatelic gems, which Mr. Pettus values more for their sentimental associations than for the \$1,000 to \$2,000 for which he might sell them, he discovered among his old letters several postmarked envelopes with copies of the 5 and 10 cent stamps of the first United States issue, 1847, a beautiful copy of the 1 cent 1851 issue with the unusual "Steam" postmark and several of the 1, 3 and 10 cent copies of the 1851 to 1862 issue with town postmarks, one of the 10 cent stamps having a Portland, Ore., postmark of April 22, 1862.

His find also disclosed half a dozen envelopes sent from the War Department, two envelopes being in the handwriting of General William T. Sherman, addressed to Mrs. Eunhrasia Mackay at Rome, Italy. One of these has a pair of the special War Department 12 cent stamps, one 6 cent stamp in addition to the 3 cent envelope stamp. Still another has a pair of 12's and one sent to London has three 6 cent department stamps. These special department stamps were discontinued many years ago and they are very scarce on the original envelopes.

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straight edge, and I see it only ca

6c at that, so that's where the AS

comes in,—I'm stung.

And then I sent for some of the

ETC. stamps, no, I guess it's 1Tc. W

anyway, I thot I'd get the coil ki

(no relation to ASP), so I asked f

'em perf. x imperf. Now, You'd thi

any reasonable guy would know what

meant. Well, this P. S. A. feller,

goes to work and hunts up some boc

lets, and tears the end stamps off t

panes, and rolls them up in about fo

feet of wax lunch paper, and sticks t

in an envelope marked "Free" and calls

a day. (And I'd sent him a registrati

fee, too). When I gets 'em, and fina

disengages 'em from the bread wrapp

if you get me, why, I'm pretty mad. I

ready to shoot 'em back P. D. Q.,—

15c worth of 'em. But on seco

thought, I see he was right. They a

"perf. x imperf." alright. Perf. N. a

W., and imperf. S. and E., as the at

tioneer would say. And I'm S. O. L.

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THE LISTING OF DOUBLE TRANSFERS.

By J. C. HARRIGAN, Colville, Wash.

For many years the close students of
philately have noted and saved those en-
graved stamps which bore evidence of
the engraver's carelessness or inaccuracy.
These stamps have at different times
been designated as showing shifted die,
misplaced die, shifted transfer, or double
transfer. In recent years the term double
transfer has come to be generally ac-
cepted as an appellation which covers the
subject.

Due undoubtedly to lack of knowledge
of how these double transfers are pro-
duced, some stamps are now being shown
as double transfers which are far re-
moved from the real article. For be it
known that a smudge or a smear or a
slight doubling of the impression is not
a double transfer. The transfer deals
only with the plate. The printing comes
afterward. A double transfer may be
covered up by too much ink or a slight
doubling of impression. On the other
hand, too much ink or carelessness in
removing the sheet from the plate may
produce a suspicion of a double trans-
fer, but the magnifying glass will uncover
the truth.

A double transfer is produced when
the engraver impresses the die in the
wrong place and then reimpreses it in
the right place. It is presumed that all
evidence of the first wrong impression
will be removed by the engraver's tools
before the plate goes to press, but as
his is a slow and difficult and exceedingly
fine operation, a tell-tale story of the
first wrong impression is generally left
somewhere on the stamp.

There are two definite factors enter-
ing into the proof of a double transfer:
(1) There are lines shown on the stamp
where there should be no lines. (2)
These lines result from line depressions
in the plate, and not from any pulling
of the sheet or doubling of the impres-
sion or smearing of the ink following
the impression.

Some collectors have expressed sur-
prise at the collecting of double trans-
fers, claiming that as they are evidences
of poor work instead of the perfection
of the engraver's art, they are not worthy
of being associated with the really nice
stamps which show in all their wealth of
detail a fine appreciation of one of the
arts preservative.

This contention is a valid one so far
as it goes, but philately today is an ex-
pression not only of what is, but of what
has been. In other words, philately com-
prises the history of stamp engraving,
and sordid facts as well as pleasing pro-
ductions have their places in history.

The early examples of stamp engrav-
ing bear mute evidences of the difficulties
encountered in producing engraved post-
age stamps, in quantity, at a profit. In
recent years the difficulty has been largely
in producing the quantity. Plates will
ordinarily stand but 50,000 to 60,000 im-
pressions, although the quality of ink
and the kind of press will cause a con-
siderable difference in the life of the
plate. The history of postage stamp en-
graving is completely shown in a com-
prehensive stamp collection, and from
this standpoint any exhibit is worthy of
inclusion which bears its quota of his-
toric explanation.

The collector who looks for and studies
double transfers also learns something
else about his collection. He learns the
wisdom of selecting the clear-cut samples
of good engraving work, the stamps that
are not over-inked, the stamps that do
not show smears or offsets, the stamps
that are from new plates and properly
inked. Such stamps are a lasting joy,
but such stamps are seldom found in
quantity except in the collections of
those whose close study of their stamps
has taught them the value of having
good specimens. The constant seeker for
double transfers knows the futility of
finding nice doubles in poorly printed
stamps.

Double transfers are found wherever
one finds them. To a certain extent
they are like fly specks, in that when one
appears, another is likely to be near. Ex-
cellent examples of this are seen in the
12c, No. 6902 plate, and in other plates,
where numerous doubles are found close
together. In many other plates, doubles
are found one below the other, and in
some the doubles are side by side. Some
are so plain as to be immediately ob-
served, the doubling almost spoiling the
appearance of the stamp, as in the 2c
Hudson-Fulton. Others are seen only
with the glass, as in the case of many
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Some day there will be a complete list of doubles, with the plate and the number of the stamp listed to aid the collector. Such a list, if complete, would probably do away with a number of stamps which are now being retained as doubles. At this time the list of doubles is far from being known. The Scott catalogue has started the movement, by listing such as have been proved to the firm but it is far from complete, and location is not attempted except in a few early issues. Mr. Clark has stated that he will be glad to list all others shown him, hence those whose fancy includes the elusive doubles might do well for themselves and prove a boon to philately by submitting their unlisted doubles, together with location if known, and paying the postage both ways in the interest of their hobby. In the end it will prove financially profitable to holders of rare doubles.

As an example of the double which is not a double, I have 30 or more of the 1c 1917, in a block which appear to be mostly doubles. But I also have the plate number, and it is double. In other words, I have a slight double impression, but no double transfer. Any one trying to sell me a double from this plate would have to show me how the plate number also became doubled.

There are five major classifications by which doubles may be listed, and it is advisable to letter these classifications so that the double may be easily described. The result of thus classifying is so clear and pleasing that it is here given:

(A) Frame line. (B) Oval. (C) Medallion. (D) Lettering or numerals. (E) Ornaments. For easy memorization, these letters may be used with more definite descriptions: (A) All Around. (B) Between. (C) Center. (D) Description. (E) Everything Else.

The details of this method of classification make plain the purpose and scope of the idea to classify doubles:

(A) Doubles shown inside or outside the outer frame line, whether caused by doubling of the outer line or by doubling of some other line which shows inside the outer line. The A class includes such frame line doubles as the 5c 1847, 10c 1847, 5c 1898, 50c Columbian, 3c 1917. In the A class is included the 2c Alaska-Yukon where a double is shown inside the upper left frame line although the doubling is not by the frame line.

(B) Doubles which show on the white oval. All stamps do not have ovals, but most of them do, and others have designs which separate the central design or medallion from the rest of the stamp. Call them all ovals, and make class C include any double which shows in this white space separation. This class is probably the most prolific of the double family, including such stamps as

the 1c 1857, 10c 1857, 5c 1890, 5c 1895, 1c 1908, 1c 1910, 1c 1917, and the 1c Columbian where the vertical line back of the Indian mother shows in the white.

(C) Doubles shown within the central design or inside of the oval, including doubles of head, hair, coat, short, or toga button. Examples are 1c 1851 where the coat lines are doubled, 1c 1851 inverted which shows so plainly on the coat, 1c 1910 where the background impinges on the forehead, 1c 1917 where the bottom is doubled in a number of stamps, 2c Harding where the shirt and coat lines are doubled.

(D) Doubling of the lettering or numerals, or lines which show in them. Here are included such doubles as the 10c 1847, 1c 1851, 3c 1851, 3c Columbian, 1c 1910, 4c 1914, 1c 1917, 1c Jamestown, 2c Hudson Fulton, 3c 1917, 2c Harding. This is perhaps the most interesting class of doubles, for if anything on the stamp is supposed to be clear and plain it is the lettering and the denomination.

(E) Doubles which show in the ornaments or elsewhere on the stamp between the oval white space and the frame white space or line. Here are included a number of the 1c 1870-79. These are most interesting, and are located without much trouble. The doubles which are found only in the ornaments, especially those of recent years, are at the best hard to distinguish, and generally are not noticeable. I consider them the least important of the doubles. They are never really plain except on a new plate.

By these five classes, A to E, one can list almost every double of importance, and such as cannot be thus listed are worthy either of a well written description or of forgetting.

By combining the letters of classification, one can accurately describe his specimens. Thus a 1c 1851 may be listed as BCD, a 2c Hudson-Fulton as ACD, a good many of the famous 12c plate 6900 come under BCD, the triple of the Hudson-Fulton is ABCD. A double of the right frame line can be listed as A-R (R for right) and a double at the lower left ornament would be E-BL (bottom left). All the abbreviations and the classification can be neatly made in an album above, below or alongside the stamp, they are quite plainly understood, and are a quick and effective method of description. Whenever possible the double should be included in a block sufficiently large to include the plate number and to indicate which position the number comes from.

Most of the doubles in the last 20 years show the doubling somewhere in the white oval inclosing the picture, and the usual shift is downward. In not many stamps is any part of the head or face doubled, the engravers having taken pains to clear the medallion of the original wrong lines. Yet in the 1c 1910 the forehead in several cases is

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and shift, and there are several ex-
cellent examples of double lines on the
hat, shirt or neck.
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which show all five classifications. And
he does not have to go back to early
series to find these. One of the most
striking examples of ABCDE is No. 32
the BR 13303 1c 1917, and some of
these are possible to locate without much
trouble. There must have been some
rush when this plate was made, for there
are 6 stamps in the plate showing
doubles. And the 1c plate 13306 has 16
doubles, perhaps being made and in-
jected the same day. Some of the
doubled frame lines are over 1 mm.
out of position.
In the B, C, D, E classes, more stamps
are found with the lower part showing
doubles than with the upper part show-
ing them. There are a number of
amps which show fine scratches which
could not be confused with doubling.
scratch is not a double. And there
are plates from which the position lines
have not been erased. These position
lines have no connection with doubling,
and in a plate showing position lines
there is less likelihood of finding doubles.
Another point should be remembered
those who are just starting their
search for doubles. Plates become worn
and sometimes damaged in the printing
process, and at times there are lines ap-

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pearing in the white spaces caused by the deepening, widening or elongation of some of the finer lines of the design. This is particularly true in the shading above and below the lettering of the regular issues of 20th century stamps, causing an appearance somewhat like doubling. A most careful examination with a glass is necessary to show the difference in some cases, but I have never yet found a case wherein a careful study would not disclose the truth to a high degree of certainty.

One should keep constantly in mind that the double is produced by failure of the engraver to erase the previous wrong impression, and that an engraved plate consists of lines cut INTO the plate, and not superimposed as on a printing plate. When an engraving plate wears, the wear is on the printing edges of the line that is cut into the plate, and seldom in the line itself. The edges may become battered and hang over the line for a time until they wear away, but while in the hanging position they are liable to leave a printed mark where none is intended. Many stamps are found which show a hang-over damaging of the top and bottom of the lettering.

It would not be surprising if the cat-aloguing of double and triple transfers will some day indicate the kind of double and the location on the plate, somewhat as follows:

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13303 BR 32,	2.50	1.50

TIME IS MONEY.

There are some people who unintentionally are guilty of imposing upon the time and patience of their fellow-men. In a recent number appeared an article upon the 3c green by M. H. Hoover of Lockport, N. Y., and he writes that if classification of stamps is wanted correspondents must enclose return postage with remittance of 25c per stamp. Mr. Hoover says that if he could manufacture hours of one hundred minutes each and had twice his strength he might possibly be able to meet the demands that are made upon him. He writes an inquirer:—

"Frankly I must say that when I undertook to give my philatelic brethren a report on my exploration of the 32,000 three cent greens, I did not know what I was getting into. Letters similar to yours come to me almost every day, ever since the appearance of the first article about my U. S. I am happy to say however, that in your case a two-cent stamp for return postage was enclosed, something that has occurred in only one other instance.

I would be delighted to lend any assistance my humble ability could afford my stamp collecting brethren, but truth is I am a somewhat busy man, what with my editorial work, looking after a fruit farm near my city home, etc.

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ribbed from my collection, with my com-
pliments. You will readily note the
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lines which are wider and distinct. The
other comments on your specimens I
think I have made clear on the card."

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THE DETROIT CONVENTION.

(E. J. Vandervert and H. W. Boers send us a clipping from the Detroit "Free Press" of Sunday, April 27. The article is written by Wm. C. Richards, who is regarded as one of the strong men on the "Free Press" staff. He is also known as a philatelist, having a collection of Netherlands and Colonies. We do not reprint all of Mr. Richards' article, as part of it would not be of sufficient news value to our readers. It is very evident that Detroit proposes to capitalize to its fullest extent the publicity that the A.P.S. is able to give the city. In that Detroit is wise.—W. O. W.)

When a postage stamp that sold originally for two cents brings \$32,000 in a later sale, that seems to us to surpass for increasing value any of Henry Ford's legitimate or Rufus Wallingford's nefarious enterprises.

But it did and it is coming to Detroit—this stamp that cost one pence in 1856 and brought \$32,000 a few years ago when an American outbid the King of England for it in a European auction room. It is due here, it is promised, as part of the convention of the American Philatelic society in August.

MOST VALUABLE EXTANT.

The stamp, considered the most valuable in existence, was issued by British Guiana. It is known as the famous British Guiana error.

A green apprentice boy must have been on the presses. He put the wrong colored ink on the roller, perhaps. Anyhow, the one penny stamp turned up in the color intended for the 4 pence.

"You ain't color-blind, are you," the foreman probably fumed when he saw it. "Wash that roller off. I told you twice to use green ink. Now you pull this again and you can put on your hat and coat or I'll knock you for a couple of British Guiana loops."

Possibly he didn't say that, but the error made stamp history.

If you want to come closer home, the stamp connoisseurs will tell you of a 4 cent imperforate stamp issued by the United States post-office especially for the Schermack Mailing machine company of Detroit, in 1907.

10,000 WERE ISSUED.

They were exactly like the 4 cent stamps in general use except that they didn't have the perforated edges. The government printed 10,000 of them, and the mailing machine company turned 6,000 over to the Burroughs Adding Machine Company and 4,000 to the Hamilton-Carhartt Company for some mail job they were doing and for which the two Detroit firms were using machines to stick the stamps on.

Then along came Karl Koslowski, who owns one of the most complete collections of Polish stamps in Detroit. He dropped into a printing shop to see a friend. That particular printer was doing the printing for the Carhartt company and taking care of the mailing, so the imperforated 4 cent stamps had been turned over to him.

"Say, Joe, sell me 50 of those will you?" suggested Koslowski.

Koslowski paid face value for them, or \$2.00. Then he put them away and—didn't forget them.

When he looked at a stamp catalog some time later, he found that his small purchase had multiplied enormously in value. He was besieged with offers, as the story of his chance find was bruited about. Finally he sold a strip of five copies to Frederick R. Schmalzriedt, an attorney in the Majestic building.

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Schmalzriedt paid \$50 apiece for them, or \$250 for the strip of five that cost Koslowski 20 cents. Mr. Schmalzriedt was crazy, too. After making his investment and lying back on his oars for a few years he re-sold the strip of five in 1920, for \$1,500. In the 13 years 20 cents had become \$1,500.

Some bug on monographs perhaps will write some day the life of an especially rare postage stamp. Naturally, most of them are born to perish. They go into the waste-basket without a glance. However happy may have been the artist's design, it doesn't even get a look. If

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has a vast collection, with one of the

original Boston Tea Party stamps as a

prominent rarity.

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Detroit are John Kay, the jeweler; Dr.

Warren L. Babcock, superintendent of

race hospital; William M. Swan, patent

attorney; H. W. Boers, who is to exhibit

book of Harding memorial stamps at a

convention that probably will cause

inconsiderable envy; former Judge

Hans Kuhn, president of the Michigan

Telephone company; the late

Theodore P. LaDue, who died in Florida

recently and who owned the most com-

plete collection of Canadian stamps;

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Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—A reader asks us what we think of the idea of collecting the autographs of the various postmasters general as a commentary to the specialized collection of U. S. The idea is a taking one and fits in very well with the collection. We remember that a Confederate collection started off with an autograph letter of Reagan, the Confederate postmaster-general.

—The Orange Philatelic Club were the guests of Edward C. Worden, at his library, at Milburn, N. J., on the evening of April 10th, when Mr. Worden exhibited his collection of United States.

—According to the newspapers, the Senate has restored the stamp tax on drafts and checks.

—For some time past we have been made aware that the government was frowning upon the enterprise of stamp folks in their earnest quest for precancelled stamps: and our columns have reflected the growing displeasure of the authorities. The third assistant postmaster-general has now issued under date of April 26, 1924, instructions to postmasters, headed "Improper sale of precancelled stamps." The notice which we subjoin is certainly within the rights of the department, and our suggestion is that enthusiasts co-operate with the department in properly restricting the sale of the precancelled stamps without due authorization.

"IMPROPER SALE OF PRECANCELED STAMPS."

It appears that a number of stamp collectors throughout the country are making requests upon postmasters for precancelled stamps, especially Harding memorial stamps, and also that some postmasters comply with such requests, notwithstanding the conditions governing the use of precancelled stamps specifically provide that such stamps may be sold to and used only by persons and concerns to whom they have been furnished by a postmaster after special authority in each instance has been obtained from this office.

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Postmasters are therefore enjoined from selling or otherwise furnishing pre-

cancelled stamps to persons or concerns not authorized to use such stamps.

Postmasters are also requested to invite the attention of their patrons authorized to use precancelled stamps to paragraph 4 of the conditions governing their use, which provides that persons and concerns authorized to use precancelled stamps are prohibited from selling them.

W. IRVING GLOVER,
Third Assistant Postmaster-General.—Madrid Filatelico for March contains an interesting article, translated from *Deutsche Philatelist*, by the way, on the utensils of the stamp collector, a subject that has not received the attention in text that it is deserving of. The writer tells of various accessories in a way that is helpful and he gives a number of ideas that, while not new are an improvement on some of the methods of use of the scales, glass, gauge, etc. The article is illustrated and it is of the kind that should attract attention to a somewhat neglected field so far as the reading pages of our papers are concerned.

—According to an Associated Press despatch, the used stamps of the Irish Republic that were employed on telegrams to pay the tax, consisting of all values and to the number of some millions of stamps are to be offered for sale by the Irish Government and as the despatch says, only those persons whose outlets for stamps were of no ordinary kind would feel justified in entering into the competition for the purchase of the stamps.

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EDITORIAL.

The engrossing topic just now is pro-
vided by the Huguenot-Walloon com-
memorative issue which is receiving the
attention of the collecting and the gen-
eral public. A good volume of pub-
licity in the newspapers is resulting from
the appearance of the three stamps and
the first clipping that comes is from Mr.
George Kump of Xenia, Ohio, and it
says that the issue will be placed on sale
at designated points on May 1 and that
the sale will become general on May 10.
Other clippings on the subject show that
the new stamps are regarded as a de-
velopment of some importance in the
postal history of the day and worthy of
news notice. Without trying to delve
into the psychological benefit of this
advertising, it is a foregone conclusion
that the publicity that the stamps are re-
ceiving will bear fruit; and any elab-
oration of the theme would be repetition
of what has been said heretofore, on
occasion. As one realizes that the
growth of our pursuit is bound up in
great degree with the notice that it re-
ceives in print, outside of our own circle,
it becomes more necessary than ever
before to know that the best procedure
in trying to popularize collecting is
through public press report. Astute
leaders who have the welfare of philat-
elately at heart and who may be said to
project themselves into the future think
that this general publicity, which they
wish to encourage in every legitimate
way, is the one course to pursue that
gives assurance of real results. In
pressing this advantage to be gained by
publicity, one need not lose sight of the
benefit to be derived from individual
effort but the general advertising that
is spoken of paves the way for easier
cultivation of non-philatelic ground by
the proselytor.

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We wonder if all collectors are aware
of the value that cancellations and other
postal markings may give some of the
older U. S. stamps. For instance, we
noticed in a recent lot of stamps, an en-
velope on which the two-cent brown,
Jackson, U. S., was cancelled by a beau-
tiful skull and cross-bones marking. We
assume that any collector who might find
a specimen of the kind would know that
it was worth more than the stamp with
ordinary obliteration but the owner of
this striking cancellation feels that it is
cheap at ten dollars. The idea is that

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keenly by cancellations than others but
it is well that all collectors know that in
view of the intensive attention given to
U. S. that any peculiarity may be given
financial advantage which they are
justified in reaping, as well as the next
man. Pictorial envelopes used during
the Civil War period are coming into
their own; and Confederate pictorials,
in particular, are becoming more val-
uable in the market.

* * *

We have had the pleasure of a visit
from Mr. E. B. Cooper, until recently
of New York but now of Chicago, who
has had a long and varied experience as
a stamp hunter, particularly in the
south, not to mention other sections like-
ly to yield stamp treasure, where it
happens, for several reasons, business
and personal, his enterprise has great-
est reward. Mr. Cooper who has served
important clients in this capacity can
recount stories by the score of stamp
hunts, attended with success, and we
hope that he will share them with read-
ers, when his leisure allows him to put
pen to paper. Mr. Cooper has just re-
ceived from a correspondent whom he
has trained in a philatelic sense, a used
copy of the Livingston, Alabama, five
cent blue local, which, while not on cov-
er bears a light postmark of Livingston.
To all appearances the copy is a gen-
uine one and is a desirable addition to
the visible supply of these interesting
stamps. We remember that over thirty
years ago, Mr. W. F. E. Gurley circular-
ized the postmasters of the south,
saying that he wanted to buy the Con-
federate stamps that he showed on the
sheet, by cut, in approximate color of
the originals; and the one really good
stamp that he got was a Livingston on
the envelope.

* * *

In the possession of Mr. Cooper is a
letter on which he places great store, he
having obtained it when the private
documents of his father's estate were
distributed. The letter bears his father's
address at Shelbyville, Tennessee, and
has in the upper right hand corner, a
"Paid 3" in circle, on a round piece of
paper that is attached to the envelope by
a wafer. The letter was mailed at
Dyersburg, Tennessee, as the postmark
shows, on May 31, 1852, and the written
contents are headed by the same date.
Judging by the surface indications, the
stamp affixed to the cover has the ap-
pearance of provisionalship and so far as
Mr. Cooper is concerned, he believes that
the stamp is what it appears to be, a
provisional postmaster stamp of the
rarest kind, as he knows that the letter
was retained in the family since the time
of its receipt.

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To pass the April number of the *Col-
lectors Club Philatelist*, even in these
busy days, without a bow of recogni-
tion would be unmannerly and so again
we take occasion to say that the editor,
Mr. H. L. Lindquist and his co-workers

are producing a quarterly periodical that
most fittingly represents the best tradi-
tions of philately in the United States.
The captious commentator who has been
known to institute comparisons between
our periodical literature and that pub-
lished abroad to the detriment of our
own now finds his occupation gone, after
considering the *Collectors Club Philate-
list*. Mr. Elliott Perry clears the decks
for action by contributing eight or nine
pages of preliminary notes on "Plating
the 10c, 1847;" and judging by this fore-
taste of studious pleasures to come, the
article will mark an important develop-
ment in American philately. The next
instalment will treat of plates; lines, dots
and recuts and will be fully illustrated.
Readers of the *WEEKLY* know of Mr.
Perry's ability as a student of early U.
S.; and they may be interested to know
that Mr. Perry has been working for
some years on the 10c of 1847. A pic-
ture of Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack ac-
companies a short article, "Hobbies and
Health," by Mr. Pack, in which he says,
incidentally, that he collected stamps first
as a boy at school in Canada and that
he became a specialist about twenty years
ago, when he was trying to divert the
mind of an invalid in whom he was in-
terested. Dr. Chittenden, in his deligh-
tful biography of J. W. Scott, speaks of
him in his society relations and furnishes
a fund of information that is entertain-
ing reading. Beginning with the Scott-
Trifet verbal feud, Dr. Chittenden fol-
lows Scott down the years, through his
presidency of the American Philatelic
Society, 1908-1910; and later. Mr. Scott
did not hold himself aloof from society
contact and he was known to have en-
tered into the politics of such organiza-
tions wholeheartedly, although he was
wont to be guided in his conduct by a
shade of exclusiveness. Dr. Chittenden's
biography of J. W. Scott is not alone
an interesting exposition of the father of
philately but it is a tentative history of
collecting in this country; and it is for-
tunate that Dr. Chittenden is available as
Scott's Boswell. Mr. E. S. Knapp illus-
trates a piece that deserves the "unique"
description; it is a strip of ten of the
first issue, green, Confederate and Mr.
Knapp well says that it would be worth
while to compile a list of large used
pieces of the Confederate stamps. Mr.
L. Gerald Firth contributes a study of
the large cents issue of Canada; and Mr.
Firth, whose collection of Canada is a
superb one is well qualified for the task.
A check list of the first stamp of Nor-
way is helpful and among the other
writers are Messrs. Sloane, Toasperm
and Lindquist.

HOLLISTER IN THE HOSPITAL.

C. H. Hollister, of Mukwonago, Wis.,
who is well-known in the stamp trade
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to undergo hospital treatment. The fir-
two operations were successful and
an optimistic letter written to Mr. Beebe.
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will not be long before he can be back
home again.

THE RIBAUT MONUMENT.

On the 5c value of the Huguenot-
Walloon issue is a picture of the Ribaut
monument located at Mayport, Florida.
T. W. Roby, Portsmouth, Va., sends
a clipping from the Jacksonville, Fl.
Times-Union from which we quote the
following paragraph:—

The Ribaut monument in Maypo-
which is being erected by the Flori-
Daughters of the American Revolution
will be unveiled with appropriate and
elaborate ceremonies on May 1. It
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

We are pained to announce the death of Thomas W. Southward, Willimantic, Me. He has been a subscriber to the WEEKLY for the past ten years and we and sympathy to the bereaved family. Miss Amy L. Swift, of Whitman, Me., who has been a subscriber to the WEEKLY for over thirty years, suggests we publish an honor roll for our subscribers who have been with us for a quarter century. Were not for the various departments that are now conducting we should take advantage of her suggestion and it is probable that we shall do this some time in the future.

We have received from Major C. Elliott a description of a cancellation being used from Dublin, Ireland. Advertises what are called "Tailteann" to be held in Dublin in August. Curious part of the cancellation is fact that the inscriptions are part in and part English.

Elmer F. Bodurtha wishes to go on record as opposed to the proposed stamp of the philatelic exhibition, but is in favor of a fine set for the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. He mentions that he has had a favorable experience with the Canadian stamp agency.

The New York Junior Philatelic Society has re-organized under the name of the Young Men's Philatelic Society, N. Y. City, and meetings are held every Saturday evening, at the Y. M. H., 92nd St. and Lexington Avenue.

The Lafayette Stamp Co., formerly located in St. Louis, Mo., is now in Salt Lake City, Utah, as will be noted by advertisement elsewhere in this issue. Bespeak for the firm a continuance of the patronage that it received from previous use of the WEEKLY.

A. Madine of Pittsburgh, Pa., writes a strong letter in defense of the dingy imperforate stamps and urges they are just as good for postage as any other U. S. stamps. We do not regret Mr. Madine's opinion other than query why the perforated 2c stamps did not perform the same service as accomplished with the imperforate.

J. C. B.—The address of Stamp Collecting is, 89 Farringdon St., London, England.

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week and we call attention to his advertisement elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Pohlmann has taken the trouble to send us a specimen copy of the Globe Stock Book for our inspection and we have no hesitation in commending it. It is published in two styles, in sizes 8 1/4 x 9 1/4 and 10 1/4 x 11 1/4. The book is strongly constructed and the metal parts are heavily nickel plated. Post style binders are used instead of spring binders and all the pages are linen hinged. Interested parties will do well to correspond with Mr. Pohlmann.

—Mr. A. B. Cassell, proprietor of the Minneapolis Stamp Shoppe, paid Chicago one of his periodical visits where his acquaintances were glad to see him.

—We have received a copy of a Cincinnati paper from a correspondent in which an interview appears with Mr. E. B. Power who was in that city to give one of his radio talks. The article is headed "Columbus raised full beard in a few minutes—stamp pictures prove it," with the sub-head: "One issue showed clean-faced explorer in sight land—other has him wearing long whisker when he debarked."—The stamps that show this startling transformation are the one and two cent Columbians, as collectors know. Mr. Power also gave a number of "human interest" philatelic incidents to the receptive reporter.

—Canadian readers wishing to be listed in a directory of Canadian collectors are requested to send their names to William Butler, 137 Gillard Ave., Toronto, Can., forthwith. This also applies to dealers and local clubs. This service is free and there is no obligation.

—Aviation of April 14, 1924, contains an article that is very interesting, entitled, "Blazing the Airmail Path in Alaska." Much of this article's information has already been copied in various publications, but we quote the following as showing some of the incidental details in connection with the service:

"On the Nenana—Iditarod route the dog teams for years have made weekly trips, a team leaving each terminus every seven days, carrying 800 lb. of

mail each way with 100 lb. additional in food, equipment, and feed for the hungry huskies. The pay is \$1,022 a round trip, which consumes about thirty-five days."

—Hearst's International Magazine shows a number of postal cards that were sent by Bergdoll while he was flitting around on this side as a fugitive from justice. The editor of the monthly takes no chance of running afoul of the postal authorities, and in the case of the U. S. stamps that are shown, the label is blotted out in black.

—Mr. F. G. Browne, Chicago, has shown us a cancellation on a recent two cent U. S. that happens to have the word "Liberty" of the cancellation placed directly on the stamp, making it appear as if it were an over-print.

—Mr. C. A. Burner, Normal, Ill., was a recent visitor in Chicago, and in conversation he says that he is still interested in his auction index proposition and intends to revive it in due course of time.

—Amos Zook Myers, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa., is doing much to interest the boys, among whom he does helpful work, in stamp collecting; and he has put into practical use a number of plans that are calculated to engage the attention of the young. We are always alive to the necessity of planning to stimulate interest in collecting among the youths, and we trust that Mr. Myers will receive any co-operation that he may ask for.

—Mr. George Kump, of Xenia, Ohio, has been applying himself to find a practical solution of the color problem as referring to stamps. It is known that a number of collectors are giving study to a plan that will tend to simplify the confusion that now exists in philatelic color nomenclature. A number of attempts have been made to make clear color designations in the past, but it is difficult to present a plan that is accepted with any unanimity of opinion by the collecting mass; and the consequence is that today there is no really standard of colors of stamps.

Cayman Islands

ALL UNUSED

Cat. No.		Cat. Price	Net Price
51	1921-22, 1/2p gray green	.03	.02
52	1p rose red	.05	.04
53	1 1/2p orange brown	.06	.05
54	2p gray	.08	.06
55	2 1/2p ultramarine	.15	.12
56	6p claret	.24	.18
57	2sh violet, blue	1.00	.75
58	3sh violet	1.50	1.13
59	3p violet, orange	.12	.09
60	4p red, yellow	.16	.12
61	1sh green	.50	.38
62	5sh green, yellow	2.50	1.88
64	10sh carmine, green	4.50	3.38
	1923, 3p violet, yellow	.09	
	1923, 4 1/2p yellow green	.14	

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Sur. 1.2, 3.5 gulden, set with sm. defects	.65
Egypt, sur. 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 100, 200m	1.00
Gold Coast, 1, K. G., superb, cat. \$7.00	2.50
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Palestine, script, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 13m, 1pi, set	.15
Script, 20 piastres, fine and scarce	.90
Poland, 10,000 to 500,000, 10 different	.25
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Lenine, 6, 20kop, imperf., pair	.20
Straits, \$5.00, white back, cat. \$7.00	1.50
\$5.00, No. 166, cat. \$2.00	.75
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Plenty of others in stock, including Germany, Russia, Danzig, etc.	

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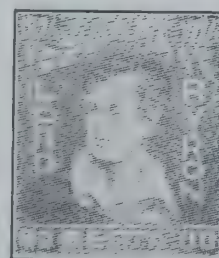
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*425 1912, 2c Shermack perf., pair 20
*425 1912, same used 10
*458 1912, 3c R. P. coil (.18), pair 45
*458 1912, same used (.12), pair 30
*481 1916, 1c (pair .05), block 4 10
*481 1916, same used (pair .02), block 4 05
*482 1916, 2c imperf. (pair .08), block 4 20
*482 1916, same used (pair .02), block 4 05
*483 1916, 3c pair 12
*483 1916, same used (pair .04), block 4 10
*487 1916, 2c pair 08
*490 1916, 1c coil (pair .02), strip 5 10
*491 1916, 2c pair 03
*491 1916, 2c Shermack perf. pair 08
*491 1916, same used 06
*493 1916, 3c (pair .10), strip 5 25
*493 1916, same (pair .04), strip 5 12
*493 1916, same Shermack perf. pair 06
*493 1916, same Shermack perf. strip 5 30
*495 1916, 4c (pair .16), strip 5 40
*495 1916, same used pair 08
*496 1916, 5c pair 18
*531 1916, 1c (pair .04), block 4 12
*535 1916, 3c (pair .06), block 4 20
*538 1916, 1c 11x10 (pair .06), block 4 16
*538 1916, same used (pair .06), block 4 16
*541 1916, 3c 11x10 (pair .35), block 4 75
*543 1916, 1c 10x11 (pair .08), block 4 20
*543 1916, same (pair .04), block 4 10
*544 1916, 1c perf. 10 (pair .04), block 4 12
*544 1916, 1c perf. 10 (pair .04), block 4 12

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Lists out for April, (tf)

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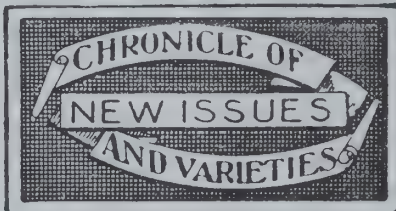
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Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.

New 1922, 2c Perforated 10, Rotary Print.

The 2c rotary print which we mentioned in this column on April 28th, has been placed on sale in Philadelphia, precancelled, the precancelling having been the work of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Heretofore, we have had the 1c current design from plates of four hundred, printed on the rotary press and distributed in panes of one hundred, perforated 10, but we saw the first of the 2c during the week of April 14th.

These stamps of course may be readily distinguished because of their perforation, which differs from the flat plate variety, and then too, the design is slightly larger, due to the curving of the plate, although both stamps are from the same die. The stamps seen are printed in a deep carmine color and as yet the variety is not available in an unused condition, although it no doubt will be at an early date, as the Department has been requested to make these available to collectors through the Philatelic Agency.

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There has possibly never been issued a United States variety, that has commanded such attention as the Harding Memorial stamp issued on September 1, 1923. Numerous collectors have requested a complete list of the Harding plates, and as the list is not long, we take pleasure in publishing it as follows:

2c HARDING MEMORIAL.

Plate No.	Class.	Series.	No. Subjects
14852-14863	Ordinary	1923	400
14866-14867	"	"	400 Curved
14868-14879	"	"	400
14884-14899	"	"	400
14900-14901	"	"	400 Curved
14902-14909	"	"	400
14938-14939	"	"	400 Curved
14940-14943	"	"	400
14946-14949	"	"	400
14954-14957	"	"	400
14972	"	"	400
14987-14994	"	"	400
14995-14996	"	"	400 Curved
14997-15000	"	"	400
15001-15002	"	"	400 Curved
15005-15012	"	"	400
15013-15014	"	"	400 Curved
15017-15020	"	"	400 Curved
15025-15032	"	"	400
15035-15042	"	"	400
15053-15068	"	"	400
15077-15084	"	"	400
15089-15092	"	"	400
15097-15100	"	"	400
15109-15124	"	"	400
15129-15132	"	"	400
15137-15140	"	"	400
15155-15158	"	"	400
15163-15170	"	"	400
15175-15178	"	"	400
15189-15192	"	"	400
15195-15198	"	"	400
15207-15210	"	"	400

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8th, may be of interest to those, who

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"Our Friend the Subscriber:

It is with regret that we are unabl

send the Harrisville Harding with

March number of the Monthly. To

we confirmed the correspondence

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been granted us and that the For

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send us a Precancel Rubber Stamp.

soon as this arrives we will send to

in sealed cover. If you have forward

to us blocks or singles for exchange

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The April number will not be issued until the latter part of the month, owing to the March number being late.

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the latter part of his letter he of-... to sell or trade these for cash or... kind of stamps. Work of this kind... probably do more to discredit the... effecting of precancelled stamps than... thing else.

small towns where precancels are... it has evidently been the custom to... firms to do their own precancelling... rubber stamps furnished by the de-... ment. When such a rubber stamp... ned over to a dealer all possible... bination varieties may be made.

Perforated Varieties.

have recently been shown singles, and blocks coming from a far eastern auction sale of rare United States late issues which have been made in the imperforated variety. I especially noted a block of the 1914 1c, No. A, perforated 12x10. There was a block of four of the 1917 "TWO" cents perforated 11, Scott's No. 519, there was a copy of the 2c perf. 10x11, No. 461, a pair of the 1c, surface print im- between, No. 525c. The same sale produced a strip of four of the 1c, horizontal coil with paste-up. The work would possibly fool an amateur, they would be readily recognized by one who has made a study of late issues and were acquainted with Bureau's method of perforating. Have also recently seen two of the compound perforated varieties that faked evidently from the coil p, and these bore the guarantee of our most reputable dealers, who no doubt bought them on faith, did not take the opportunity to examine them carefully. These varieties are readily told for it is impossible forgeries to escape detection, when are submitted to one who is posted. collectors are warned in buying these varieties and they should insist upon their guarantees. In the case of early where it is possible to trim the perforated stamp, there are often cases where no one can say a thing is good unless they know its source. I, ever, have never seen a faked perforation that could duplicate the work of the Bureau.

3 Billion Stamps in Ten Years.

H. C. Buttermore sends me a clipping from the Pittsburgh Gazette of April 22nd, and Mr. E. N. calls my attention to a similar advertisement appearing in the New York Times on the following day, in the S. D. Warren Company, of Boston, Mass., manufacturers of paper,

UNITED STATES

All stamps listed in good average condition, unless otherwise described.

REVENUES

1862-71, 1 cent Playing Cards	\$.175
2 cent Bank Check, Part Perf.	.08
2 cent Certificate, orange	.45
2 cent Playing Cards, blue	.18
3 cent Proprietary	.15
5 cent Playing Cards	.40
6 cent Inland Exchange	.10
30 cent Foreign Exchange	3.00
50 cent Passage Ticket	.15
50 cent Probate of Will	.45
\$1.00 Conveyance, Imperf.	.20
\$1 Manifest	.35
\$1.30 Foreign Exchange	.80
\$1.60 Foreign Exchange	3.50
\$1.90 Foreign Exchange	1.25
\$2.00 Probate of Will	1.15
\$3.50 Inland Exchange	1.00
Second Issue 1871, 3 cent blue & black	.30
6 cent blue & black	1.25
20 cent blue & black	.20
\$2.00 blue & black	.40
Third Issue 1871-2, 6c orange & black	.60
15 cent brown & black	.30
1914-15, 25 cent rose, No. 4082	.15
40 cent rose, No. 4083	.30
50 cent rose, No. 4084	.20
80 cent rose, No. 4085	.30
*1914, 1/2 cent black, No. 4135	.10
*1 cent black, No. 4137	.10
*2 1/2 cent black, No. 4139	.10
*3 cent black, No. 4143	.15
*1914, \$2.00 Wines, No. 4169	.35
*1914-18, 1/2 cent green, No. 4176	.50
*5 cent green, No. 4182	.40
*20 cent green, No. 4186	.12
*40 cent green, No. 4188	2.00
*\$2.00 green, No. 4189	.30
*1916-18, 6 cent green, No. 4198	.12
*12 cent green, No. 4201	.25
*15 cent green, No. 4202	.28
*18 cent green, No. 4203	.40
*20 cent green, No. 4204	.20
*24 cent green, No. 4205	.35
*\$1.20 green, No. 4212	.90
*\$1.44 green, No. 4213	1.25
*\$4.00 green, No. 4216	.90
*\$4.80 green, No. 4217	.90
*\$9.60 green, No. 4218	1.35
1917, \$10 orange, No. 4241	.40
*\$30 verm., perf. initials, No. 4243	1.50
*1918-22, 1 cent carmine rose, No. 4250	.30
*\$10.00 orange, cut cane, No. 4261	.20
*\$100.00 green, cut cane, No. 4266	3.50
Future Delivery, \$3.00 violet, No. 4279	.65
*\$5 dark blue, No. 4280	.25
*\$10 orange, cut cane, No. 4281	.25
*\$30 vermilion, No. 4283	.27.00
*\$50 olive green, No. 4284	12.00
*\$60 brown, No. 4285	.20.00
*\$500 blue, No. 4287	48.00
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*1846, Providence 5 cent black, No. 18	5.00
*1847, 5 cent red brown, No. 28	20.00
10 cent bluish, No. 29	22.50
*1851-56, 5c red brown, superb, No. 34	100.00
5c red brown, nice used copies	40.00
5 cent red brown, pair, close at right, very rare, with half of third stamp	100.00
10 cent green, No. 35	3.00
10 cent green, No. 35B, recut top, superb	40.00
1857-60, 1 cent blue, Type I, No. 40, top perfs. trimmed, but a rare stamp	7.50
5 cent brick red, No. 45, centred poorly one side	15.00
5 cent brown, Type II, No. 46a	7.50
5 cent red brown, Type I, No. 46	13.75
5 cent brown, Type I, No. 47	8.75
10 cent green, No. 50	3.50
*24 cent lilac, No. 52	12.00
*24c lilac, No. 52, nice used copies	8.75
*30 cent orange, No. 53	12.50
*90 cent blue, No. 54	25.00
*1857-60, 1 cent bright blue, No. 54a	5.00
*30 cent yellow orange, No. 54g	15.00
*90 cent deep blue, No. 54h	17.50
*Complete set 1 to 90 cent, Nos. 54a-54h, rare	125.00
*1861, 10c dark green, No. 58, "August"	15.00
*24 cent violet, no gum, No. 60	100.00
*24c violet, "August," used copies	25.00

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head an advertisement, "122 Billion Stamps in Ten Years." They state that in the hundred years from 1800 to 1900, the people of the United States used 50 billion postage stamps, while from 1911 to 1921, 122 billion were used, or as they state two and one-half times as many stamps in one-tenth of the time. Evidently there is no philatelist connected with this firm, for there were no stamps used by the Government at large until 1847, making their calculations just forty-seven years out of the way.

In my Chronicle for April 28th, mention was made of a new series of Canal Zone stamps surcharged on the 1922 to 1923 U. S. stamps. I am now officially informed that the denominations are:—

*1861, 1 cent ultramarine, No. 63a	3.00
1 cent blue, No. 63	.50
3 cent lake, No. 66	20.00
*5 cent buff, No. 67, no gum	55.00
5c buff, No. 67, nice used copies	20.00
*10 cent yellow green, No. 68	3.00
12 cent black, No. 69	5.00
24 cent steel blue, No. 70b, "Boston Paid"	15.00
24 cent red lilac, No. 70	5.00
30 cent orange, No. 71	6.75
30 cent orange, No. 71	1.50
90 cent blue, No. 72	22.50
90 cent blue, No. 72	5.00
*1862-66, 2 cent black, No. 73	1.25
5 cent red brown, No. 75	25.00
5 cent red brown, No. 75, used	7.00
5 cent brown, No. 76	7.00
5 cent brown, No. 76	1.75
*15 cent black, No. 77	7.50
15 cent black, No. 77, used	2.00
*24 cent lilac, No. 78	6.25
24 cent lilac, No. 78	1.50
3 cent scarlet, No. 74, rare	90.00
*1867, 3c rose, grided all over, No. 79	35.00
5c brown, grided, No. 95, fine	25.00
*24 cent gray lilac, No. 99	30.00
90 cent blue, No. 101	12.50
*1875, 2 cent black, No. 103	15.00
10 cent light green, No. 106	12.50
15 cent black, No. 108	30.00
*1869, 1 cent buff, No. 112	1.75
1 cent buff, No. 112, used	1.25
2 cent brown, No. 113	1.50
6 cent ultram., No. 114, ordinary	1.50
10 cent yellow, No. 116	7.50
10 cent yellow, No. 116, used	1.50
12 cent green, No. 117	1.50
15 cent brown & blue, No. 118	15.00
15 cent brown & blue, No. 118	5.00
15 cent brown & blue, No. 119	7.50
15 cent, used, No. 119	1.00
*24 cent green & violet, No. 120	17.50
24 cent green & violet, No. 120	6.00
*30 cent blue & carmine, No. 121	15.00
30 cent blue & carmine, No. 121	4.00
*90 cent carm. & black, No. 122a	50.00
*1875, 1 cent buff, No. 123	6.00
2 cent brown, No. 124	5.00
6 cent blue, No. 126	10.00
10 cent yellow, No. 127	10.00
15 cent brown & blue, No. 129	11.25
24 cent green & violet, No. 130	8.50
30 cent blue & carmine, No. 131	12.50
*1870-71, 2 cent red brown, No. 135	3.50
6 cent carmine, No. 148	30.00
10 cent brown, No. 149	10.00
90 cent carmine, No. 144	27.50
*1870-71, 1 cent ultramarine, No. 145	2.50
2 cent red brown, No. 146	1.50
3 cent green, No. 147	1.50
6 cent carmine, No. 148	3.00
7 cent vermilion, No. 149	6.00
10 cent brown, No. 150	6.00
12 cent dull violet, No. 151	8.00
90 cent carmine, No. 155	17.50
*1873, 1 cent ultramarine, No. 156	1.25
2 cent brown, No. 157	1.25
3 cent green, No. 158	.65
6 cent dull pink, No. 159	2.50
*7 cent orange vermilion, No. 160	7.50
10 cent brown, No. 161	5.00
*12 cent blackish violet, No. 162	12.00
15 cent yellow orange, No. 163	13.75
*30 cent gray black, No. 165	12.00
*90 cent rose carmine, No. 166	6.00
90 cent, used copies, No. 166	2.75
*1875, Special Printing, 1c to 90c complete, of extreme rarity	850.00
*1875, 5 cent blue, No. 179	3.00
*1879, 6 cent pink, No. 186	2.50
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AUSTRIA.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise of the following values of the postage due series being issued: 1,800kr. 4,000kr and 6,000kr. All in the type of the 1922 issue and of plum color.

AZORES.—The Economist Stamp Co. have sent for chronicle the 15c black and the 40c blue, the former surcharged with the name of the colony in red and the latter in black.

DANZIG.—Four further values have appeared in the new type, Wmk, Hexagons, Perf. 14, viz.: 25 (pf) grey and

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*BR. HONDURAS—10c K. G., No. 79	.18
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\$2.00 K. G., No. 83	3.50
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2sh 6d Canoe, No. 17	1.80
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3d K. G., No. 43	.50
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8c, No. 22	.15
10c, No. 23	.35
20c, No. 24	.45
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\$1.00, No. 26	1.75
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red, 30 (pf) yellow-green and red, 50 (pf) blue and red and 75 (pf) purple and red. Mr. E. Gurd shows us copies, and the same denominations overprinted "DIENST-MARKE" diagonally in two lines, as illustrated in our issue for March 22nd.—Stamp Collecting.

HEJAZ.—We are informed by the Economist Stamp Co. that several values of the type A7 series have been overprinted with native characters for use as postage due stamps.

HONDURAS.—Mr. George A. Albrecht advises that he has received an entire cover postmarked "La Ceiba" on April 17th, postage on which is paid by one-half of a 15c stamp. The stamp is the dark violet No. 190 and is cut from the upper left corner to the lower right. Mr. Albrecht also adds that he has a cover bearing the right half of the 2c carmine, No. 175, cut vertically.

HUNGARY.—We have received from the Economist Stamp Co., the 300kr of the reaper type in rose red shade.

LIBERIA.—Mr. Earl D. Emery calls attention to the appearance of the following values in the new 1924 series: 30c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$2 and \$5.

MONACO.—The Economist Stamp Co. report the 40c brown with a view of a bridge in the foreground. The figures of value are in the upper corners with "Postes" between. At the base the name of the country.

POLAND.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the following new values in the type of the 1921-23 design: 100,000mk terra red, 200,000mk light blue and 300,000mk red lilac.

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The Philadelphia Stamp Club celebrated its fifteenth anniversary on the evening of April 24 with a banquet held at Mosebach's Casino. Founded in 1909, the Philadelphia Stamp Club is living up to all traditions as being one of the foremost local philatelic clubs in the country, and as each year of its existence passes, it fittingly brings its members together for a feast and good old-fashioned stamp talk. Each year since organization, with the exception of the great war years, there has been a banquet, and it is said that the one just enjoyed proved to be one of the best.

The chairman of the committee, Percy McG. Mann, spoke with regard to two New York stamp clubs that are raising funds for a permanent club headquarters and drew attention to the refurnishing fund for our own permanent club room and called upon A. F. Henkels, chairman of the furnishing fund com-

mittee. Mr. Henkels' speech was supplemented by an equally timely one by Maurice Apfelbaum. As a result, the members pledged a very pleasing addition to the fund.

The Chairman then called for a few words from the nominee for the presidency of the American Philatelic Society, P. M. Wolsieffer, who, in his usual modest and unassuming manner, told not of what he was going to do when he arrives in office but of his absolute willingness to help for the betterment of philately. With the conclusion of these two short speeches, the members drew up close to view the wonderful collection of stamps shown by James E. Hughes, who disclosed and discoursed upon one of the finest essemblings of single stamps and pairs and strips and original covers of the "classics" ever seen. The eye-opening display was a revelation to everybody present and there ensued many and worthy discussions.

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In one of Mr. Severn's regular letters from the Chicago office received week came a remittance of \$5 for a year's renewal of subscription from J. DeWitt of that city. We acknowledge the same with thanks.

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At the regular meeting of the Collectors Club of Southern California held Monday evening, April 21, it was unanimously voted to subscribe to our publication for one year for each of the public libraries in Los Angeles, Pasadena and Glendale. This is the most striking tribute to the public library plan that we have yet met with, and we thank the Collectors Club for its co-operation.

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TEXAS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

By T. E. FLICK.

On Monday, April 21, at a little after 10 o'clock, the business meeting of the Texas Philatelic Society was held, Mr. Grafton T. Austin, presiding. The status of the by-laws being somewhat in doubt, a by-laws committee was appointed to prepare and present new by-laws immediately after the public exhibition of stamps. After receiving the reports of the President, the Secretary, the Sales and Exchange Superintendent, the meeting was adjourned to reconvene at 5 o'clock the same day.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the auction, under the able management of Fred Green, was held. Immediately after the auction, the exhibit took place and here is where we really enjoyed a feast. For instance, the specialized collection of U. S. 1847 issue of D. C. Hammatt, which contained about 75 of the 5c and 40 of the 10c. We noticed strips of three and pairs of the 5c; 2 pairs of the 10c, one on cover; and many minor varieties, such as shifts, stitch watermark and many varieties of cancellation. Thirty-three of the 5c and sixteen of the 10c were on cover. It was not possible for us to make notation of all the interesting items in this collection. It was interesting throughout, and a feast for all.

The Confederate Locals exhibited by Fred Green contained a Goliad on cover, a Gonzalez on cover, also one of his recent finds being a Thorn Lake, Mississippi, 10c on cover. Other items in the

frame were a block of four of the 12c 1869 on cover; vertical and horizontal strip of three of the 5c 1851; a 1c Pan-American invert and other valuable and interesting items such as pairs of Memphis and New Orleans on cover.

The collection by Louis Lenz of U. S. Locals contained as center piece a Frank cover of Mrs. Florence Harding, which she prepared specially for the Houston Convention. There were a great number of Bloods, Metropolitans, Boyds, Hale, American Letter Mail, etc., on original covers.

Mr. Schumacher had amongst his exhibition a \$1.00 revenue with center inverted; several 90c of 1869; two pairs and two strips of three of the 5c 1857, some on cover; a \$1000.00 revenue 1898 issue; strip of four unused of the 5c blue Confederate and many other interesting items.

C. H. Brunner exhibited his collection of Newfoundland, which contained most of the major varieties of the stamps of this country and Louis Samuels exhibited his collection of Bosnia.

Amongst the pre-cancelled stamps we noticed several collections, especially the collections of Oscar Jannasch and C. A. Huntington.

Immediately after the exhibition, the meeting was again called to order by President Austin. The by-laws committee offered a new set of by-laws, which had its main object of eliminating the enormous amount of detail and vesting the authority of handling unusual cases in the executive committee, to consist of the President or Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer and the three Directors. These by-laws were, with a slight modification, accepted. The election of officers with the following results:

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At 7 o'clock the final entertainment of the Convention took place at the Elk's Club, where the banquet was held with thirty-one participating. Permanent record in the form of a photo was taken. It was rather late when a halt was called to the eating and speech-making and the members took their final departure.

WATERBURY, CONN., EXHIBIT.

The second exhibition of the Waterbury Stamp Club was held in the museum of the Mattatuck Historical Society, Waterbury, Conn., May 5th to May 10th. The success of the club's last exhibition made it necessary for the exhibition committee to face a serious problem of making the present event of interest even greater than the former one. As an example of how successfully this has been brought about it is interesting to note that there were a number of exhibits from the honorary members of the club. Mr. Charles J. Phillips, exhibited his collection of specialized Prince Edward Island; some unusually fine items were contributed by Dr. J. Brace Chittenden. There was a practically complete collection of Canadian revenues, Mr. Alfred C. Bates of Hartford exhibited some fine early U. S. on cover. A collection of U. S. revenues and British colonies was of outstanding interest and importance. Of equal importance was Mr. Charles M. Ames's collection of Gambia.

On May 10th, the last day of the exhibition, was held the second annual inter-city meet of Southern New England clubs. At the close of the afternoon session a dinner was served at the Hotel Elton at which men high in philately were present. Mr. Olin H. Clark of the Hartford club was toastmaster.

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1923 issue used on original, actually flown
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MEXICO NIGHT AT THE COLLECTORS CLUB, NEW YORK CITY.

Notes by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

We had a great treat on Wednesday
evening, April 30th, when Mr. O. A.
Schenck came all the way from Colum-
bus, O., to show us a portion of his col-
lection of Mexican early issues.

Mr. Schenck in the course of his long
and interesting remarks stated that he
started collecting early Mexico issues
about ten years ago, after being a general
collector for many years. He had found
the greatest pleasure and fascination in
studying these stamps, especially in re-
gard to their cancellations and to the
use of split stamps for a fraction of
their nominal value. In regard to these
splits he said that their use was not by
the public but was by the post-office
clerk who used them when he ran short
of the regular values. He was able to
show us this by a fine series of covers
franked by these splits. For some weeks,
as shown by dated cancellations or en-
dorsements one sees these splits in use
in a certain district, then a supply of the
regular values come from headquarters
and the use of splits is discontinued,
some months later on the splits come in
again when the regular issue gave out.

Mr. Schenck pointed out that many
varieties of Mexican stamps were quite
out of line as regards price and rarity.
Some of the rare district names, rare bi-
sections, and rare cancellations were
known in only two, three or four ex-
amples and yet hardly any of these com-
manded over \$50.00 in the market.

The splits were known used in about
forty districts and there are many for-
geries of them but Mr. Schenck had not
found these dangerous or difficult to
detect.

Mr. Schenck only brought up his is-
sues of 1856 and 1861 and these filled
nine large volumes. The two issues were
arranged together under the District
names.

In the space allowed me by the kind
owners of this, the most widely read
philatelic journal in the world, I can
only give a few brief notes on the many
interesting items and facts brought to
our notice.

Re-Entries—Attention was drawn to
these and a large number of really im-
portant varieties are shown in this col-
lection. In some values, notably the two

reales, the whole of the upper or of the
lower portion of the stamps is shown
clearly double printed. Mr. Schenck
was of the opinion that the "subjects"
were laid vertically on the plates, this
being shown by the marked differences
in the horizontal alignments.

Apam—It was proved by a number of
stamps on covers that the stamps were
overprinted APAM, in many cases, after
the stamps were affixed to the covers for
the letters of the word APAM are often
shown impressed right through the paper
of the cover.

Campeche—A record stamp shown
here was the 1856, 2rls sea-green plate 1
with the District name in red and in
black, and used.

Mexico—Mr. Schenck drew our at-
tention to the three types of overprints
that are usually accepted. He has been
searching for these on dated covers to
see when each was in use and has the
following:—"MEXICO—" in thin single
lined letters with a dash on either side
of the word. Used October 3 and 16,
1856. "MEXICO" single lined letters
without the dash. 16 Aug., 1856.
"MEXICO" in double lined letters.
Earliest date 2 Feb., 1857. In unlisted
varieties here he showed the 1856, ½rl
all doubled printed, and the 1856 1rl with
the 4 rls printed across the upper
portion.

Orizava—Mr. Schenck drew attention
to a very interesting fact that I do not
think has been recorded. He has the
1861 issue 2 reales, with ORIZAVA in
large letters, used as a temporary re-
issue in April to June, 1867, just as the
Mexico with the Gothic letters were
used at this period.

S. L. Potosi—A very unusual split was
shown made up of a quarter of 8rls of
1856 and half of 8rls of 1861, used to-
gether for the 6rls rate, on full cover.

Tulancingo—Mr. Schenck pointed out
that all these stamps of 1856 and 1861,
always had the Eagle cancellation when
genuine, any other cancellation found on
a Tulancingo overprint proved that such
was bogus.

Vera Cruz—In 1861 a new record was
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Hungary, A13-800Kr yellow03
A14-1000Kr violet04
O1-600Kr bistre and red02
Hungary, Air Mail, new design-100K dark lilac & red, 500K green, 1000K brown, 2000K blue, 4 var.15
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In the discussion that took place Mr. J. M. Bartels mentioned an interesting fact that he had come across. That there was a law in Mexico, at the time that stamps were issued, compelling all letters used in the mails to be kept for ten years, and he thought that this accounted for so many of these stamps still being found on covers.

BRITISH EXHIBITION ISSUE.

We are indebted to W. T. Wilson and Frank Godden, two of our British advertisers, for specimens of the new British Empire Exhibition set, mailed from Wembley Park, April 23, the date upon which the Exhibition was opened. Two values, 1d and 1½d, have been issued, the former in carmine and the latter in brown. The design is illustrated herewith.



The postmark bears the inscription "Empire Exhibition, 1924," while the date and hour of mailing appear in the center of the cancellation. The stamps are beautiful specimens of engraving and we quote from Mr. Wilson's letter as follows:

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Mr. Andres says he has seen a copy of the three cent green with a line running horizontally from the right perforations to the figure "3." I have such a copy in my collection and in the future, when I have more leisure I will describe it exactly in order to set the three cent green fans looking for it. If I am not mistaken, the line through "Cents" has been described in MEKEEL'S at some time in the past, but not in this department.

CORNISH OF SCHENECTADY.

(In the Schenectady Evening "Star" of April 29 appeared a long story dealing with Paul F. Cornish, the well known stamp dealer of that city. We cannot find room to publish the article in its entirety, but we make a quotation which will be read with interest by the many subscribers of the WEEKLY who have had business dealings with our Schenectady dealer friend.—W. O. W.)

It was 15 years ago that Mr. Cornish began his business. With an advertising appropriation of 35 cents he established an undertaking which has made him known the world over, which has brought him many friends, and which has paid him well, not in dollars and cents, but in the experience gained, and the pleasant hours devoted to it. Mr. Cornish is employed in the motor

department, building 41, of the General Electric Company, with which he has been 22 years. He is well known among the workers, to whom he is an unusually pleasant fellow to work with, but no more. Very few know that when he has come home at 5 o'clock and eaten his supper, that he and Mrs. Cornish and his three girls go into the little office built on the back of the house, and busy themselves with opening correspondence, writing letters, filling orders, and making up packages of circulars and price lists to send out.

System is the paramount feature of the arrangement of the office. In the back, above the bench where most of the work is done are several rows of pigeon holes containing a number of different sorts of price lists. Above them are boxes, arranged systematically, which contain some of the novelties in which Mr. Cornish deals as a side line. At one side is a work bench where, by an ingenious method, little boxes in which to ship the orders are made from scrap cardboard, and where paper is cut. At the other side are stored more circulars and price lists, and boxes with stamps and novelties. All outgoing mail is thrown into a chute which carries it to a mailbox.

The front of the office comprises the "store." Here are several glass cases the height of the wall, which are filled with arrowheads, coins, medals and novelties. Then several shelves contain books, fiction, travel and science making up the contents for the most part. The walls of the little corridor, which connects the house with the office, and in which is the door through which the customers enter, are lined with old guns, swords and cases of stamps, arrowheads and coins.

The office was built by Mr. Cornish himself in his spare time, and is a tribute to his "handiness" and ingenuity. The electric wiring, by which any part of the office, or any single showcase can be lighted up at will, is also Mr. Cornish's work.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—"Penny Black Day" May 6, was celebrated by a banquet in London on this date which we may believe was well attended. It is fitting that ceremonies mark the day each year that saw the coming of the postage stamp; and the festival this year also signalized the "silver jubilee" of the Junior Philatelic Society.

—The ninth Ferrari sale was duly held at the Hotel Drouot, Paris, and it is reported that the bidding was so strong that high prices prevailed on the most desirable lots. A 2% addition to the 17½% levied by the government did not check the bidders who were in full cry after the lots. Catalogue value was exceeded in many instances, and there was every evidence of appreciation of the lots of unordinary character. Mr. Hind was represented by Mr. Griebert of London, and M. Champion, our Parisian advertiser, was a successful competitor in many instances. A contemporary says that at the sale, German and Austrian dealers "also had plenty of money to spend."

—Glasgow is the latest city to qualify as the seat of a philatelic exhibition, and the announcement has been made that a stamp display will be held there from May 10 to June 7, 1924. Inasmuch as the eleventh British Philatelic Congress will be held in Glasgow, from June 3-6, 1924, there is every assurance that the exhibition will be seen by many interested visitors and underlying any entertainment feature for the delegates to the congress, the desire is to give the general public a comprehensive idea of the merits of stamp collecting.

—The Rebus contest has been particularly well patronized and the judge hopes to have a report fully covering the results of the competition in the next issue.

—In a recent number of the *Postal Bulletin*, there is an illustrated article from the office of the postmaster-general

telling of the "conditions upon which mailings of certain matter will be accepted under permit without stamps affixed as provided by Section 459, postal laws and regulations." Permit collectors will find much of interest in the order, and the pictures of the indicia are of value. Four forms are shown for devices to be applied on mail matter. We shall make room perhaps for this article in a coming number of the paper.

—According to the newspapers, a despatch from Tiflis to Moscow says that by the decree of the Soviets, the Georgian language becomes the state language, although Russian, Armenian and Turkish are not prohibited in state institutions.

—We are informed by Bela Sekula that he has acquired the entire stock of remainders of the Seebeck issues of the South and Central American countries.

—At the meeting of the Brooklyn Stamp Club, May 14, Charles M. Ams exhibited his specialized collection of Gambia. The meeting was well attended.

—The April-May number of W. T. Wilson's Bi-Monthly List is at hand. It contains many unusual and interesting offers, especially in stamps upon the original cover. Offerings from the famous Tyas collection are given prominence. Address 18 Livingstone Road, Birmingham, England.

—At the meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, held some months ago, a display of the stamps of Victoria's reign of the Straits Settlements, from the collection of King George was a feature, accompanied by a paper prepared by Mr. E. D. Bacon. Quoting from the Society minutes as given in the *London Philatelist*: "The collection comprised a beautiful selection of all issues, the surcharged stamps being fully represented, in many instances by blocks and panes, particularly one pane of the ten and a block of forty-nine of the 10c on 30c, from the Ferrari collection not previously described. All the rare surcharges and varieties were shown as well as dye-proof and colour trials." The

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—J. M. Hitt, librarian of the Washington State Library, Olympia, Wash., sends us a photograph of the exhibit held in that city on April 21 and 22. It shows only about one-third of the exhibit, which was a very successful one, a large number of visitors availing themselves of the opportunity of inspecting the stamps shown. The government exhibit attracted much attention. Floor space was obtained at the office of Olympia Light & Power Co., on the most conspicuous street corner of the city.

—In a letter sent from Bolton, England, October 27, 1840, to an address in Birmingham, franked with a penny black Great Britain, we find the following postscript: "Here's a conundrum for White if he has not seen it. Why is the new postage stamp like a naughty boy? Because it's licked and put in a corner." With every feeling of coincidence we tender this joke as being an original stamp jest. We defy anyone to adduce proof of an earlier bon mot. The joke evidently was current five months or so after the appearance of a first adhesive stamp.

—Our attention has been called to a somewhat unusual account that appeared in the *Nashville Banner*, of April 1, 1924, that is headed: "A rare old stamp is sold for \$18,000," dated Dayton, Florida. The despatch by International News Service, describes M. de Beauvoir who as a visitor from Windham, Greenwich County, New York, made an impression at the winter resort when he sold to a man from Palm Beach a stamp evidently of the Hawaiian Missionary variety in this figure. It is reported that two years ago the present seller of the stamp "bought it at the Ferrari sale in Paris."

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-Frank E. Hadley, the well-known
roit, Mich., dealer, leaves for Europe
e 1. In his absence Ward R. Chapin
is in charge of the office. Mr. Had-
s big advertisement in this issue is
led with bargains.

-We are indebted to various sub-
bers for covers bearing the new
guenot-Walloon issue with May 1
ss. Our thanks are due Jacob Wech-
Lancaster, Pa.; Jos. V. K. Wells,
Y. City; Harold Fister, Allentown,
; Iron City Stamp Co., Phila., Pa.;
; Hoefft, N. Y. City; Elliott R.
er, Troy, N. Y.; T. J. Eppes,
ksonville, Fla.

-Already interest is being shown in
forthcoming convention of the Ameri-
Philatelic Society, at Detroit, and
expectations are that the attendance
he annual meeting will be the largest
he history of the organization. The
sual interest shown in stamps com-
ed with the rapid growth of the so-
y will make this happy circumstance
logical one.

-In the *Philatelic Journal of Great
ain*, for April, Mr. P. L. Pemberton
ins an interesting historical resume
philately tracing its course from the
e of origin on through the years.
ollections of this kind have a strong
eal to collectors of later generations.
it is well that on occasion the vet-
s of philately embalm in print their
ervations from first to last. We may
that this publication, ably edited by
W. B. Haworth, is one of the best

ATTRACTIVE ISSUES

*Argentine Republic 1910, Jubilee, 1/2c to 50c, Nos. 160 to 171, 12 varieties \$1.75
*Abyssinia 1917 Surcharges, 1/2g to 16g, Nos. 108 to 115 ex, 111, 7 varieties 3.00
*Belgium 1920, Parcel Post, 10c to 10frs, Nos. 579 to 599, 21 varieties complete 1.00
*Belgium 1922-23, Postage Due, 5c to 1fr, 7 varieties complete30
*Bolivia 1909, Revolution Centenario, 5c to 2b, Nos. 78 to 81, 4 var. complete 1.75
*Brunei 1907-21, 1c, 2c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 8c, Nos. 13, 14, 24, 25, 26, 27, 39, 4085
*Camerouns 1900-06, 3pf to 80pf, Nos. 11 to 15, 20 to 23, 7 varieties60
*Reunion 1901, Provisionals, 5c on 40c, 5c on 50c, 15c on 75c, 15c on 1fr, 4 var. comp.75
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that comes to us, and while its general
tone is such as to meet the approval of
the more serious collector, it is only just
to say that its contents in the aggregate
are acceptable to all classes of philatelists.
For many years the *Journal* has main-
tained its high standard, and it is one of
the landmarks of our literature.

—I stepped into the New York City
post-office, April 30th, and asked the
clerk if he had any of the new com-
memorative stamps for sale. He looked
at me for a moment, and then said: "Oh,
you mean the 'Hottentots'; no, they go
on sale May 1st." I left the building in
a daze, struggling to restore the poor
old Huguenots to their proper niche in
history, from which they had been so
rudely torn!—HENRY M. HALL.

—The newspapers have been illustrat-
ing the French Olympian Memorial
stamps with various captions, most of
which are to the effect that the stamps
are not regarded as artistic triumphs by
any means.

—We had a letter from Mr. Alexander
Holland, one time president of the
American Philatelic Society, in which he
speaks of the pleasure it gives him to
see the name of P. M. Wolsieffer men-
tioned as candidate for president of the
American Philatelic Society. Some
years ago Mr. Holland was a foremost
figure in collecting circles, and fruits of
his authorship are to be found in the
United States revenue book published by
the Boston Society, and if we are not
mistaken, a treatise on the stamps of
Siam. Mr. Holland spent a number of
years in England where, as he says, he
had the "privilege of going with the
army." We hope that Mr. Holland will
again resume his place in philately in a
public sense.

—Recently we received the "Mitglied-
er-Liste des Oesterreichischen Brief-
markenhandler-Vereines in Wien 1924." This
nicely bound little volume lists the
members of the Vienna Association of
stamp dealers and members residing else-
where. We find the names of six Ameri-
can dealers in the list while four pages
are necessary to accommodate the names
of the Vienna members of the Oester-
reichische Briefmarkenhandler-Verein. A
directory of this kind gives testimony
to the ascendancy of the stamp business,
particularly in Europe.

POSTMASTER OF AKLAVIK.

(No doubt our readers are asking "Where
is Aklavik?" Wm. M. McFarland sends us
the following letter from the Postmaster who
is located at that place in Northwest Territory,
Canada. Mail is despatched via Edmonton,
Alberta and we take the liberty of quoting
from the letter received by Mr. McFarland
from Edward Hester, Postmaster.—W. O. W.)

You ask for information respecting
this place. I am the Postmaster here,
and Aklavik is the most northerly of-
ficial appointed Post Office in the Brit-
ish Dominions. It is situated about 400
miles north of the Arctic Circle in the
delta of the Mackenzie River. Our winter
lasts eight months, and we have only
two mails a year, one in the summer by
river boats and the other in winter over-
land by dog team.

Aklavik is but a hamlet of some 300
people which includes the surrounding
territory but is central for the Arctic
Coast and Herschel Is. to the west is
served by it and Sallie Is. along the
Coast to the East. Stationed here is a
detachment of the Royal Canadian
Mounted Police, four strong, one
Sergeant and three constables. The
Herschel Is. Trading Co. and the
Northern Trading Co. are trading here
with white men as traders.

Traders and trappers are in evidence,
mostly half breeds and Indians. But the
majority of the people scattered about
the delta are Eskimos among whom I
work chiefly as I am a Priest of the
Church of England in Canada. We have
a fine house, a church, and a Mission
Hospital is being erected. A small day
school is held in which English is mostly
taught. But the scholars are also helped
by the letters to read and write their own
languages respectively.

It is often 50 degrees below zero and
it reaches 90 degrees above in summer,
when we have the nights and the sun
does not set for five weeks. All the na-
tives, Indians and Eskimos are partly
civilized, and do not live in snow huts
as I have seen them in the East towards
Coronation Gulf. They do a lot of trap-
ping, mostly for foxes, mink, lynx,
beavers and martins.

A book written by Fullerton Walds of
Philadelphia Ledger called "Down the
Mackenzie" published by Maxmillian
Co., of New York, will give you more
interesting details. It was only pub-
lished last fall.

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Contents of the March Number (32 Pages)

New Issue Offers, Special Bargain Offers, Collection by Countries
Scarce Stamps (6 pages), Pictorial French Colonials, Recent Issues Gen-
eral Foreign, Mexico, Hayti, Approval Dept., Philatelic Supplies,
Articles on "20th Stamps as an investment", "Dealers and Condi-
tions", etc.

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5c brown 1862, No. 76, unused	3.00	3.00
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HOW MANY? HOW MUCH?

II.

By CLARENCE J. WEST.

The first installment of this series appeared in MEKEEL'S for Oct. 29, 1923, and contained a statistical study of the regular postal issues of the United States. Since this created some little interest, the Editor of MEKEEL'S has kindly consented to a continuation of the series to include the remaining adhesives of the United States, together with the envelopes and the revenues. Semi-official issues have not been included nor have the private revenue issues of 1862-1883 been listed. In this second section minor varieties have not been studied, partly because it would make the presentation more confusing and partly because it is felt that there is not, at the present time, sufficient interest in these to warrant the extra space required. The information given includes the number of major varieties and the catalogue price, according to Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue for 1924, for the unused and used varieties. In case all the varieties are not priced, the number actually priced is indicated by the figure in parentheses.

	Number of Stamps.	Calalog Value Unused.	Used.
<i>Carrier, 1851</i>	2	\$51.25	\$104.00
<i>Parcel Post, 1912-13</i>	12	8.15	1.07
<i>Official.</i>			
Agriculture	1873 9	47.00	37.50
	1879 2	52.50	2.00
Executive	1873 5	90.00	75.00
Interior	1873 10	13.15	8.35
	1879 8	58.29	82.54
Justice	1873 10	115.25	94.00
	1879 2	5.00	5.00
Navy	1873 12	131.50	41.40
Post Office	1873 10	12.47	10.12
	1879 1	.12	.12
State	1873 15	487.50	477.00
Treasury	1873 11	23.50	8.65
	1879 5	20.25	6.62
War	1873 11	49.40	7.35
	1879 7	2.82 (5)	1.17
<i>Postal Savings, 1911.</i>			
Double line	3	9.75	3.33
Single line	3	2.70	.35
<i>Special Delivery, 1885-1922.</i>			
	12	5.75	1.71
<i>Registration, 1911.</i>			
	1	.35	.05
<i>Newspaper.</i>			
1865	4	35.00	
1875	24	364.85 (19)	110.20
Special	16	256.50	
1879	23	248.30 (16)	111.55
Special	1	12.50	
1885	9	37.50	25.80
1894	11	139.70	
1895	12	129.85 (11)	60.00
Watermarked	12	30.36	19.10
<i>Postage Due.</i>			
1879	12	13.10	6.15
Special	7	245.00	
1889	7	7.30	3.07
1891-93	7	2.68	1.69
1894	9	4.31	2.31
1895	7	2.19	1.03
1911-13	6	2.58	.73
1914-15	6	2.61	.69
1916	2	1.50	.65
1917-18	6	1.49	.29
<i>Parcel Post Due.</i>			
1912	5	1.45	.52
<i>Shanghai</i>			
1919	16	5.66	5.66
1922	2	2.00	
<i>Envelopes.</i>			
1853-55	9	126.25	43.40
White	9	61.00	21.55
1857-61			
White	4	148.50 (2)	40.35
Buff	4	137.75 (3)	30.25
1861			
White	3	10.00	7.25
Buff	9	47.75 (8)	40.70
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2c Post Office, unused	.60	.30
6c Post Office, unused	.40	.20
12c Post Office, unused	1.25	.60
15c Post Office, unused	1.75	.80
1c State, unused	2.50	1.25
2c State, used	4.50	2.00
15c State, unused	5.00	2.20
24c State, unused	9.00	4.20
1c Treasury, used	.35	.16
1c Treasury, unused	1.50	.50
7c Treasury, used	1.75	.85
10c Treasury, used	.40	.20
24c Treasury, used	3.50	1.50
30c Treasury, unused	1.00	.40
10c War, unused	1.25	.60
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1865			
White	2	3.00	
Buff	2	3.50	
1870—Reay Issue			
White	11	68.20 (10)	
Amber	12	79.05 (11)	
Cream	7	23.05	
Orange	2	.50	
1874—Plimpton Issue			
White	23	143.46 (20)	
Amber	18	115.80 (10)	
Cream	11	303.50 (4)	
Orange	3	2.68 (2)	
1874-75			
Blue	3	1.60	
1875			
Amber	5	16.75 (4)	
1875-79			
Fawn	7	16.60 (5)	
1876—Centennial			
White	3	2.35	
1875-80			
Cream	3	4.05 (2)	
1880-82			
White	3	125.25	
Amber	2	12.75 (3)	
Blue	4	6.30	
Fawn	1	15.00	
1883—October			
White	1	.18	
Amber	1	.18	
Fawn	1	.25	
Blue	1	.30	
1883—November			
White	1	.15	
Amber	1	.15	
Fawn	1	.18	
Blue	1	.18	
1883—Head of Jackson			
White	2	.36	
Amber	2	.50	
1884—May			
White	1	.10	
Amber	1	.25	
Fawn	1	.45	
Blue	1	.30	
1884—June			
White	7	19.85 (2)	
Amber	7	41.75 (2)	
Fawn	7	33.85 (2)	
Blue	5	23.45 (2)	
1884—July			
White	3	70.10 (2)	
Amber	2	.50	
Fawn	2	.50 (1)	
Blue	3	70.10 (2)	
1886			
Buff	6	14.05	
Blue	4	7.90	
Manila	7	10.05	
Amber Manila	7	10.55	
Letter sheet	1	.30	
1887			
White	7	3.88	
Amber	7	5.26	
Buff	6	14.05	
Blue	6	104.05	
Manila	6	79.15	
Amber Manila	6	104.41	
1893, Columbian			
	4	.63	
1895			
White	2	.37	
Amber	2	1.05	
Manila	1	.35	
1899			
White	7	1.02 (6)	
Amber	7	1.79 (5)	
Buff	4	.78 (2)	
Blue	4	1.88 (2)	
Manila	1	.04	
1903			
White	4	.35	
Amber	4	.42	
Buff	2	.14	
Blue	2	.14	
Manila	1	.04	
1904			
White	1	.10	
Amber	1	.12	
Buff	1	.15	
Blue	1	.12	
1907-10			
White	5	.44	
Amber	5	.50	
Buff	3	.25	
Blue	3	.28	
Manila	1	.06	

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	Number of Stamps.	Unused.	Catalog Value Used.
Amber	2	1.15	.85
Blue	1	.15	.15
War Department			
1873, White	18	174.10 (4)	56.75
Amber	2	17.50	
Cream	4	59.60 (1)	.05
1875, White	8	25.30 (3)	1.05
Amber	8	282.45 (3)	1.80
Orange	1	.40	
Cream	5	73.15 (1)	.05
Blue	1	.10	.05
Fawn	1	.10	.05
Postal Savings			
1911, White	2	4.00	.13
Buff	1	3.50	2.50

	Number of Stamps.	Unused.	Catalog Value Used.
Wrappers			
1861	5	85.00 (1)	2.00
1864	4	8.00 (2)	2.50
1870	2	.80	.55
1874-80	10	145.43 (7)	31.71
1883	1	.10	.10
1884, May	1	.20	.20
1884, June	1	.30	.30
1884, July	3	8.35 (1)	.05
1887	2	.15	.05
1894	1	.40	
1899	3	.69	.53
1903	3	.74 (2)	.09
1904	1	.25	.10
1907-10	3	.20	.11
1916-18	2	.07	.02
1920	2	.27	
Official, War	4	8.50 (2)	.30

	Number of Stamps.	Unused.	Catalog Value Used.
Revenues.			
First issue, 1862-1871			
Imperforate	75		938.40
Part perforate	49		206.55
Perforate			
Old paper	102		245.79
Silk paper	34		32.18
Second Issue, 1871			
Inverted	31		865.04
Third Issue, 1871-1872			
Inverted	10		1,530.00
Fourth issue, 1874			
Inverted	1		.02
Inverted	1		6.00

	Number of Stamps.	Unused.	Catalog Value Used.
Fifth issue, 1875			
Liberty			
Silk, perf.	1		.01
Watermarked			
perf.	1		.01
rouletted	1		.40

	Number of Stamps.	Unused.	Catalog Value Used.
Proprietary, 1871-75			
Violet paper	10		421.28
Inverted	3		610.00
Green paper	10		634.38
Inverted	3		510.00

	Number of Stamps.	Unused.	Catalog Value Used.
Proprietary, 1875-81			
Silk paper perf.	6		4.28
Watermarked			
perf.	9		14.96
rouletted	1		80.00

	Number of Stamps.	Unused.	Catalog Value Used.
Sixth issue, 1894-99			
Playing cards	4	.98	.60
Seventh issue, 1898			
Postage, Sur- charged	3	.27	.21

	Number of Stamps.	Unused.	Catalog Value Used.
Newspaper, Sur- charged	2	20.00	15.00
Proprietary	12	1.56	1.11
Documentary,			
1898	8	.65 (17)	12.30
1899	3		110.00
1900	8		24.06
1902	5		89.70

	Number of Stamps.	Unused.	Catalog Value Used.
Eight issue, 1914-15			
Documentary			
U S P S	11	5.64	2.61
U S I R	11	4.23 (22)	149.07

	Number of Stamps.	Unused.	Catalog Value Used.
Proprietary			
U S P S	12	11.29 (7)	2.79
U S I R	21	3.18 (17)	2.12
Cordials			
U S P S	14	4.31	3.95
Imperf.	1		.75
U S I R	13	7.66	7.88
Imperf.	1		.60

	Number of Stamps.	Unused.	Catalog Value Used.
Ninth issue, 1916-18			
Wines	25		38.82
Tenth Issue, 1917			
Documentary	12	4.53 (23)	114.88
Stock transfer	19		104.17
Future delivery			
	16		242.86

	Number of Stamps.	Unused.	Catalog Value Used.
Narcotics	23		
Cigarette tubes	1	.50	
Proprietary	9	1.68	
Narcotics	21		
Eleventh issue, 1920-22			
Stock transfer	5	.17	

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80-81, Newfoundland
83, Nova Scotia, Pr. Edw. Island
85-86, New Brunswick, Br. Columbia
100-104, Br. West Indies, 19th Cent., o and *
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126-128, Cape of Good Hope
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157-158, Ceylon, Cyprus, Hong Kong

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38	"	.20	.10	36	"	.35	.18
39	"	.75	.40	40	"	.18	.09
37	"	1.25	.65	43	"	1.00	.50
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45	"	.30	.15	84	Trinidad	.15	.08
21	Bermuda	.50	.25	88	"	.50	.25
22	"	.40	.20	91	"	.06	.03
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Parcel Post	12	8.15	1.07
Official	120	1,108.75	856.82
Postal Savings	6	12.45	3.68
Special Delivery	12	5.75	1.71
Registration	1	.35	.05
Newspaper	112	1,254.56 (67)	326.65
Postage Due	69	282.76 (62)	16.61
Parcel Post Due	5	1.45	.52
Shanghai	18	7.66 (16)	5.66
Envelopes		2,563.09	1,413.44
Official Envelopes	63	645.80 (31)	66.01
Wrappers	48	259.45 (34)	38.61
Revenues			
1st,	261		1,422.92
2nd,	41		2,395.04
3rd,	23		2,049.03
4th,	2		6.02
5th,	51		2,275.32
6th,	4	.98	.60
7th,	25	22.48 (50)	252.38

8th,	82	36.31 (86)	169.77
9th,	25		38.82
10th,	22	6.71 (58)	461.91
11th,	5	.17	
Playing Cards,	7	9.20	

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 nounced and so general as at present;
 and in making this boast, we are not
 taking into consideration in any way
 the readings of the trade barometer.
 What ordinarily is the fag-end of the
 season has been transformed into a
 period of activity such as never before
 has been known. The demand for al-
 bums and rudimentary literature on the
 subject of philately shows that the boys
 and girls are turning to stamps with an
 ardor that has been lacking for some
 time past. To what development may be
 attributed this happy condition? Briefly,
 it has been publicity, in manifold forms,
 for stamps that has given them a place
 in the sun; and we say that those who
 have for so many years promoted public
 notice of philately may now say in all
 sincerity that their stand has been
 vindicated.

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The new commemorative stamps made
 their appearance on time and we re-
 ceived first day sets from Mr. Klein,
 Philadelphia; Mr. West, Washington, and
 Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr. The stamps
 make a decided impression and they will
 assert themselves wherever they may be
 seen. The one cent while somewhat
 reminiscent of the one cent Pilgrim is
 sturdily attractive and the two cent is a
 good example of ensemble treatment.
 The five cent is an unusual production
 and there will be many opinions of it
 but we will agree that the design is dis-
 tinctive, although we will admit that it is
 not particularly appropriate for a postage
 stamp. The five cent will be something of
 a mystery stamp in the estimation of
 the public who will want to know what
 the symbolism of the stamp is; and it
 would have been well if the "marker"
 had been labeled as such. The stamps
 certainly are definite and up-standing
 contributions to philately and it is safe
 to say that they will make the public
 "sit up and take notice."

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Great Britain, too, favors us with a
 commemorative issue of two stamps,
 which will create something of a *furor*,
 as the fervent reporter would have it,
 in the country of issue, particularly. We
 have received blocks of the new stamps
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tion of the British Empire Exhibition, at
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 son, Birmingham, England, who writes:
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 Philately, as it is the first time since the
 introduction of Postage Stamps in Great
 Britain, nearly eighty-four years ago,
 that we have issued a Commemorative
 Postage Stamp. The stamps have full
 franking power and are available in pay-
 ment for postage on letters, etc., posted
 anywhere in Great Britain. As at present
 arranged, these stamps are on sale only
 at the Exhibition, but I hope this may
 be altered and that they will be sold at
 every post-office in Great Britain, as
 they certainly should be. I think that
 you will agree that this event is of con-
 siderable interest to our little World of
 Philately." It is our opinion that Mr.
 Wilson certainly does not exaggerate the
 importance of the stamps in a philatelic
 or public sense and it is our prediction
 that the attention that will be received
 by the newcomers, which truly are
 novelties as emanating from Great
 Britain, will accentuate philately in a
 way that will be welcomed by all col-
 lectors. The design of the stamps is one
 that loans itself well to the circumscribed
 surface of a postal label and the col-
 ors, red for the one penny and brown
 for the one and one-half penny, are
 strong. The lion on the stamp is very
 well handled and the designer may be
 felicitated on the result, as we remem-
 ber that Ruskin said that the face of a
 lion was difficult to reproduce *in petto* in
 a way not to libel Leo. The stamps are
 steel-engraved; and bear, further, the
 picture of the King and the inscription,
 "British Empire Exhibition, 1924." Too,
 a special postmark is used at the Ex-
 hibition: "Empire Exhibition," month,
 date and hour, "1924".

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Recently, the personal effects of Leo
 Koretz, the financial wizard without a
 peer, who juggled millions with the *sang*
froid of a man looking over a batch of
 three cent greens for cancellations, were
 disposed of at auction, and among the
 items listed in the catalogue of the sale
 was a collection of stamps. While it
 was known generally that Koretz pos-
 sessed a number of odd lots of stamps,
 the knowledge that he had a real collec-
 tion was limited to very few people.
 Several local philatelists attended the
 sale in Chicago to await a chance to
 snap up the offering for a bagatelle, in
 the manner of speaking. In due course,
 the auctioneer came to the nine albums
 comprising the collection and the lot was
 started at six dollars. Another bidder
 jumped the price to \$25 and then the bids
 advanced in jig-time to \$152.50; and at
 this price the books were knocked down
 to the philatelic buyer, which got his
 money's worth, to put it mildly, in the
 stamps. Mr. Voorhees was the runner-
 up in the bidding which at first enlisted
 the competition of three philatelists but
 soon the contest narrowed down to Mr.
 Voorhees and the successful buyer. The
 bidding for the collection was a dramatic
 episode and made one think of the auc-

tion room scene described by Stevenson
 in, "The Wrecker." Plainly, the auc-
 tioneer was puzzled and every now and
 then he warned the bidders that there
 were not many stamps in the collection;
 and it was apparent that he was not
 aware of the value of the books. Koretz
 seems to have had a sneaking regard for
 stamps but it is probable that his activi-
 ties were such that he could not content
 himself with orderly collecting; under
 tranquil conditions, he may have de-
 veloped into the real thing. However, it
 may be to the gain of the stamp dealers
 that Koretz did not enter the stamp
 market with the spectacular effect that
 attended his incursions in the financial
 field.

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The *Congressional Record* recently con-
 tained some of the best philatelic pabu-
 lum that has ever appeared on its pages
 and indeed, it is too good not to pass
 along to philatelists. We refer to the
 remarks made by the Hon. Ernest R.
 Ackerman of New Jersey, in arguing on
 the House of Representatives on April
 3, 1924, for the appropriation of "the
 modest sum allowed whereby may be
 continued the adding of new specimens
 of stamps to the historic and interesting
 collection of stamps now available for
 inspection and splendidly mounted that
 are on view at the Smithsonian Museum."
 Then, logically and with eloquence, he
 dwelled upon stamps from the time of
 the Stamp Act to the present day when
 stamp collecting is recognized as a super-
 attraction. We cannot do justice to the
 remarks of Congressman Ackerman in
 a single paragraph and we have copied
 what are substantially his words for
 publication as opportunity allows. We
 are indebted to Congressman Ack-
 erman for "making" the *Congressional*
Record in a way that is so acceptable to
 philatelists.

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Mr. W. H. Thurston, Flesherton, Ont-
 ario, writes: "I cannot understand the
 instructions from your post-office de-
 partment as published in a recent issue.
 Canada has a special delivery twenty
 cent stamp and only that can be used for
 special delivery. Letters from your side
 prepaid by U. S. stamps do not com-
 mand special delivery, as I understand
 it, or even if prepaid by ordinary Cana-
 dian stamps to the amount of twenty
 cents, extra postage. An envelope mailed
 at Philadelphia, with ten of the two cent
 Canadian stamps and a Harding, marked
 Special Delivery was not specially de-
 livered and the Canadian stamps were
 not even cancelled, while the Harding
 was, showing that the ten of the two
 cent Canadians were valueless for the
 purpose. This certainly does not agree
 with the instructions as given by your
 department." The instructions were is-
 sued to correct the mis-treatment of
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saw, Okla., is the newspaper man to
whom we refer. He has been collecting
for the past twelve years and writes us
a most interesting letter from which we
take the liberty of quoting:—
"I do not specialize in any issue, but
am seriously considering the early is-
sues of U. S. I have lately added a few
of the U. S. 5c browns, 1862-66, to my
collection. The 1860 series has appealed
to me for years, but being in the news-
paper business and it taking nearly all
of my time, I have not been able to give
my hobby the attention that I really
wanted to.

Postally Used British Colonials

in as superb condition as the following are very scarce. In some cases, I have but a single copy, therefore omit prices but will send on approval, avoiding disappointment of refund.

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[eow43]

I think lots of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, I have been a reader quite a while, the ads alone are worth the subscription price; the bargains and opportunities that are offered the philatelist should make every collector realize the value of the paper as an organ of the hobby. I sold my Indian relic collection in order to devote more of my time to philately. I had accumulated quite a collection of Indian curios, the relics were mostly from this section of the State of Oklahoma, where the Cherokee Indian tribe was located.

Having been connected with the news-
paper and printing business for several
years I realize the value of clean un-
damaged stamps, like good printed mat-
ter. All during my time as a collector
I have never been a member of any
stamp society—I have been one of the
"hermit collectors"—but still I believe
the societies a great benefit to the hobby.
My motto is, "Clean Journalism; Good
Printing; Good Stamps."

It is a very frequent occurrence for a
father to place upon the son the responsi-
bility for the stamp collecting interest in
the family, but here is a father who is
bold enough to admit that he is really the
victim. A. F. Harkness, of Walpole,
Mass., writes us as follows:—"Please
extend my subscription to MEKEEL'S for
five years. My eleven-year-old son en-
joys it—after I get through with it."
On the same day that Mr. Harkness' re-
newal was received, May 3, two other
applications for membership in the Honor
Club also came in. One is from Dr.
Gustave M. Meyer, of Flushing, N. Y.,
who was formerly connected with the
Haskell Stamp Co., and the other from
H. S. Williams, of Elgin, Ill., the well-
known dealer in precancelled stamps.

Through Mr. Severn's office, at Chi-
cago, we have received an application
for membership in our Honor Club from
L. Josephson, proprietor of the Chicago
Stamp & Coin Co. Mr. Josephson is an
occasional advertiser in the WEEKLY and
has built up a considerable business by
his painstaking attention to the local
trade. He is a member of the Board
of Directors of the Chicago Philatelic
Society and is popular with the phi-
latelists of that city.

Quite recently a new advertiser has
been noted in the WEEKLY in the person
of Mrs. F. W. Hackett of Washington,
D. C. There certainly must be some
association between our advertiser and
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*332	2c	.04
*332	2c Booklet pane 6	.25
*333	3c (12c), Block 4	.60
*337	8c olive green	.30
*343	1c (Pair 10c), Block 4	.22
*343	1c (Pair 8c), Block 4	.16
*343	1c Auto vend., perf. pair	.20
*343	1c Pair of same used	.08
*344	2c Vertical pair	.20
*344	2c Auto vend., perf. pair	.50
*344	2c (Pair 16c), Block 4	.35
*345	3c Pair, used or unused	.30
*346	1c Pair (Used 35c)	.40
*347	5c Pair	.40
*367	2c Lincoln	.04
*368	2c Lincoln, pair imperf.	.20
*370	2c Alaska-Yukon	.04
*371	Same imperf. (8c), Pair	.20
*372	2c Hudson-Fulton	.04
*371	1c (3c), Booklet pair	.06
*375	2c (4c), Booklet pair	.08
*377	4c brown	.10
*383	1c Imperf. pair, used or *	.08
*383	Block 4, 2mm spacing	.20
*383	Block 4, 3mm spacing	.30
*383	Coil strip four (Used, 12c)	.15
*384	2c Imperf. pair	.15
*384	Block 4, 2mm spacing	.40
*384	Block 4, 3mm spacing	.35
*385	1c Perf. 12 vertical	.12
*390	1c Perf. 8½ horiz. (Pair, 15c)	.06
*393	2c Perf. 8½ vertical (Pair, 20c)	.10
*406	2c Booklet pair (8c); Pane six	.25
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*409	2c Imperf. (Block 4, 15c); Pair	.06
*412	1c Perf. 8½ vert. (Pair, 7c)	.03
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If there are any other 20th Century varieties of United States postage stamps that you desire, especially blocks, I would be pleased to receive your want list. My stock of these issues is second to none, and includes many of the important rarities.

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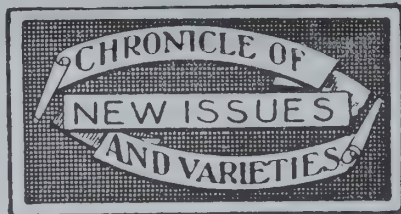
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Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

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United States.

2c Harding, Imperforated Vertically.

Dr. Samuel Konwiser informs me that while at the Newark, N. J., post-office during the latter part of April, he purchased from the stamp clerk a part pane of forty of the 2c black Harding memorial stamp printed from the flat plate, imperforated vertically and perforated 11 horizontally. I have had the pleasure of inspecting this block which consists of the last four horizontal rows of ten stamps from the upper left pane. The block was a little muddled and as the clerk informed him that the upper part of the sheet was perforated and had been sold leads me to believe that this sheet became tangled in the perforating machine when it was partly perforated, and that it was blue penciled for removal as a defective pane, but that in the rush of producing this variety in large numbers that it escaped the vigilant attention of the counting clerks. Dr. Konwiser makes affidavit to the fact that he purchased these in the Newark post-office, and that this block of forty was the entire lot, and that he knows of no others.

1923-2c BLACK, Harding Memorial Stamp Imperforated Vertically, Perforated 11 Horizontally.

Huguenot-Walloon Commemorative Series.

The 1c green, 2c red and 5c blue Huguenot-Walloon Centenary Commemorative Stamps were placed on sale as previously announced on May 1st, at the eleven post-offices designated in a recent Chronicle. These stamps have already been described and I can only further add that while they are striking in general appearance, they are not up

to the former standard of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in the point of engraving. They look like large colored labels, but there is an attractiveness to their vivid color, and there is no doubt that they like other commemoratives will tend to bring new recruits into the fold. Because of their odd size, the Bureau did not have on hand the right size paper, and as they did not have the opportunity of ordering new stock, it was necessary to cut up some of the coil stock for the purpose of turning out this series in prompt order. The Bureau was instructed to manufacture fifty million of the 1c, seventy-five million of the 2c and five million of the 5c. It is doubtful if more will be printed, and it will be further appreciated that there will be an ample number to go around.

The die proofs were approved by Postmaster-General, Harry S. New, in the case of the 1c, on April 14th, the 2c on April 8th, and the 5c on April 14th. By May 1st, the Philatelic Agency at Washington had received mail orders in excess of four thousand, and there was a steady line of local collectors all day. Every order was numbered, and are being filled in rotation. As there are only six clerks in addition to Mr. Mount, it will be realized that some of the orders will naturally be delayed.

I wish to thank Messrs. C. J. West, Emil Yost, D. K. Dunbar and J. V. Neilson for sending me first day covers. The stamps on sale at the Agency on May 1st, were printed from the following plates: 1c, 15756, 757, 758 and 779; 2c, 15744, 745, 746 and 760; 5c, 15752, 753, 754 and 755.

Rotary Press Varieties.

Mr. Benjamin Stickney, the mechanical expert, who designed the rotary press being used by the Bureau, and who was removed by executive order along with other employees early last year, has been reinstated. The Secretary of Treasury has announced that all of the employees were wrongly dismissed, for it has been proven that the former charges were absolutely groundless, and all of those dismissed from the former Director down, have been offered their old positions and fortunately a number of them have accepted. Since Mr. Stickney's return, he has made a slight change in the rotary press, which it is claimed, will break the gum and prevent these sheets from curling as heretofore. The Department has so much confidence in his statement that they have ordered as men-

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tioned in a recent Chronicle a very substantial number of stamps of the 1 and 2c denomination from these presses to be delivered in panes of one hundred. Heretofore these stamps have been turned out in a precancelled condition only with the exception of those sold through the Agency. I am informed that since the Bureau has been doing the precanceling in the case of the 1c, and now the 2c, that the Department has saved in the neighborhood of \$40,000. In fact, the precanceling is so successful that we may look for the 5c in the near future, and this will be followed by a 10c.

New 3c Coil.

The new sideways 3c coil, printed in violet, with portrait of Lincoln, perforated 10 vertically, and imperforate horizontally, will be issued in coils of five hundred, possibly before the end of May. Plates for these varieties were mentioned in my list some weeks back. With this denomination on sale, we will require the 10c sidewise coil and the 1c vertical coil to complete our series.

Coast to Coast Air Mail Service.

Under date of Monday, May the 5th, the Information Service of the Post Office Department sends out a three page circular letter announcing the inauguration of a daily, regular, and permanent air mail service between New York and San Francisco, on July 1, 1924,—the moment the recent appropriation made by Congress becomes available. It will be recalled that experiments were conducted along these lines last August when mail planes crossed the continent eight times, the test covering a period of four days. The Postmaster-General announces that the new schedule will not attempt to set speed records, but that the safety of the pilots and the safe handling of the mails will be the prime requisites. Instead of twenty-six hour eastbound, the new schedule calls for thirty-two hours and five minutes, a westbound the time will be thirty-four hours and forty-five minutes instead of twenty-nine hours. He states that it requires no prophetic vision to predict that within a few years, or perhaps months, the coast to coast flying time will be cut to twenty-four hours.

With a view to protecting the flier and safeguarding against mishap, bids for new planes with slower landing speeds deemed necessary for night landings have been advertised for, and will be open June 10th.

As previously arranged, the route has been divided into three zones, one between New York and Chicago, another between Chicago and Cheyenne and the third between Cheyenne and San Francisco. The rate will be 8c for the first zone, 16c for the second, and 24c for the third. The prevailing air mail stamp will be used for the purpose, but postage does not necessarily be prepaid by those special stamps—any current postage stamp may be used. Letters originating at, or destined to, points off the air mail route will not require extra postage. For instance, a letter mailed in New York addressed to St. Paul, Minnesota, with 8c postage will travel by plane to Chicago, where it will be taken by train to destination. Such a letter leaving New York at 10.30 in the morning should reach St. Paul, by 7.30, the following morning. Any class of mail including Parcel Post packages may be sent by

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Special air mail letter boxes are being installed in the larger cities along the route with a view to expediting the handling of mail designed for transportation by air. It must be remembered that the existing daylight transcontinental air mail service, which has been functioning for the past six years is only an advancing service; that is, it advances from the terminal point to another, mail deposited after the departure of planes, and operates as an auxiliary to the regular schedules of the established railway mail routes.

I see that the Washington papers of May 1st carry a clipping stating that a Massachusetts Congressman has introduced a bill in Congress authorizing the postmaster-general to make Boston the eastern terminus of this service instead of New York. Whether the bill passes the Senate and is finally approved by the President will be announced later.

While speaking of the air mail service and of the special stamps issued for the purpose, I note that in the last edition of the Collectors Club Philatelist that Mr. Lindquist in a most interesting article on the subject states that the 24c was placed on sale in Washington on August 1, 1923, but that a special concession was made to Mr. E. C. Worden, who received a supply late in the evening of August 21st. This is an error, for the variety was placed on sale to everyone on the afternoon of August 21st. This is one point on which we certainly offer our most sincere congratulations to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General and his late Superintendent, Division of Stamps, for they play no favorites, and no one is given any stamps previous to the time when they are on sale to everyone.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise of the 3d mariner on script watermarked paper.

EGYPT.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 200m purple, in the King Fuad type, has been placed on sale.

ECUADOR.—We are indebted to Br. R. Ridgway for the sight of the 10c issue overprinted with an aeroplane black or red. This overprint was applied in connection with a flight between Ito and Itbara, but it is not yet known whether it was of a fully official character.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

FIUME.—It appears there were two separate sets of commemoratives to mark the recent annexation of Fiume to Italy, one being as chronicled in our issue for March 15th and the other com-

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The 60c red and bistre and 2l blue and bistre Express Delivery stamps have also each appeared with the two different overprints.—*Stamp Collecting.*

ITALY.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 60c blue in the type of the 1920 issue.

LIBERIA.—The Economist Stamp Co. report the following new types of stamps evidently of a new series: 1c yellow green, 2c rose red and brown, 3c lilac and 15c yellow and blue. The 1c pictures a monument surrounded by native trees while the next value shows a native house in the centre. The 3c has the usual star while the last value shows a likeness of a hippo. Our correspondent also sends three values with the surcharge "O" and "S," one on the left side of the stamp and the other on the right. The values thus overprinted are the 1c, 2c and 10c.

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—The following new items have been issued for use in this British colony: 9d sage green of Great Britain surcharged "75 Centimes" at the base with the name of the colony at the top; the 2s6d, of the Bradbury Wilkinson printing for use as "3 Francs" and the same name at the top as the 9d. All overprints are in black. Mr. R. Roberts submits the two values for chronicle.

MOZAMBIQUE.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us the following new values in seven of the pictorial types Perf. 14, of 1919, viz.:—3 centavos yellow-brown and black (Maize), 4 1/2 centavos grey and black (Labour), 7 centavos ultramarine and black (Beira Railway), 12 centavos brown and black (Cotton), 60 centavos carmine and brown (Cattle), 80 centavos ultramarine and brown (Sisal), 2 escudos rose and purple (Port of Beira).—*Stamp Collecting.*

RHODESIA.—From a cutting kindly sent by a reader, we learn that the new issue for Southern Rhodesia is to appear on April 1st. The colours will be as for the current issue of Rhodesia, except that the 3d will be deep blue. A 1s 6d stamp in buff will be added to the series, chiefly for use on telegrams. A more ample description, sent by Mr. J. M. Greenfield, states that the design will not be altered, except as regards the wording.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

PORTUGAL.—The Economist Stamp Co. has shown us the 20c in green and the 40c in violet brown color.

SAN MARINO.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the new 25c special delivery stamp with the surcharge "Cent. 60" in black.

SPAIN.—Br.-Gen. Ridgway informs us that the 30c green, with overprint "CORREO AEREO," has been prepared for use, but was not issued.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts a copy of the 2c olive green in the design of the 1922-23 issue.

TANGIER.—The Economist Stamp Co. report the 2fr orange and pale blue and the 5fr blue and buff stamps of French Morocco with the surcharge "Tanger" in black across the centre of the stamp.

APRIL SUBSCRIPTION RECORD.

The subscription record for April shows the Pikes Peak Stamp Co., Mystic Stamp Co. and Fennell Stamp Co. all close contestants for the leading honors. Although the month was not quite so successful as the previous, yet a large number of new subscriptions were received. The following firms sent in ten or more during the month:—

PIKES PEAK STAMP CO.	70
MYSTIC STAMP CO.	64
FENNEL STAMP CO.	60
HAWKEYE STAMP CO.	31
W. J. ZINK	18
WORLD WIDE STAMP CO.	16
L. B. DOVER	14
D. B. NAGLE CO.	14
COVERT STAMP CO.	13
JOSEPH GALLANT	13
KANSAS CITY STAMP CO.	11
LIBERTY STAMP CO.	11

The detailed standing of all the contestants for seven months is as follows:—

Pikes Peak Co., Colo. Springs, Colo.	419
Fennell Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	388
W. J. Zink, Cleveland, O.	348
Mystic Stamp Co., Camden, N. Y.	182
Hawkeye Stamp Co., Cedar Rapids, Ia.	144
L. B. Dover, Clayton, Mo.	142
Kansas City Stamp Co., Kansas City, Mo.	95
W. G. Klem, Jersey City, N. J.	89
Paul F. Cornish, Schenectady, N. Y.	79
Covert Stamp Co., Rochester, N. Y.	79
D. B. Nagle Co., Reading, Pa.	77
Joseph Gallant, Hemstead, N. Y.	62
W. F. Cannon Co., Davenport, Ia.	62
Richard Lamprecht, Valparaiso, Ind.	60
Eugene Klein, Phila., Pa.	52
Midwest Stamp Co., Kansas City, Mo.	49
Liberty Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	47
Hiawatha Stamp Shop, Syracuse, N. Y.	45
Bymor Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	42
H. A. Keigwin, Middletown, N. Y.	42
Atlanta Stamp Co., Atlanta, Ga.	41
C. E. Hussman Co., St. Louis, Mo.	39
World Wide Stamp Co., Phoenix, Ariz.	38
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Jax Stamp Co., Steger, Ill.	29
Pioneer Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	27
E. P. Seeborn, San Francisco, Calif.	27
Foye Stamp Co., Detroit, Mich.	25
C. L. Tubbs, San Diego, Calif.	24
R. H. Mower, San Francisco, Calif.	21
A. M. Leckie, Chicago, Ill.	20
U. T. K. Stamp Co., Utica, N. Y.	19
G. B. Kunz, Jersey City, N. J.	19
H. C. Buchholz, Norwood, O.	19
J. H. Blackney, Saginaw, Mich.	18
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Vahan Moizan, N. Y. City	17
G. A. Zimmerman, Chicago, Ill.	14
Rotnem Stamp Co., Minneapolis, Minn.	14
H. P. Atherton, Springfield, Mass.	14
J. B. Musick, St. Louis, Mo.	13
A. F. Simionescu, Hackensack, N. J.	13
Rev. A. E. Butler, St. George's, Nfld.	12
Ogden Stamp Shop, Baldwinville, N. Y.	12
C. W. Schmidt, Phila., Pa.	12
C. A. Bernier, Kankaku, Ill.	12
H. H. Shepard, Amherst, Mass.	11
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16	6d green & black	3.00
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20	1d carmine & black	.24
21	2d violet & black	.24
23	4d brown & black	.20
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26	2sh 6d brown & black	1.50
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34	1/2d green & black	.18
35	1d carmine & black	.25
36	2d violet & black	.25
37	2 1/2d ultra. & black	.35
38	4d brown & black	.35
39	6d green & black	.45
1907-10, Large "PAPUA"		
41	1/2d green & black	.06
43	2d violet & black	.24
44	2 1/2d violet & black	.60
45	4d brown & black	.90
46	6d green & black	.45
47	1sh orange & black	.45
48	2sh 6d brown & black	1.00
1911-12		
50	1/2d yellow green	.05
51	1d light red	.12
52	2d violet	.08
53	2 1/2d ultramarine	.24
54	4d olive green	.24
55	6d orange brown	.30
1915, Perforated 14		
59	1d light red	.65
1917		
71	1d on 1/2d green	.05
73	1d on 2 1/2d ultra.	.18
74	1d on green	.18
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32d	1c Blue, Type IV	1.50	1.25
33	3c Dull Red	.12	.10
36	12c Black	6.50	5.50

1857-60 Issue, Perforated			
42f	1c Blue, Type 5	.35	.30
44	3c Rose	.05	.04
47	5c Brown, Type 1	8.00	6.50
49	10c Green, Type 1	2.25	1.85
50	10c Green, Type 2	1.10	.85
51	12c Black	4.00	3.25
1861 September Issue			
63	1c Blue	.50	.40
65	3c Rose	.03	.02
68	10c Yellow Green	.40	.32
68a	10c Dark Green	.50	.40
69	12c Black	1.25	1.00
70	24c Red Lilac	6.00	4.50
71	30c Orange	1.75	1.40
72	90c Blue	7.50	6.25

1862 Issue			
73	2c Black	.25	.20
76	5c Brown	1.25	1.00
77	15c Black	2.00	1.60
78	24c Lilac, Shades	1.75	1.25
1867 Issue			
90	12c Black	1.50	1.25
	Embossing measures 9x13 MM.		
92	1c Black	1.75	1.35
94	3c Rose	.06	.04
96	10c Yellow Green	1.50	1.20
97	12c Black	1.15	.95
98	15c Black	1.75	1.40
100	30c Orange	3.50	2.75

1869 Issue, Picture Set			
112	1c Buff	1.25	1.00
113	2c Brown	.35	.25
114	3c Blue	.06	.04
115	6c Blue	2.25	1.75
116	10c Yellow	2.00	1.60
117	12c Green	1.90	1.60

1870, National Bank Note Company			
134	1c Ultramarine	.50	.40
136	3c Green	.08	.06
1870-71, Without Embossing			
148	6c Carmine	.22	.18
151	12c Dull Violet	.70	.55
153	24c Purple	2.75	2.25

1873 Issue, Continental			
159	6c Dull Pink	.12	.10
162	12c Black	.75	.60
163	15c Orange	1.50	1.25
166	90c Rose Carmine	2.75	2.25

1879 Issue, Soft, Porous Paper			
182	1c Ultramarine	.08	.06
183	2c Vermilion	.02	.01
184	3c Green	.01	.01
188	10c Brown	.15	.12

1882-1888 Issues			
205	5c Yellow Brown	.10	.07
206	1c Blue	.02	.01
207	3c Green	.01	.01
208	6c Rose	1.00	.75
209	10c Brown	.03	.02
210	2c Red Brown	.01	.01
211	4c Green	.12	.10
212	2c Green	.01	.01
216	5c Blue	.10	.08
227	1890, 15c Indigo	.22	.17
228	30c Black	.30	.25
229	90c Orange	.85	.75
232	1893, 3c	.06	.05
274	1895, 15c Blue	.15	.12
282	1898-99, 6c Lake	.04	.03
284	15c Olive	.10	.08

1898 Trans-Mississippi Issue			
287	4c Orange	.12	.10
288	5c Blue	.17	.14
289	8c Violet Brown	.18	.15
290	10c Violet	.12	.09
291	50c Green	1.25	1.00

20th Century			
296	1901, 4c Chocolate & Black	.08	.06
309	10c Brown and Black	.12	.10
311	1902, 1c Green, Imperf.	.20	.15
320	2c Carmine, Imperf.	.18	.15
325	1904, 3c Purple	.12	.10
326	5c Blue	.12	.10
327	10c Brown	.12	.10
330	1907, 5c Blue	.15	.12
340	1908, 15c Ultramarine	.04	.03
341	50c Violet	.25	.20
365	1909, 2c Lincoln, Imperf.	.10	.08
371	2c Alaska, Imperf.	.10	.08
373	2c Hudson Fulton, Impf.	.10	.08
382	1910, 15c Ultramarine	.07	.06

1898 Trans-Mississippi Issue			
287	4c Orange	.12	.10
288	5c Blue	.17	.14
289	8c Violet Brown	.18	.15
290	10c Violet	.12	.09
291	50c Green	1.25	1.00

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296	1901, 4c Chocolate & Black	.08	.06
309	10c Brown and Black	.12	.10
311	1902, 1c Green, Imperf.	.20	.15
320	2c Carmine, Imperf.	.18	.15
325	1904, 3c Purple	.12	.10
326	5c Blue	.12	.10
327	10c Brown	.12	.10
330	1907, 5c Blue	.15	.12
340	1908, 15c Ultramarine	.04	.03
341	50c Violet	.25	.20
365	1909, 2c Lincoln, Imperf.	.10	.08
371	2c Alaska, Imperf.	.10	.08
373	2c Hudson Fulton, Impf.	.10	.08
382	1910, 15c Ultramarine	.07	.06

1898 Trans-Mississippi Issue			
287	4c Orange	.12	.10
288	5c Blue	.17	.14
289	8c Violet Brown	.18	.15
290	10c Violet	.12	.09
291	50c Green	1.25	1.00

1914-15 Single Line Watermark, Perf. 10			
434	11c Dark Green	.09	.07
435	12c Claret Brown	.04	.03
436	12c Copper Red	.03	.02
437	15c Gray	.03	.02
438	20c Ultramarine	.03	.02
439	30c Orange Red	.08	.06

1916-17, Perforated 10, Unwatermarked			
478	\$1.00 Violet Black	.25	.20
479	\$2.00 Dark Blue	.85	.55
480	\$5.00 Light Green	1.10	.85
496	5c Blue, Perf. 10 vert.	.04	.03
497	10c Yellow, Perf. 10 vert.	.07	.05

1917-19 Perforated 11, Unwatermarked			
513	13c Apple Green	.08	.06
514	15c Gray	.02	.01
516	30c Orange Red	.03	.02
517	50c Violet	.04	.03
518	\$1.00 Violet Black	.07	.06
520	1918, 6c Orange	.07	.05
521	16c Green	.16	.12
522	24c Carmine and Blue	.27	.22

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Scott's No.	on this Column on orders over \$2.00	Unused	Good	Avg
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2	6py violet	30.00	25.00	
1852 Issue				
4	3py red	3.00	2.50	
4b	3py thin paper	3.00	2.50	
5	6py purple black	30.00	25.00	
1855-57 Issues				
7	10py blue	31.00	26.00	
8	1/2py rose	10.00	8.50	
9	7/2py green	32.50	27.00	
10	6py violet	45.00	38.00	
11	1/2py rose	17.50	15.00	
14	1c rose	.50	.40	
15	5c vermilion	.25	.20	
16	10c lilac	1.75	1.40	

1868 Issue				
21	1/2c black	1.00	.75	.60
22	1c brown red	1.60	1.35	1.00
23	2c pale green	3.00	1.00	.80
24	3c red	4.50	.40	.30
24b	3c watermarked	3.75	2.75	.30
25	6c dark brown	5.00	1.00	.80
27	15c lilac	1.00	.75	.65
1869-77 Issues				
31	1c yellow	6.00	1.75	1.25
32	1c yellow	.30	.02	.01
34	3c dull red	1.00	.10	.07
35	6c yellow brown	2.00	.22	.18
36	10c rose lilac	3.25	1.00	.80
37	5c olive green	2.25	1.80	.40
38	5c slate green	1.25	.15	.11
39	15c gray	1.50	.90	.70

1882-90 Issues				
40	1/2c black	.10	.10	.07
42	3c vermilion	.35	.02	.01
43	5c gray	.35	.05	.03
44	6c brown	1.00	.30	.25
45	10c brown red	2.00	.70	.60
46	20c vermilion	.85	.20	.15
47	50c deep blue	1.00	.25	.18
48	8c gray	1.75	.18	.13

1897, Victoria Jubilee Issue				
50	1/2c black	.60	.60	.50
51 or 52	1c or 2c	.10	.07	.06
53	3c bright rose	.10	.02	.01
54	5c deep blue	.35	.22	.18
55	6c yellow brown	1.50	1.50	1.25
56	8c dark violet	.50	.45	.40
57	10c brown violet	.65	.50	.42
58 or 59	15c or 20c	1.00	.70	.55
60	50c ultramarine	1.15	.50	.40

1897, Maple Leaf Issue				
66	1/2c black	.04	.04	.03
67	1c blue green	.06	.02	.01
68 or 69	2c or 3c	.08	.02	.01
70	5c dark blue	.15	.06	.05
71	6c brown	.45	.37	.30
72	8c orange	.32	.13	.10
73	10c brown violet	.85	.75	.65

1898, Numeral Issue				
74 or 75	1/2c or 1c	.02	.02	.01
76 or 77	2c or 3c	.07	.01	.01
78	5c blue	.22	.08	.06
79	6c brown	1.00	.60	.50
80	8c orange	.65	.35	.30
81	10c brown violet	.40	.11	.09

1898-1902 Issues				
82 or 83	2c lavender and	.06	.04	.03
	carmine	.06	.04	.03
84 or 85	2c on 3c carmine	.08	.05	.04
86	2c carmine	.04	.01	.01
87	20c olive green	1.25	.50	.40
88	7c olive yellow	.35	.18	.14

1903, King Edward Issue				
89	1c gray green	.02	.01	.01
90	2c carmine	.04	.01	.01
90a	2c carmine, Imperf.	.07	.07	.06
91	5c blue	.10	.02	.01
92	7c olive bistre	.22	.04	.03
93	10c brown lilac	.20	.05	.04
94	20c olive green	.65	.18	.15
95	50c purple	.50	.40	.30

1908 Quebec Tercentenary Issue				
96	1/2c dark brown	.03	.03	.02
97	1c blue green	.05	.03	.02
98	2c carmine	.06	.02	.01
99	5c dark blue	.18	.15	.12
100	7c olive green	.20	.15	.12
101	10c dark violet	.45	.32	.27
102	15c red orange	.45	.32	.27
103	20c yellow brown	.90	.50	.42

1912 King George Issue				
104	1c dark green	.02	.01	.01
104a	1c perf. 12 Hor.	.15	.05	.04
104b	1c Perf. 8 Hor.	.08	.03	.02
104c	1c Perf. 8 Vert.	.08	.03	.02
105	2c carmine	.03	.01	.01
105a	2c Perf. 8 Vert.	.08	.02	.01
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The years of stamp lore thus represented, are almost exactly coincident with the span of Mr. Gould's life from mint-date—1847-1924. Is it possible among our members or readers Mr. Gould may have a twin or a near twin? This cover also shows the displacement of the "Franklin Head" by the Washington Profile" on our 1c stamp in 1912 to 1922. And the sender of the cover asks, how this lapse occurred—a return to the "Franklin Head" on 1c, of 1922. Did the department forget our history and custom? Why ten's oblivion for "Benjamin"?

A friend of Mr. Gould's tried to obtain permission to photo and publish the cover envelopes, the Dept. ruled it could not be permitted, but the printing of facsimile foreign stamps would, so send a photo of a few of these, some which were not received until the 1st of April, but all postmarked Feb. 29, 1924. Mr. Gould is very proud of his remarkable anniversary collection, comprising hundreds of letters and postcards, many of them from foreign lands, all bearing the postmark, Feb. 29, and considers the senders of these some messages as his dear friends. cannot find words strong enough to thank them all and to express his grateful appreciation of these, his most valued keepsakes. If there is another collector who was born Feb. 29, 1848, Mr. Gould would be pleased to know it.

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1878, Nos. 2-3, superb	2.50	1.15				*1883, 2 1/2p. No. 19, mint copy	3.00	1.40	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
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Brazil 1866, 50r. No. 56a	3.00	1.10				1871, 1p. No. 13, mint	5.00	2.50	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
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No. 136	2.50	1.15				*Samoa 1914, No. 108, 6p. mint	5.00	2.50	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
1914, 1pia, v. fine, No. 192	3.00	1.10				Sarawak 1902, 2c, No. 48, superb	2.50	1.25	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
1914, 7c double schg., No.						*Seychelles, Nos. 38-46 mint, &			5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
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1917, very fine copy, No. 280	2.25	1.00				South Australia 1867, 1p. No.			5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
*Honduras 1912, 1c, No. 140,						41, good	5.00	1.75	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
mint & rare	2.00	1.25				1887, 5sh, No. 82	2.00	1.00	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
*1920, Nos. 195-6, very scarce	6.00	3.00				*Sierra Leone 1862, 1p. No. 6,			5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
*Hungary, Nos. 1582-4, 1586-98						mint	3.00	1.35	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
(Baranya)	3.44	1.00				*1883, 1/2p. No. 20, fair	3.00	.90	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
*Italy, 2nd Aust. Occ., Nos. 421-						*Straits Settlements, \$2, No. 143	3.50	1.50	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
34, mint	3.10	1.25				*Kedah 1921, \$5.00, mint copy	5.00	3.00	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
*Karelia 1922, Nos. 1-15 compl.,						Kelantan, Nos. 7-9, superb	3.00	1.50	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
mint	6.42	2.00				Tobago 1880, 1/2p. No. 8, v. good	6.00	1.75	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
*Lithuania, Airpost, Nos. 408-14						*Transvaal 1878, 1/2p, mint	2.50	1.15	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
comp.	4.67	.50				*1885, 5 pounds, mint	5.00	1.65	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
Liberia, Nos. 163-75 comp.	4.15	2.00				*1885, 1/2p. No. 137	2.50	1.00	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
Nos. 134-5, 183-91 complete	2.20	.75				1885, 4p. No. 100-1	2.75	1.10	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
*Luxemburg 1859, 4c, No. 5, super-						1859, 6p. No. 24, good	15.00	3.90	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
berb O. G.	3.00	1.25				*1882, 1p. No. 65, mint	2.00	.95	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
*Mecklenburg 1864, No. 1, super-						*Turks, 2 1/2p. No. 4, mint	3.00	1.15	5c Pan Pacific, No. 403, mint block 4		
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A stamp exhibition was held in the Pease Memorial Library Ridgewood, N. J., on April 24-26. In connection with the exhibition a prize contest was held. Seventy-five questions concerning stamps were printed in the Ridgewood Herald of March 27, and we reproduce the list below for the benefit of our readers. Two Ridgewood boys, Charles Allen and Ruland Anderson, made respectively 100% and 95% in answering thirty of the questions. Both of these boys were awarded yearly subscriptions to the WEEKLY as prizes. If our subscribers are sufficiently interested to warrant it we shall be willing to supplement this article with a list of the correct answers.

1. What United States stamp shows the flags of the Allies?
2. On the stamps of what two countries is a Sower of Grain shown?
3. How are perforations measured?
4. What country shows a set of stamps with four generations of the same family?
5. What are water marks and how made in stamps?
6. What do the watermarks C. C. and C. A. mean?
7. Describe four kinds of paper on which stamps are printed?
8. Name three countries showing stamps with soldiers in the World War in action?
9. What country shows a set of stamps with heads of musicians?
10. On what stamp is a train shown coming out of a tunnel?
11. What country shows a stamp with three kings of the country on one stamp?
12. What countries other than the United States have issued precancelled stamps?
13. Why are the stamps of the United State not illustrated in the catalogue?
14. What are coil stamps and how are they perforated?
15. How many kinds and numbers of perforations have been used on United States stamps?
16. Name six cities that have issued stamps?
17. What countries stamps picture two oceans?
18. Name the former German colonies that issued stamps?
19. What is a fiscal stamp?
20. Name the commemoration issues of the United States and tell why issued?
21. The United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, D. C., engraved a stamp in 1906 bearing Admiral Sampson's head, what is the stamp and where is it used?
22. What country shows a spouting oil well on a stamp and where is the country?
23. What stamp shows a seal with feet like a dog?
24. What stamps, not surcharged has currency in English and German?
25. What United States stamp has the date of birth of the man pictured on it?
26. Postage stamps are sometimes used as fiscal stamps. What form of cancellation frequently identifies stamps so used?
27. How do you tell the difference between Finland 1891-92 and Russia 1890-92?
28. The pictures of what two rulers appear on the stamps of the Netherlands?
29. On the Canada map stamp of 1898, Scott Nos. 82 and 83, what three parts of the world were not parts of the British Empire, although shown as such on that stamp?
30. What are the names of the two Kings and the Queen, whose head appear on English stamps?
31. What Olympic Games are shown on the stamps of Belgium and Greece?
32. Name three countries which issued stamps that are called "Seebecks"?
33. Name the largest three countries that has ever issued a surcharged stamp?
34. The stamps of what country are printed in two languages and surcharged in three?
35. What two United States stamps

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show a man growing a full beard over night?

36. Why were stamps embossed or grided?

37. On what stamp are the names of four countries with their coats of arms?

38. What is the color of the first one penny stamp used in England, what is the color of the first two penny stamp?

39. What make of motor cycle is shown on the 1922 U. S. special delivery stamp?

40. Which stamp usually shows the sharper clearer impression, one lithographed or engraved?

41. On what U. S. stamp is the skyline of lower New York shown?

42. Is it shown correctly?

43. Iceland is a colony of what country?

44. What country has surcharged the stamps of its neighbor for its own use in two different languages on alternate stamps in the sheet?

45. What are postage due stamps used for?

46. What country issued stamps overprinted "R. O."?

47. What are officially sealed stamps used for?

48. On what U. S. stamp is the skyline of the city of St. Louis shown?

49. Name five English colonies, five French, three Dutch and two Spanish?

50. What country issued two stamps with Queen Victoria's head on them, although it was not part of the British Empire at the time?

51. What were Department stamps used for in the United States?

52. What countries have honored Columbus by showing his picture on their stamps and on how many stamps?

53. What two United States stamps show a gate?

54. The stamps of what countries were superseded by those of the Australian Commonwealth?

55. What man's head is pictured on the stamps of France 1863-70 issue?

56. Name five countries that have issued charity stamps?

57. On what stamps is the yacht "Corsair," once owned by Mr. J. P. Morgan, Sr., shown?



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60. What are "Cancelled to order stamps," Surcharged stamps, and pre-cancelled?

61. What does P. T. T. on Roumanian stamps of 1919 mean?

62. What was the first government to issue air mail stamps?

63. What does C. E. F. and I. E. F. on India stamps refer to?

64. What new countries now issuing stamps were formed out of old Russia since the World War?

65. What are Proofs, Reminders and Reprints?

66. What countries of the world have issued stamps showing their flag?

67. Name the countries using the following coins: Milreis, Peso, Kopec, Gulden, Franc, Bits, Skilling, Sucre, Colin, Thalar, Leva, Poon, Boliviano, Novca, Stotinki, Fennigi, Metallik, Escudo and Dollar.

68. What Queens rank next to Queen Victoria in number of times their portraits appear on stamps?

69. What is the significance of the initials "A. H. PD." overprinted on the 1906 issue of Azores?

70. Who was Skanderbeg, Livingston, Kara George, Pasteur, Miguel Hildago, Fuad, Toussaint L'Ouverture, Sun Yet Sen, Balboa, and on what stamps do they appear?

71. What countries of the world have issued map stamps?

72. What country has issued four stamps picturing a "contingent deface."

73. What French colonies issued stamps with the inscription "Afrique Occidentale Francasie"?

74. What country shows a floating safe on its stamps?

75. What country has an issue of revenue stamps often found with postal cancellations, yet never used for postage?

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Interest in the early issues of British Colonial stamps was shown last week by the spirited bidding at the auction sale of the collection formed by the late Webb Floyd of this city. The sale was held at the Collectors Club, 120 West Forty-ninth Street, by J. C. Morgenthau & Co., with Walter S. Scott as the auctioneer. For two of the first issues of Nova Scotia \$205 apiece was paid. The stamps were of the 1-shilling value, unused, issued in 1851. One was red violet and the other of the slightly scarce dull violet color. The 6-penny stamp of the same issue, also unused, brought \$51.50, close to the standard catalogue valuation.

There were some early Mauritius stamps of the 1848 issue which seldom appear in the auction room. They were in average condition and \$71 was paid for the 1-penny copy on bluish paper, an early impression. An intermediate impression of the same value sold for \$69 and the 2-penny stamp of the same year brought \$65. All were lightly cancelled. For a good 2-penny copy of the 1859 issue, \$31 was paid.

Good prices were paid for all of the early St. Vincent, New Brunswick, New South Wales and New Zealand stamps. For the 5 shilling, St. Vincent, 1880, unused, \$77 was paid, and a fine unused pair of the half-penny on half of the 6-penny, 1880 issue, sold for \$27.

The feature of the New Brunswick stamps was an unused copy of the famous 5-cent O'Connell stamp issued in 1860. It was never put into circulation, as orders were issued to destroy all the copies when it was ascertained by the authorities that the postmaster, O'Connell, had placed his portrait instead of royalty on the stamp. Despite the fact that this rarity was slightly defective, it brought \$70. For a good copy of the regular first New Brunswick issue, 1 shilling, 1851, \$60 was paid, and a lightly cancelled copy of the 6-penny stamp of the same issue sold for \$36.

Fair prices were obtained for several of the first New South Wales issues, with the interesting Sydney views. For the 1-penny, 1850, on bluish paper, \$36.50 was paid and \$23.50 for a 2-penny copy in which the pick and shovel of the main design were omitted. Of the New Zealand, 1855 issue, the 2-penny, blue on bluish paper, sold for \$31 and \$41 was paid for the 1-shilling, lightly canceled, of the same issue. A good copy of the 2-penny, 1862, on pelure paper, sold for \$26 and the same price was paid for the 3-penny in the brilliant violet shade.

A fine unused pair of the first stamp issued for St. Helena, 6-penny, blue sold for \$38.50, slightly over the catalogue value for two individual stamps, and for the first Queensland stamp, 1-penny, 1860, used, \$33 was paid. A fine

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THE PHILATELIC INSTRUCTOR.

By FRANCIS M. BOTELHO, Ph. D., Wayne, Pa.

(This is the first of a series of brief "talks," expressed in simple language but comprehensively dealing with all the angles of the universal hobby. The purpose of these articles is to provide material for both formal and informal discussion of Philately in clubs, social-gathering centres, lectures halls, educational circles, etc. Readers are invited to send in constructive criticisms. We are pleased to introduce Dr. Botelho to our readers.—W. O. W.)

CHAPTER I.

By Way of Introduction.

The average woman cannot understand why any sane man should pay such fabulous prices for single specimens of postage stamps. To her stamp collecting is classifiable as a sort of more or less expensive pastime suitable for peopless children and elderly shut-ins. She may even think it a desirable vehicle for keeping youngsters indoors on inclement days or for holding friend husband home at night.

But the ignorant person is often also a trousered specimen of the human race. There are many men who cannot, for the life of them, see why the Prince of Wales, subsequently Edward VII, should have parted with a veritable fortune for a tiny bit of paper catalogued as *the rare Mauritius*. When told about the valuable Hawaiian issues, they are apt to open their eyes in real wonder that such things could be mentioned by normal adults with intelligent-looking faces. Recently the news cables reported the large sums brought down by the auctioneer's hammer in the sale in Paris of Ferrary's collection of postage stamps. It is more than likely that many a good wife and mother threw up her hands and bewailed the folly and extravagance of the "idle rich."

Yet the same lady will eagerly shop at the stores and calmly give up a couple of hundred dollars for a strand of synthetic (to avoid using a less euphonious adjective) pearls, worth intrinsically perhaps only a fraction of the price. And, what is worse, her strand (let us call it, necklace) probably looked pretty, in her fancy, but in the course of time becomes less attractive, and presently worth nothing—either intrinsically or sentimentally.

But with stamps, the situation is just the contrary. Every stamp that is a genuine postal issue has an intrinsic value, however small. The price of a

stamp is based on sound commercial bases. The par value is the price of issue, namely the actual value of the stamp for postal uses at the time of its currency. Then follows the divisions of "commons," "obsoletes," "errors," "specials," "scarce," "rares," etc.

No doubt there have been, and will always be, questionable methods used among postal departments, postmasters, stamp-dealers, and others interested, towards putting out unnecessary issues, or manipulating circulation, or faking catalogue (i.e., sales list) value. But those are tricks—and it is chiefly to guide the unwary or uninformed that the present series of "talks" is being published. Therefore, concerning those phases of the hobby, more anon.

Briefly, it may be stated without fear of contradiction that because stamp collecting is a universal hobby—engaged in by all peoples in every country of the world—and thousands of new enthusiasts are converted monthly, every existing collection cannot help being more valuable with the passing of each year. Stamps that were common in our parents' youthful days are today rarities worth considerable money. Stamps that are now easily assembled will automatically grow rarer as the years roll by. A collection that can be, at present, gotten together for, say \$100, can be guaranteed as never likely to be exactly duplicated at the same price a few years hence.

The preceding emphasizes the investment end of the hobby. But there are many other factors that are, to many people, much more important. In their proper sequence, they will be dealt with fully. Therefore, suffice it here to say that those factors include education, inspiration, cultivation of orderliness and continuity, means for agreeable surcease from routine mental effort, healthful and clean indoor recreation, opportunities for making friendships and for arousing congenial sociability.

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Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, under the per-
 mission graciously given to extend my
 remarks on the independent executive
 bureau appropriation bill, I desire to call
 attention to the wisdom of the fact of
 appropriating the modest sum allowed
 whereby may be continued the adding of
 new specimens of stamps to the historic
 and interesting collection of stamps now
 available for inspection and splendidly
 mounted that are on view at the Smith-
 sonian Museum.

The stamp act was one of the outstand-
 ing events in the early history of this
 great Republic. There were no adhesive
 stamps then, but the impression was
 placed on the parchment or paper by
 means of a hand hydraulic press in the
 same manner that seals are now affixed.
 The very thing that brought Congress
 together in 1765 was to remonstrate
 against the imposition of these new
 taxes, but there were no collectors then,
 so few of these stamped or impressed
 documents were then saved. However,
 commencing in 1840, when Great Britain,
 through the suggestion of Sir Rowland
 Hill, began the issuance of adhesive
 stamps, followed by Brazil, in 1843, and
 the United States in 1847, stamp collect-
 ing has grown by leaps and bounds in
 every country in the wide world.

The Post Office Department, under
 Will Hays, Doctor Work, and Senator
 New as Postmaster-Generals, have
 recognized the utility of stamp collecting
 and also the possibility, yea, the probab-
 ility of that hobby bringing in additional
 revenue to swell the post-office receipts
 by the sale of stamps for use by col-
 lectors as additions to their collections
 and for which no carrying service is
 rendered by the Government. That their
 expectations are in a fair way of realiza-
 tion may be inferred by a perusal of the
 following letter from the Third Assist-
 ant Postmaster-General, Hon. W. Ir-
 ving Glover, who writes as follows:

Post Office Department
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 established on December 6, 1921. For
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 (seven months), the sales were \$20,706.50,
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 31, 1924, the sales were \$104,316.93, and

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 to the taxpayers, and Mr. Glover took it
 over to the exhibition, where it obtained
 a special medal and a ribbon of honor.
 After the exhibit was returned to this
 country so great had the interest in it
 been manifested that it was sent by
 registered post to the various post-
 offices of the country in order that many
 citizens could avail themselves of an
 opportunity of seeing the exhibit. The
 first trip was such a great success that
 the exhibit was sent on a second trip,
 which has not as yet been concluded.
 The itineraries were as follows:

Itinerary of the United States Phil-
 atelic Stamp Exhibit.

First Trip, 1923.

(Omitted.)

Second Trip, 1924.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 17-20.
 St. Paul, Minn., May 21-24.
 Sioux Falls, S. Dak., May 26-29.
 Madison, Wis., June 2-5.
 Milwaukee, Wis., June 6-10.
 Chicago, Ill., June 11-18.
 Washington, D. C., June 20.

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 in order to take care of the great volume
 of business as the current circulars will
 show.

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 Washington, under date of April 10th,
 telling of the issue of the Huguenot-
 Walloon special issue, etc.)

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 educational value of the science of phi-
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 celled, in regular publications, the same
 to be printed in black only when the sub-
 ject was a foreign stamp, and when a
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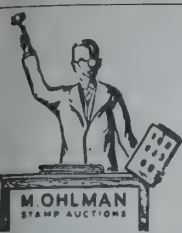


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An article in *Evens Weekly Stamp News*, which has published over 1,000 numbers gives the number of collectors on the globe at 2,930,000, and the number of collectors annually buying one or more catalogues at 250,000.

Another authority gives the number of collectors in the respective countries as follows:

Germany,	440,000
Austria-Hungary,	110,000
Great Britain,	363,000
Russia, Scandinavia, Spain,	
Portugal, Italy, Balkan States,	60,000
France, Belgium, Netherlands,	
Switzerland, Luxemburg,	300,000
United States and Canada,	1,000,000
Mexico, Central and South America,	20,000
Africa and Australia,	10,000
Asia,	20,000

Total for the globe, 2,323,000

These figures are believed to be substantially accurate. In any event they indicate the growing popularity of philately, which has far outstripped that of numismatics, or coin collecting, which for centuries has been looked upon as well worthy of high consideration, not only by all civilized governments, but by the most distinguished savants and literati. Our own Government at the Smithsonian Institution maintains a curator and publishes a list of the stamps of the United States issued up to 1920, and by reason of this legislation the pages of the catalogue may in the future be embellished with illustrations, thus increasing its usefulness to the average collector.

The long line of literature which has been issued touching upon philately in later years has been added to by the issuance of a "Who's Who," wherein may be found the names of celebrities from the rulers of the greatest nations, princes of royal blood to statesmen, admirals, generals, actors, foresters, singers and philosophers in all parts of the globe. Even schools are advocating classes in the science. All these classes have recognized the intellectual value of this hobby. Its far reaching educational value is accompanied by a charm of persistence which grips the enthusiast by a devotion that never can be totally eliminated.

—From the Congressional Record—Appendix of April 21, 1924, pages 7093 to 7096.

DIPLOMA OF MERIT FOR STAMP MAP.

C. Lat. Wilhelm, chairman of the Philatelic Section, Maryland Academy of Sciences, Baltimore, Md., sends us the following information concerning the spring exhibit held April 26:—

For an exhibit that was characterized as "a unique application of philately in the study of geography, especially applicable to education of the young children," J. W. Saybolt, a member of The Philatelic Section of The Maryland Academy of Sciences, Baltimore, Md., was given The Diploma of Merit of The Academy, at the spring exhibit of The Academy, held April 26, at The Academy Building.

The exhibit that won the Diploma for Mr. Saybolt, was a stamp-map, eight by ten feet. It was made of 16 panels, each 19 by 24 inches, and can be taken down and put together. Around the map is a 6 inch gold frame. The stamps are placed against a black background, the material used being something like that of blackboards. Each country (the map being that of South America) was outlined in stamps of the respective country; the Amazon River was outlined in the stamps of each country through which it passes. In the upper right hand corner is the Panama Canal Zone in enlarged scale. About 1,300 stamps were used; the amount of time required may be known when it is stated that outlining Brazil alone occupied 4 hours and 20 minutes. The map was made on a scale from a large wall-map of South America. It is expected to show the exhibit in a number of public places and afternoons will be set for school children to see it.

At the same exhibit, F. R. Vernon Williams, who showed inverts of 1869, and the Bank Note issues of the United States, 1870-1882, was given a Certificate of Merit of The Academy for the most Meritorious Exhibit; Charles Dudley Wiegand also a Certificate for the exhibit giving the most information, plating of the 1d red, 1864, of Great Britain; and J. E. McCarter, an award by the Philatelic Section for the best arranged exhibit, that of British Colonials.

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the best collection of any one country
that any pupil in the school would show
me by Christmas. A second prize in the
form of ten Transvaal stamps was also
offered. I went to each classroom and
explained the contest. I explained that
the competitors might take any country
they wished, except United States; that
the collections would be judged by me
on the morning before we broke up for
Christmas; showed the prizes and an-
nounced that they would be given out
at the Christmas closing exercises; and
explained that the care with which the
collection was arranged, the complete-
ness compared to the number of stamps

of the country, and the good looks of
the mounting, would all count in de-
ciding who won the prize.

Within the next few days a number of
pupils, who wanted to try for the prize,
came to me to ask what country to take.
I would not tell them what country; but
showed them, with the catalogue, how
various countries were comparatively
easy to collect, and others difficult. I
did, however, guide them away from
countries that had large numbers of
stamps, so that the difficulty of getting
many different sets of stamps and odd
stamps should not discourage the com-
petitors. I also guided them towards
the countries which required little ex-
penditure of money to make a good
showing. But in every case I mentioned
to the competitor four to six possibilities.

During the contest, I reminded the
classes in which there were any competi-
tors, and the whole school in assembly,
of the competition—several times. The
interest grew; and towards the end I
was asked dozens of questions as to how
they should mount their collections.
These questions I refused to answer be-
yond telling the askers to make the col-
lection as good-looking and as interest-
ing to look at as they could.

The day before the judging, the col-
lections began to come in. In all, out of
the 144 pupils of the school, ranging

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prices.

5c buff, centered, superb appearance,
can. "PAID", small thin spot, \$2.5.
10c, ordinary copies 30c; very fine 50c.

24c steel blue, from defective at \$3.75
to superb at \$20.00.

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used set 20.00

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1895, complete set to \$1.00, type I,
wmkd., fine95

1898, complete, picked copies, all
shades but No. 279c35

1898, Omaha, unused set to 10c, cat. \$2.29 1.00
Omaha, ditto, but fine used40

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from Grades 1 to 8, 9 submitted col-
lections. All save one of these were in
the 5th grade and above; as there were
only 47 pupils in these upper grades
all, this is a very good showing.

In judging the collections, I pur-
posely and openly ignored any knowledge
I had or inference I made as to pupils
being helped by parents, brothers or
friends. This worked exceedingly well
for the two prizes were carried off by
pupils who had, as I later found out,
inquiry, done all the arranging them-
selves. Curiously enough, this ability
win the prizes unaided went with
intelligence and ability in school work.
The first-prize winner and second-
prize winner had the two highest mental
in intelligence testing done in Septem-
ber of any pupils in the school. In the
winner of the second prize, it was
to have been skipped two grades in
second year of high school, to a
school work anywhere nearly up to
ability; but his parents were afraid
"might strain his mind" and a read-
ing school board opposed any rapid
advancement of bright pupils.

In judging the collections, I de-
vised a point-system of scoring. I gave
points to each of the following quali-
ties of the collection: completeness (pro-
portion of the total number of stamps
issued by a country that were present
range (extent to which the whole
atelic history of the country was rep-
resented); arrangement (that is, classi-
fication into issues, good grouping) and
mounting (care in mounting and
arrangement of the issues to form a
pleasant-appearing and neat page)
went through the collections four times
once for each of the qualities, arrang-
ing the collections in order, giving
points to the best one, one or two
to the worst, and apportioning points
to the others as I decided they deserved.
The total number of points determined
the rank of the collection. When this
was done, I found that I had two col-
lections tied for first place; accordingly
I re-judged them for mounting, on a
point scale. One collection, handsomely
only partly mounted, and with the re-
maining stamps in envelopes, I gave
zero score on this grading.

The table of scoring, as I worked it

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may be of enough interest to warrant printing here, with initials instead of names of pupils.

country collected	Complete-ness	Range	Arrangement	Mounting	Total	Prize
S. Great Britain	3	4	4	5	16	2
C. Austria	2	4	3	3	12	
M. Cuba	3	4	4	3	14	
S. Epirus	4	4	3	4	15	
C. Trinidad	3	3	3	4	13	
R. Honduras	2	3	3	5	13	
S. Bermuda	2	2	4	5	13	
A. Ukraine	4	4	4	5	17	1
L. Belgium	3	3	2	0	8	

The winning collection, that of H. A., is almost ideal as a boy's collection of one country. It had all the stamps that could reasonably be expected without spending a large amount of money; the mounting was neatly lettered, space neatly given, and arranged without crowding. In the opinion of a fond father who spent some twenty-five dollars on stamps and bought Ne Plus Ultra sheets for mounting them, the boy D. R. was not able to carry off the prize against either H. or A. S. Only one girl submitted a collection.

The prizes were given out in the district assembly, in the presence of a number of admiring parents. The names of the winners had been kept a secret, even from the winners themselves, until they were called up to get their prizes. A consolation prize, of five African stamps, each from a different country, was given to each of the competitors. The consolation prizes were exactly the same.

NOT CORROBORATED AS YET.

We clip this from a Cleveland daily paper to await further developments. Note especially that Beaujeu opened "the first stamp store on Broadway."—W. O. W.)

(By Plain Dealer Wire.)

DAYTONA, FLA.—M. De Beaujeu, a visitor here from Windham, Greene County, New York, attracted considerable attention the other day when he showed a rare postage stamp to a Palm Beach man for the sum of \$18,000. Beaujeu is a dealer in rare postage stamps of a generally ancient vintage. The one which he said brought him \$18,000 was known as a Hawaiian "missionary," of 1851, which, he said, he purchased two years ago at a sale of the Ferrary collection conducted by the French government. He bought the stamp for \$14,510, he said. This deal brought him little profit, however, Beaujeu said, because of the insurance necessary against fire and theft and also because of the rare stamp.

Among the more costly stamps which he now has in his possession are two of the "de la Reunion," French possession in Africa, which are said to be valued at \$1,200 each. He also has a banking insurance stamp of the United States, which he termed as "inexpensive," value being only \$150.

Beaujeu said he has just received a letter from France for an old print of a stamp of great value.

Beaujeu is a member of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Montreal. He said he was the first philatelist to establish an office on Broadway, New York, which he closed when he retired from active business.

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COUNTERFEITS.

By EUGENE KLEIN.

It was to be expected that some of the more difficult to obtain stamps of Russia would be forged. Our expectations have not been in vain. The latest is the rare 1917 issue 10k dark blue, imperforate. This is a poorly lithographed stamp on thin, hard wove paper without varnish lozenges. The design is not nearly as clear as that in the original. This forgery emanates from Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Forgeries have also arrived of the Volga Charity stamps of the 1921 issue, Scott's Nos. 315 and 316, on very thin paper. These are poorly lithographed and can easily be told by comparison with the originals which are nicely printed. In the originals the left gable of the roof in the lower right corner of the stamp has a thin outline which is missing in the forgeries. These forgeries have been offered from Italy.

It will be well to note that the bogus Odessa hunger stamps which flooded this country about two years ago also came from Italy.

Attention is also called to dangerous forgeries of Belgium, 1915, Parcel Post which are being offered. The surcharges of the forgeries consist of letters 1.4 millimeters high against 1 millimeter in the originals. The rim of the wheel is narrower than in the original, also the spokes are differently arranged. In the originals the spokes appear level with the wheel, whereas in the forgeries the spokes seem to curve outward.

There are four feathers in each wing at the side of the wheel and several

curves denoting down. In the forgeries the down is completely missing, but there are six well defined feathers on each side.

N. Y. STAMP SOCIETY CELEBRATES.

The New York Stamp Society celebrated its 20th anniversary, May 1st, by a dinner, at the Café Boulevard. Sixty-one were present, among those prominent in Philately were the following: C. J. Phillips, J. C. Morgenthau, E. Klein, J. M. Bartels, Dr. J. B. Chittendon, J. A. Klemann, T. Steinway, J. B. Powers, P. J. McG. Mann, B. Schlesinger, Dr. L. Hartley, Jos. Hoffman and N. R. Hoover. John Klemann made an efficient Toastmaster.

Addresses were made by the following: C. J. Phillips, J. C. Morgenthau, J. M. Bartels, Dr. J. B. Chittendon, Dr. L. Hartley (Pres.), J. B. Powers (Radio) and M. Healey. Prof. M. Lowy entertained with some wonderful card tricks and Dr. L. Hartley with magic.

Eugene, the first secretary of the society, gave an interesting address. He said in part:—

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When many were made homeless by the San Francisco disaster needy stamp collectors were helped by the New York Stamp Society from the proceeds of an auction sale to which collectors and dealers made their contributions.

The New York Stamp Society took the most prominent part in entertaining some 500 visitors to the International Philatelic Exhibition in 1913, by a supper.

We have cause to be proud of the past of the New York Stamp Society. Seeing you assembled here tonight with good will and enthusiasm in your faces, we may confidently look forward to a glorious future.

Before closing, I want to mention those of our members who are no longer among the living. Let us rise in silent tribute to our sadly missed friends while I read their names:—Julius Levy our first President, G. Antonichs, C. B. Bostwick, H. Grossman, L. Harris, Charles Jankovich, Charles Lehman, H. Lutz, C. J. Morris, L. Phillip, Paul Stypman, F. M. Thomas, A. M. Trujillo, George B. Tuttle, F. J. Wilford and Bruno Wolfram."

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EDITORIAL.

From an officer in the War Depart-
ment we have received the following in-
formation pertinent to the design of the
five cent of the new commemorative
stamps, which is interesting and authori-
tative. Congress passed an act directing
the War Department to sell all surplus
real estate. Among other pieces that
came under this category was a 140
acre tract on what is known as St. John's
Bluff, a high point on the St. John's
River, about twenty-five miles below
Jacksonville, Florida. The Florida His-
torical Society, in investigating the early
history of Florida discovered that this
point of land was the site of the settle-
ment, by Ribaut, of the first protestant
community (Huguenots) to arrive in
America. The members of the Daughters
of the American Revolution, appreciating
the historical significance of the spot be-
sought permission that was granted to
erect a marker on the ground, the de-
sign of which is the same as that of the
original marker. An old Spanish history
contained a wood-cut of the first memo-
rial and the monument shown on the
five cent stamp is copied from the picture
in the early Spanish work. The nearest
town to the site is Mayport, named after
the May River, as St. John's River was
called at first. We are told that a
souvenir in the shape of a book telling
of the history of the spot has been pre-
pared by the Daughters of the American
Revolution.

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In the issue of May 12th, we referred
to a Livingston, Alabama, local that had
come into the hands of Mr. E. B.
Cooper, from a correspondent; and the
story of the stamp was such as to give
it a clean bill of health. Alas, that im-
agination should gallop and judgment go
at a foot-pace, but the truth is that the
stamp which had the appearance of
modest virtue has now been branded as
a deceiver. The collector to whom Mr.
Cooper sent the stamp says that it is a
counterfeit, but he cheerfully adds that
Mr. Cooper will have better luck next
time, no doubt. There must be a flaw
in the abstract of title to the stamp that
time will not cure.

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portunity, we are glad to say, of praising
philately. After speaking of the incep-
tion of philately and following it down
to its present flourishing condition, Mr.
Ackerman attempts to give a philatelic
census based on figures supplied by
Ewen's Weekly Stamp News and the
flattering total of 2,323,000 is arrived at,
the world over. While it is said that
these figures are "substantially accurate,"
we shall not comment upon them except
to say that they do not err on the side of
under-statement. However, to have so
interesting an article spread upon the
pages of the *Congressional Record* is
what gives us a little catch of the breath,
and the thought that it is well to have
philatelists of spirit in high places who
are proud to acknowledge the thrill of
stamp collecting is a comforting one. It
is through addresses of this kind by
leaders in the political, business and
scholastic worlds, to make the list a short
one, that what may be called the morale
of stamp collecting is strengthened in
public estimation. It is good that there
is so keen a philatelist in congress as Mr.
Ackerman who works for the pre-
ferment of philately, when a legitimate
opportunity offers. We know that his
friends are gratified that he so perti-
nently and plausibly presents philately in
its true and proper guise.

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Some weeks ago, we cooed a bit about
how thrilling it would be if, say about
one out of every ten of our present nine
thousand subscribers would send in a
new subscription, thereby giving us the
unbelievable record of ten thousand paid-
up patrons. We did so, without prej-
udice, as it were and with about as
much hope of inspiring readers to action
as we have of finding a ninety cent, '69,
on cover in a back-country attic some-
where. Things went wrong again and
perversity triumphs. A sufficient num-
ber of subscribers to make up the "large
number" quota, of the newspapers, actu-
ally heeded our call and sent in sub-
scriptions. It looks as though we shall
get within reach of a hundredth of a
million circulation by the time of the
summer solstice; and when the *ne plus*
ultra of ten thousand readers is attained,

we shall take a day off and go to the
circus. Speaking of circuses, we are re-
minded of peanuts; and not so long ago,
one of the old boys wrote to ask if we
knew that one of the big-wigs of phi-
lately today once ran a peanut stand.
We certainly did and we know that as
chauffeur of the whistling goober chariot,
he was in a class by himself; and con-
sequently, he has something to boast
about in telling the story of his life.

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One of the editors of the *American*
Mercury tells in the April number of
numerous letters that he has received in
condemnation of allegedly unfair state-
ments made by him concerning osteopathy
in a recent number. We are not involv-
ing ourselves in the controversy, but we
are interested in hearing the editor say
that the osteopaths, and he mentions the
Christian Scientists in this connection, as
well, have one of the most impressive
press agencies that could be imagined. He
says that claims in rebuttal are so cleverly
presented and so much pressure is
brought to bear in apparent and devious
ways, as well, that the episode ends usu-
ally by a recantation, actual or tacit.
We steer clear of the question itself but
attention is called to the methods em-
ployed that could well be copied by phi-
latelists. There is no question but that
collecting has now attained a plane of
respectability that is such as to justify
philatelists to speak out in meeting.
They could bring arguments to bear to
contradict what are unwarranted aggres-
sions on stamp collecting by persons who
have no understanding of the subject in
any way. Good judgment is necessary
in defending our pursuit and we must
discriminate between what may be called
legitimate humor that is poked at phi-
latelists and malicious intention as if there
is an element that will appeal to those to
whom we wish to present our case prop-
erly, it is a sense of humor. Every
written attack on stamp collecting should
be repelled by a well-mannered counter
charge; and all collectors should make
it their business to be a member of the
committee on defense.

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lated interest in a public sense in stamp
and collectors are being made by th-
attention that is being given the stamps.
The comment in the newspapers is such
as to draw the attention of the man o-
the street to the stamps and when the
are mentioned in connection with phi-
lately, the association of ideas in hi-
mind may result in the making of a new
collector. Many a man sees stamps and
is somewhat taken with them, but th-
idea of becoming a collector does not
seem to enter his thoughts. When the im-
pression is conveyed to him that he shoul-
collect, it sometimes follows that he be-
comes impressed by the suggestion and
begins to collect. We have no illusion-
that every new collector will continu-
one for a great length of time and tha-
many of them will get over the proba-
tionary period yet a law of average wil-
prevail and out of every so many peopl-
who start, there is one that becomes a
permanent collector. We have received
a number of interesting communications
on the subject of creating a wider gen-
eral interest in stamps and while we may
have already covered their suggestions in
the past, it is just as well to keep ever-
lastingly at the subject, if collecting is
to expand as it deserves to.



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97, 111, 118, 438, 455.
9, 96, 99, 123, 157. 5c ea.; 70, 124, 301.
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"an advertising medium to buy, paper is without any approaching urison. An eighth of a page in EL's a short while back brought 41 ol, over thirty of which I did busi- with. The same ad in another ican stamp publication brought one reply. The exact same ad in a nown English paper, did not raise isper. I honestly believe that a part of their mailing lists must be ad in cemeteries. Your paper cer- does get amongst the live ones."

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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NINTH FERRARI SALE IN PARIS.

The ninth auction sale at the Hotel Drouot of the famous collection of M. Ferrari de la Renotiére, which took place on the 9th, 10th and 11th April, attracted considerable public attention, and a large number of French and foreign dealers and amateurs were present each day. This celebrated collection was, it may be recalled, sequestered by order of the Government. An admirably illustrated catalogue had been prepared under the supervision of M. Gilbert; and, as was generally expected, some big prices were realised.

FIRST DAY.

A lot of 78 stamped Baden envelopes, 1st issue, large size, 6, 9, 12 and 18k; small size, 3, 6, 9, 12 and 18k; 2nd and 3rd issues, large size, 3, 6 and 9k; small size, 3, 6 and 9k; and Reprints, large size, 12 and 18k; small size, 3, 6, 9, 12 and 18k, fell to M. Friedland for 7,400 frs.; and a somewhat similar lot of 73 pieces fell to M. Siegel for 7,000 frs. The bidding for these two lots started at 1,500 and 2,000 frs. respectively.

Two Barbados, 1870, unused surcharged 1d on the Five Shillings pink, a pair, with two different types used for the surcharge, started at 3,000 frs., and after spirited bidding fell to M. Champion for 10,500 frs.

A Sicily, 1858, 1g red-brown, a very fine specimen, the head entirely re-touched, mint and excessively rare, was run up from 10,000 to 20,000 frs., at which latter figure it was bought by Mr. Griebert.

The same price (20,000 frs) was secured for a Niger Coast (unused) surcharged 20sh on 15h green, the surcharge in vermilion, for which the bidding opened at 7,000 frs.

These were the outstanding prices on the 9th; but among other interesting items of that afternoon were the following:—Great Britain, 1867, One Pound, violet, unused, a very fine specimen, 4,900 frs. (M. Champion). Another specimen of the same 3,000 frs. (M. Burrus). Great Britain, 1867-82, One Pound, violet, unused, 5,400 frs. (Mr. Johnson).

Another specimen of the same, 6,500 frs. (M. Burrus). Great Britain, 1867-82, Ten Shillings, grey, Anchor watermark, unused, 5,300 frs. (M. Burrus). Great Britain, 1867-82, One Pound, azure paper, denomination in violet, a very fine specimen, 5,300 frs. (Mr. Griebert). Great Britain, 1867-82, azure paper, £5 orange, 8,800 frs. (M. Champion). Great Britain, white paper, 9d bistre, hair lines in corners, extremely rare, a fine specimen, unused, 8,600 frs. (Mr. Griebert). Great Britain, 1867-82, Ten Shillings, grey, on azure paper, unused, 5,300 frs. (M. Burrus). Barbados, 1870, surcharged 1d on 5sh pink, a pair, unused, 6,800 frs. (Mr. Nissen). Sicily, 1858, 20g carmine, double impression, 3,300 frs. (M. Friedland). The first day's sale, comprising 218 lots, produced a total of 486,480 frs.

SECOND DAY.

When the sale was resumed on the 10th April, the attendance was not quite so good as on the first day, though a larger total was realised—493,205 frs. The best price of the day was 15,000 frs., paid by M. Champion for a Great Britain (1901-2) One Shilling green and carmine "Board of Education." This specimen (unused) gave rise to some spirited bidding, starting at 7,000 frs.

A Great Britain 1d black cancelled in red, on a letter officially passed through the post on 10th June, 1840, was run up to 13,100 frs. at which price it fell to M. Walser. A Great Britain, 1885, One Pound "I.R. OFFICIAL," violet, watermarked three crowns, unused, went to M. Friedl for 10,500 frs. Three other stamps of the same series fetched respectively 9,500, 7,500 and 7,000 frs.; and a 1901-2 Five Shillings carmine "I.R. OFFICIAL" fetched 5,500 frs.

A Great Britain (1870-81) Five Pounds, orange, for which the bidding started at 800 frs. aroused great interest and was eventually sold to M. Champion for 9,200 frs.

A Honduras, 1888, perforated 12½, 3 cents on 3d brown, started at 1,500 frs., and was run up to 6,100 frs., at which price it fell to M. Burrus.

Other interesting lots of the afternoon

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1924, 12c ultramarine 15

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were:—Honduras, 1891, "TWO" in black on 50c on a One Shilling grey (double surcharge), 5,100 frs. (M. Champion). Modena, 1859, 10c black, postmarked, on a newspaper, 3,000 frs. Parma, 1852, a pair together, one upside-down, used, on a letter, both 15c black on pink; 5,800 frs. (M. Champion). Parma, 1852, 80c bistre, with faults, used (guaranteed), 8,100 frs. (M. Lemaire). A lot of 92 Oldenburg envelopes, 1, 2 and 3g, large and small, various issues, for which the bidding started at 4,000 frs., fell to Mr. Delpeck for 8,900 frs.; and a lot of 59 Oldenburg envelopes, first and second issues, large and small, ½, 1, 2 and 3g, was bought by M. Siegel for 4,600 frs.

THIRD DAY.

On Friday the third day of the sale, there was again a rather smaller attendance, the proceedings being clearly of more interest to dealers than to the amateur. The first day was undoubtedly the big day of the sale. Friday's proceedings were concerned mainly with stamps from Portugal and the Portuguese Colonies, some lots of Prussian envelopes, and stamps from Italy and the African Colonies.

The best price of the day was 14,100 frs., secured for a Tuscany (1860) 3 lire, yellow ochre, used, a fine specimen and very rare in this state. The bidding for this started at 9,000 frs., and it eventually fell to M. Peleeheld.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

BOOK REVIEW.

A. H. Pike, the indefatigable worker along "Permit" lines, has sent us a review copy of "First Class Mail Permits of the World." It is a book of 160 pps. and a most up-to-date check list of varieties. The various types, including foreign as well as U. S., are all illustrated and they are accompanied by notes giving full historical data. This is a distinct contribution to philatelic literature and coming generations will praise Mr. Pike's elementary work in this direction. Price \$1.00. Address 21 Moeller St., Binghamton, N. Y.

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*332	2c Booklet pane 6	.25
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*344	2c (Pair 16c), Block 4	.35
*345	3c Pair, used or unused	.30
*346	4c Pair (Used 35c)	.40
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*367	2c Lincoln	.04
*368	2c Lincoln, pair imperf.	.20
*370	2c Alaska-Yukon	.04
*371	Same imperf. (8c), Pair	.20
*372	2c Hudson-Fulton	.04
*374	1c (3c), Booklet pair	.08
*375	2c (4c), Booklet pair	.08
*377	4c brown	.10
*383	1c Imperf. pair, used or *	.08
*383	Block 4, 2mm spacing	.20
*383	Block 4, 3mm spacing	.30
*383	Coil strip four (Used, 12c)	.15
*384	2c Imperf. pair	.15
*384	Block 4, 2mm spacing	.40
*384	Block 4, 3mm spacing	.35
*385	1c Perf. 12 vertical	.12
*390	1c Perf. 8½ horiz. (Pair, 15c)	.06
*393	2c Perf. 8½ vertical (Pair, 20c)	.10
*406	2c Booklet pair (8c); Pane six	.25
*408	1c Imperf. (Block 4, 12c); Pair	.05
*409	2c Imperf. (Block 4, 15c); Pair	.06
*412	1c Perf. 8½ vert. (Pair, 7c)	.03
*413	2c Perf. 8½ vert. (Pair, 12c)	.05
*417	12c claret brown (Used, 2c)	.25
*423	2c (Block 4, 20c)	.04
*425	2c Sherman perf. pair	.10
*434	11c Perf. 10	.25
*435	12c claret brown	.35
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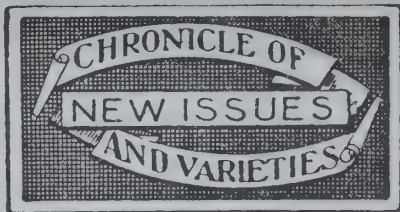
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The Chronicle of United States is edited by **PHILIP H. WARD, JR.**, Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by **PERCY C. SMITH**, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.

New 3c Lincoln, Sidewise—Coil.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, there was placed on sale at the Philatelic Stamp Agency, at Washington, the new 3c coil with portrait of Lincoln perforated 10 vertically and imperforated horizontally. This is printed in a light purple on unwatermarked paper and is available in coils of five hundred. In my Chronicle of some weeks back, there were listed two plates from which these stamps were made. As there is not a great deal of demand for this denomination in coil form, it is not likely to be on sale generally for some months to come, as most of the large offices still have some few of the old variety on hand.

Precancelled Stamps.

I called to your attention several weeks past a communication sent out by the Third Assistant Postmaster-General under date of March 27th, bringing the attention of postmasters to the fact that precancelled stamps should not be sold to collectors and should only be distributed to those having permits in accordance with prevailing postal laws and regulations.

In the *Postal Bulletin* for April 28th, Mr. Glover brings up this subject and again calls the attention of postmasters to the fact that a great many inquiries are still coming from collectors, especially for the Harding precancelled and that some postmasters are complying with the request. He emphatically states that these stamps are not to be sold in this manner and are to be distributed in accordance with previous instructions.

20c "Future Delivery." Double Surcharge.

Mr. Fred Klingenstein kindly sends

me a vertical pair of the current 20c Documentary overprinted FUTURE DELIVERY with a distinct double overprint fully two millimeters apart, both overprints being particularly sharp. Mr. Klingenstein states that he found these among a lot of scrap paper that he purchased from a junk dealer. They are still upon the original document along with several other stamps, the document being dated June, 1920. I have seen quite a few double prints of other denominations in the past but none in which the extra surcharge appeared so clearly as in this case.

Permit and Metered Mail.

Those interested in metered mail impressions as well as permits should secure a copy of the *Postal Bulletin* for April 26th, wherein we find a detailed communication from the Postmaster-General regarding conditions upon which mailings will be accepted under permit without stamps affixed, as provided by Section 459 of the Postal Laws and Regulations. In this communication we are informed as to the general types and sizes accepted and a detailed report as to what types of mails are permissible. The instructions cover three long and broad columns and go into too much detail to be of interest in this Chronicle.

NORTH BORNEO.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts a copy of the 3c in green and black in the same design as before. This is a new color for this value.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—We note a new value in the Air Post stamps. Mr. Emil J. Rall submits a copy for chronicle. The color is grey and in the centre is pictured a large building with the peaks of two mountains in the distance. The usual inscription is across the top in a curved frame.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Mr. Emil H. Swenson advises that there has appeared a 2c red and black in a trifle different design than the issue of 1911-13 redrawn one.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 50c orange and black on script watermarked paper.

GREAT BRITAIN.—We have received several periodicals from England the last few days each one being franked with a new stamp. It is a 1d value in red and of much larger size than the

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usual issue. At the top to the left the words "British Empire Exhibition" with the year date beneath. To the right is the profile picture of King George with the familiar British Lion just below the centre. The figure of value is each lower corner with "Postage" above the frame. "One Penny" is at base. [On page 270 last week appeared reproduction.—W.W.J.]

KUWAIT.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown the 3a blue of India with the usual overprint for use in this country. Along with the surcharge "Service" for official use.

LUXEMBURG.—We have had a set of recently issued Charity stamps sent by chronicle by Mr. Henry Hooren. There are four values each bearing overprint "Caritas" at the top and below the 12½c is surcharged "+7½c" the "+10c" the 2½frs "+1fr" and the "+2 Fr." All surcharges are in blue except the one of the 35c which is red.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Mr. Frank Pollock Brown has shown us the 20c brown and the 24c grey brown in the new series. The former value pictures "Placed from Mount Pleasant" while the one shows Topsail Falls near St. John's.

SALVADOR.—Mr. Alex A. Cohen sends us the following information from a Salvador paper regarding a new series of stamps that will soon be issued:

"It is known that the Minister of Government will send, by the next foreign mail, to a German house, the design which will be engraved on the stamps of the new emission which probably will be placed in circulation the middle of next year. The designs which are being sent to Germany can be classified into three classes: 1st. Patriotic Salvadorean designs, for those stamps which merely circulate in the interior of the Republic. 2nd. Sights of the country for the stamps which circulate less within the Republic. 3rd. Propaganda of national production and the geographic position of El Salvador, for those stamps which are used on foreign correspondence.

1 Centavo, violet, will show the national Gymnasium. On the horizon of the picture there will be the words "Citius-Fortius-Justius" which synthesize the final supremacy of physical culture. 2 Centavos, dark red. Showing the monument to the pedagogue Daniel Hernandez in the park of Santa Ana. This is the first time that one of the apostles of education will be shown on our stamps.

5 Centavos, light green. Will show the famous painting by Beltrana; "the conspiracy of 1811" which is a masterpiece.

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1 Colon, the National shield of Salvador with its various colors, shown complete as required by the decree by which it was established.

A new stamp is to be issued to commemorate the centenary of the abolition of slavery. Mr. J. Gottfried translates the decree which states that 150,000 stamps have been printed, 100,000 of which are being put on sale. Of the remainder 50,000 will be put up to auction on December 31st, 1923, and a similar quantity on the same date in 1943. The plates have been destroyed. — Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular.

QUAKE ADDS TO VALUE OF STAMPS.

TOKIO, April 8.—The great earthquake of last September has set stamp collectors to seeking specimens of certain postage stamps which were choice even before issued. The stamps were prepared to commemorate the wedding of the Prince Regent and Princess Nagako unit, originally scheduled to take place last October.

When the quake and fire visited Tokyo, September 1, nearly all the issue, then held by the postal authorities in Tokyo, was destroyed. By accident a few stamps were saved. These had been allotted for sale in the Caroline and Marshall Islands in the equatorial Pacific, held by Japan under mandate, and had been shipped to the islands just before the quake, so they might be placed on sale the date of the wedding.

The disaster caused a postponement of the wedding and the stamps were ordered returned to Tokyo. When the imperial nuptials finally were celebrated January 26, the few remaining stamps were issued, in denominations of 1½, 3, and 20 sen. Philatelists all over the world are trying to secure them for their collections. — Yakima, Wash., Republic.

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Corkville, Ill.—Wonder if that's where they make corks? The first precancels from here are handstamped in small letters between bars. The 10 cent inverted and 20 cent up are all I have been able to garner.

Fremont, Nebr.—One finds an odd situation when delving into the precancel history of this city. According to Mr. John L. Parker, a prominent collector of Nebraska, the upper right hand corner of the Fremont plate was so badly damaged by a fall that the corner subject had to be cut out. When the stamps are precancelled, the printer fills in the gap with whatever type he has resembling the style on the plate (which is U-1). Three different shops have precancelled for the Fremont office and each one has supplied different lettering. Blocks of four from this corner are in great demand by Nebraska collectors and well worth possessing on account of the story they tell.

Hamilton, Ohio.—The U-1 electrotype plate precancels are of recent emission. Mr. Ben Hilbert sends in copies of the following: 1917 series 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 20 and 3 cent surface printing; 1923 series 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 14, 25 (reads up), and 10 cent Special Delivery. A handstamp is possessed as well as a plate but so far has precancelled only the new issue one dollar, and old perf. 10 rotary press issue.

Gardner, Mass.—Mr. Wm. Hill states that this office is using precancels from one to fifty cents. The type is handstamped. He also encloses in his communication several Baldwinville, Mass., handstamped in red, which show a type

of capitals and lower case letters in two lines, without bars.

Milwaukee, Wis.—The U-3 type is printed from two distinct plates showing minor differences. The type on the new plate is slightly thinner, cross bar on the "A" is higher, bottom strokes of the "E" are shorter and the "S" has slightly pointed corners. A handstamp resembling the plate printings is employed as well, so we have three current types coming from Milwaukee. The two described here are a great deal scarcer than the common variety that we see every day.

Rolling Fork, Miss.—The recent production, which is its initial type, is a beauty—ROLLING FORK, MISS., in three lines of thick serif capitals of small size between bars is a precancel which is hard to beat. It is not handstamped but press printed. The 6 and 8 cent have been seen by the writer.

Wenatchee, Wash.—That's where we get the finest apples grown—maybe they use precancels to mail out sample apple. If so I can use both. All fun aside Wenatchee has had a U-3 handstamp for nearly 6 months and has precancelled all values up to 20 cents.

Two Rivers, Wis.—The former handstamped makeshifts are now superseded by regular printed precancels of the U-18 type. From now on, packages from this city may bear some heart gladders. Up to this time the blurry and untidy cancellations have been sort of discouraging.

Naperville, Ill.—Also has been furnished a U-18 plate. The one cent rotary perf. 10, brought the good news to my attention.

Miami, Fla.—For a considerable period all precancelled stamps of this office were a result of the mimeograph.

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Miscellaneous.—Newburgh, N. Y., and Johnstown, Pa., are very pretty in their U-18 dresses. Passaic, N. J., is yet another city with this style overprint. In this set the 13 cent is a distinctive item.

The precancelling habit is catching. A number of cities new to the precancel collector have been noted lately. Among them are: Orlando, Fla., Carlton, Ga., Poseyville, Ind., Hanover, Kans., Russellville, Ky., Rumford, Me., Owatonna, Minn., Chillicothe, Mo., Marshall, Mo., Poplar Bluff, Mo., Wharton, N. J., Fairport and Northport, N. Y., Oberlin, O., Massillon, O., Swanton, O., Tivoli, O., Elk City, Okla., Oilton, Okla., Wayne, Pa., Woolrich, Pa., Postelle, Tenn., Rockwood, Tenn., and Prairie du Chien, Wis. They have all been furnished regular handstamps by the department for the express purpose of precancelling. The various sizes and styles cannot be described here for lack of space.

Conclusion.—Your comments and questions are welcomed at all times so if you have anything to pass along which will be of interest to the precancel fraternity, or desire information about the hobby, drop me a line. I am at your service.

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—Mr. H. K. Schoch shows us a letter sent from California to a point in west Canada prepaid by a 3 cent and a 12 cent of the 1861 issue U. S. On the face of the envelope is "Advertised" in blue with the endorsement in manuscript "30c." Concerning these markings the following explanation is given: letters such as this are sometimes advertised in the local papers and we understand that when the addressee was unknown the postmasters in Canada were authorized to advertise them in the local press, and in this case it is evident that a fee of 30c was charged for this service.

—A number of our readers have called attention to the fact that in one of our contemporaries, the intelligent compositor made it "airmale stamps," and "airmail covers."

—Mr. B. L. Drew of Boston, was in Chicago last week showing the excellent line of stamps, Australians exclusively, in his next auction sale to be held May 29. His stay of several days was devoted to seeing local enthusiasts many of whom took advantage of the opportunity to view the lots.

—We have received Wallace Brothers', London, wholesale price-list which is offered to the public for six pence. This list of 70 pages is replete with offers that will attract the attention of dealers generally. We notice that the firm claims to "hold the largest stock of stamps in the world of cheap stamps."

—We still receive letters from interested readers telling of their opinion in regard to the proposed philatelic stamp to be issued at the time of the Philadelphia exhibition. We are interested in hearing from readers on this score, but as we have so thoroughly covered the subject in our columns we now forbear to comment at length on the question. It looks as though there would be no concerted action on the part of philatelists generally in favor of the issue of a stamp.

—We have been shown a large photo of the Olympia Stamp Club exhibit held in Olympia, April 21-22. It makes a fine feature and we regret that we cannot reproduce it. Thanks to Mr. J. W. Hitt.

—F. F. Wills sends us two values of the new Newfoundland set, 20c brown, Placentia and 24c slate, Topsail Falls. Both are pretty stamps.

—Henry Trenka of Jersey City, N. J., has an advertisement elsewhere in this issue that should interest any dealer who desires some assistance in the making up of approval selections and the arrangement of stock. Mr. Trenka has had considerable experience.

—"Greetings from San Marino, the oldest republic and smallest independent country in the world; 1,300 inhabitants; 38 miles in circumference. Stamp supply low and the following sold out—Scott's Nos. 55, 56, 57, 59, 60 and 101. Some others almost gone. Came up here by auto from Rimini on the coast. The capital of San Marino lies on a high rocky mountain, 2,300 feet above sea level, commands a magnificent view of the Wallachian mountain range, the Adriatic Sea and Dalmatian Mts. The auto actually climbs up the mountain side, over many serpentine and at very steep grades."—A. O. TITTMANN.

—"I take much pleasure in sending you the two new issued stamps commemorating the death of Lord Byron. Of these stamps it is said that there were 5,000,000 of each value ordered to be printed, but only 250,000 were ready and sent to Athens. So these stamps of 250,000 were distributed to the Offices of Athens, Patras, Messoloughi, Corfu and Salonica, I believe, and are sold to the public by one of each value to the person. So we are obliged to wait in ranks our turn to buy a set and repeat. I catch the opportunity to inform you that

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In these days of super-specialisation of the stamps of the United States it is somewhat difficult to attempt to find anything to say about a particular stamp or issue of that country that has not already been the subject of handbooks and long articles in philatelic journals, both in America and Europe, and since the advent of the specialists' catalogue, published by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., there are but few minor varieties of the general issues that are not fully described and classified.

Perhaps, however, I may say a few words on a branch of philatelic study that has always interested me, but which has not up till recently, as far as I am aware, been the subject of very close research. I refer to the classification of a stamp according to the varieties of ink, paper, gum, etc., utilised in its preparation during the period of its currency. Take, for instance, the very popular and artistic issue of September, 1861. I notice that on page 20 of Scott's Catalogue referred to above, an additional variety of the 10c green has crept in. The ordinary variety is listed at \$5 unused and 60 cents used, but the next item reads, "deep yellow-green, August shade, \$25 unused and \$5 used."

Now, though only this variety of one denomination of the 1861 issue is given a place in the catalogue, specimens of all the other values may be found with the distinctive characteristics peculiar to the very scarce "premières gravures" or "August" issue, and, judging by their extreme scarcity, I think the relative value of this variety of the 10c quoted above is very much understated. I have in my collection a complete set, in mint and unhinged condition, which I imagine to be one of the complimentary sets sent

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out to certain foreign postmasters at the time that the issue was first put into circulation. Each stamp is printed on the very thin, brittle and transparent paper of the "premières," and the whole design is plainly visible at the back of the stamps. The gum is also of the same deep brown description, and in the case of the 10c and the 24c, the shades of colour are also similar to those attributed to the August issue. The colours of the other values vary considerably from those of the "premières," but are distinctive in themselves, and I have always found that if I come across a stamp of this issue on the thin transparent paper it proves to be in exactly the same shade of colour as the corresponding specimen in the set mentioned above.

Copies of this description are all scarce, but I find that next to the 10c, the denomination most frequently met with is the 90c in unused condition. I do not know why this should be so, unless owing to the comparatively small demand for this value a considerable number of the earliest printings were still in the hands of the public when the issue became obsolete. In this connection it is interesting to note that, according to reports of the Postmaster-General, only about 230,000 of the 90c were distributed to postmasters between 30th June, 1861, and the 30th June, 1867, as against some millions of each of the other values, and as many as 1,619,668,700 of the 3c, thus accounting for the vast number of shades in which the last mentioned value is found.

As regards the *premières gravures*, the 10c is fairly plentiful in used condition, and in my experience is met with quite as often as the September type on the thin transparent paper with brown gum. The 24c "première shade" is also not very rare in used condition, but I doubt if any used copies have been found in the really deep bright violet shade of the undoubted August issue. There are, of course, no details in the design of the 24c to differentiate between the August and September issues, and one has to rely entirely on colour and paper. I may say, however, that among the few used dated copies which I have seen I have never come across so early a date as August, and the colour has always been more nearly that of the earliest printings of the September issue. —Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.

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1. *Uncatalogued Varieties.*—Many collectors (during sleepless nights) wonder if their latest find is worth thousands or nothing. Here is shown a postal fiscal of Ecuador, bisected on entire. The whole stamp, although listed in Gibbons' catalogue, is not priced. This naturally raises hopes. Unfortunately, Yvert's catalogue, in a mercileless fashion, quotes the stamp at 1 franc.

2. *Re-entry.*—That curse of the beginner who decides to collect line-engraved G. B. Here is shown a pair of 1d brown, wmk large Crown, perf. 14, lettering "AD" and "BD." Under the "D" of "AD" the N. E. star of the first impression of "BD" distinctly shows.

3. *Local.*—A beautiful stamp issued at Christmas Island, south of Java. For fuller details see "Phantom Philately." The stamp has a large "5" in each corner and is issued by the Central Pacific Coco-nut Plantations, Ltd. Apparently the fee is five coco-nuts, although Mr. Melville says it is meant for American cents.

4. *Errors.*—A most peculiar error of wmk. in the 15c blue Peace and Commerce type of France, where the wmk., instead of being the bars of the quadrille, is of its squares.

5. *Postmark Error.*—Used at Bramhall, Stockport, on August 14th to 20th, 1912, the word "STOCKPORT" having

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an inverted "r" and an "i" at the end of the word, thus "SLOCKPORT."

6. *Postmarks.*—The Labour Government has not had the designs of our stamps changed, but has caused some curious postmarks, including one bearing the legend "RAILWAY BOURNE," used during the recent dock strike.

7. *Stamped Envelopes.*—A very rough impression of the Tower of London stamped in black on the envelope and cancelled with the red official postmark, "OFFICIAL PAID," in circle. The copy shown was used in 1908.

8. *Bisected on Entire.*—Half a 1d lilac, sixteen dots, used on a rectangular envelope and torn in half (not cut).

9. *Pot Pourri.*—A curious entire (registered) showing 1d red, Plate 201; 1d venetian-red; 1d lilac, sixteen dots; 1d lilac on blue (fiscal); 1/2d red, and 1/2d green, all used on the same piece.

10. *The End of our Troubles.*—A beer duty stamp from Victoria (2d a gallon), to be used for malt and hops exclusively. This rare item, measuring 3 in. by 2 in. (approx.), has inverted watermark. Probably this was caused by the printer raising his elbow while at work!

11. *Matrimonial Cause Stamp.*—This stamp, bearing the head of the late Queen Victoria, was printed in a beautiful shade of blue on a pale blue paper. It is about the size of the 6d fiscal stamps, and wmkd. R. M. Script. It was used on Divorce Deeds, &c., and is scarce in mint condition.

12. *Romance.*—An old letter with the 1d red imperf. on envelope attached. This letter was used as evidence in a divorce case in 1858. The stamp is very heavily cancelled, possibly so that the Queen's face should not blush when this missive was read.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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1d,	68,287	9,015	77,302
1 1/2d,	10,779	7,175	17,954
2d,	69,862	6,319	76,181
2 1/2d,	5,884	6,053	11,937
3d,	9,982	5,485	15,467
6d,	6,129	4,519	10,648
1sh,	4,567	4,113	8,680
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2s 6d,	1,794	2,295	4,089
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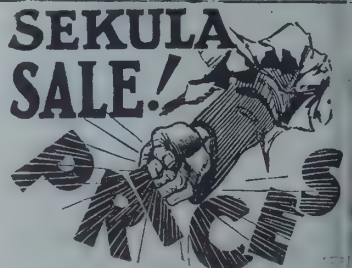
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THE U. S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI.

By E. G. YOUNG

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I. THE CITY.

Who has read the list of places to
which domestic postal rates and condi-
tions formerly applied as published in
the "Postal Guide," the covers of the
stamp booklets, the money order appli-
cation blanks and elsewhere, and not
been interested in the phrase "and to the
U. S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China"?
Certainly no lover of stamps at least
could pass this by without a thought. In
the past few years the history of this
agency has been so interesting from a
philatelic standpoint, and the comments
on its closing have been so fragmentary
that it seems a worthy task to give a
connected account of the institution and
its work—and its stamps.

The word "Shanghai" in the middle of
the last century made an unsavory philo-
logical impress on the English language—
look it up in the "Unabridged." Up to
1843 the city of Shanghai ("above the
sea"—though it certainly is not many
inches above it at high tide) consisted of
a cluster of villages surrounding a small
walled city—a place of no great im-
portance commercially, nor politically
either as it was not even a "fu" city,
that is, the seat of a district administra-
tion. In the year mentioned, the Treaty
of Nanking (wrested from China as a
result of the first forcible contact of the
latter with western military power) granted
to the British the island of Hongkong,
and opened five ports in Central and
South China to foreign trade. Shortly
afterward a definite tract of land was
marked out as a British residential con-
cession; this tract lay to the north of
the extra-mural suburbs of the walled
city and south of the muddy, tidal
Soochow Creek; it had about three-
fourths of a mile frontage on the
Whangpoo River, on the east, and ex-
tended at first about the same distance
westward, giving a total area a little
over a half of a square mile. The
Whangpoo is Shanghai's outlet to the
sea, and at the present time has been so
improved that practically any vessel on
the Pacific can anchor off of the Bund.
Soochow Creek is navigable by light
craft, and is important in that it con-
nects directly with the Grand Canal. The
land was at the time of the grant a
practically uninhabited morass. In 1849
and 1850, two more grants were made:
the French taking up the territory be-
tween the north wall of the city and the
Yang-king-pang (a creek—the southern
boundary of the British grant) and
securing a river frontage of about 3,000

feet; the territory along the river and
north of Soochow Creek was granted to
Americans. The latter grant, however,
was never officially governed as a con-
cession, and was finally in 1862 merged
with the British concession into an In-
ternational Municipality. The French
were invited to join forces but refused,
thereby making a mistake perfectly ap-
parent to anyone, who has ever had the
opportunity of comparing the business
districts of the two municipalities. By
later grants the area of the "Settlement"
as the International Municipality was
known for years (and the name sticks)
has been extended until the present area
is about eight square miles, while
"Frenchtown" has attained an area of
about five square miles. The Settlement
police have in addition jurisdiction over
a considerable mileage of roads in
Chinese territory. The population of the
International Settlement is 25,000 for-
eigners and nearly 900,000 Chinese; that
of the French Municipality about half
of the above figures. In the Chinese
cities are between 500,000 and 600,000
people according to recent estimates,
making the city of Shanghai as a whole
rank as eleventh or twelfth in the world
and the largest in Asia except Tokyo.
(NOTE: written before the recent disaster).

The International Settlement has long
since become a highly cosmopolitan city,
and many nations have representation on
its governing body, the Municipal Coun-
cil. (Shanghai was the first republic in
Asia!) The present Chairman of the
Council is Mr. Sterling Fessenden, an
American Lawyer. The French City is
also governed by a council of interna-
tional aspect—two of the five members
at present being Americans. The Amer-
ican population is rapidly shifting its
center of gravity from the old "Ameri-
can Concession" north of the creek to
the western end of Frenchtown. The
two municipalities co-operate in many
ways to make the city one of the most
efficient and effective political organiza-
tions in existence. It is noteworthy that
the overwhelming majority of the popu-
lation—that is, the Chinese residents—
has no voice whatever in the government,
but the constantly increasing number
who live within the boundary stones of
the concession territory is eloquent
testimony to their appreciation of the
blessings of an island of stable govern-
ment in a sea of chaos. The only con-
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II. THE OFFICE.

The formation of the foreign settlements immediately brought postal needs, but these for many years were met by local mail boxes in the consulates (plus the omnipresent "chit" system—whereby you write a note to your neighbor to tell him that it is a fine day, and send it by your coolie, with a receipt book which must be signed before the note is delivered!) and by the casual facilities for exchange with other ports furnished by the coasting boats. In 1865, the Local Post-office was organized, functioning in co-operation with the Hongkong post-office, and antedating by nearly ten years the establishment of the Customs Post. The local post-office was continued as a public utility until 1897, when it was voluntarily surrendered in its entirety to the newly organized Imperial Chinese Post Office. The various foreign post-offices had their beginnings in the handling of the local "drop" mail, consular and warship mail; as a result of the increasing foreign population, the questionable efficiency of the government service (and the lack of membership in the Postal Union) these consular postal agencies became full-fledged post-offices. At the time of their closing on January 1, 1923, there remained in operation the American, British, French and Japanese offices. The German office had closed in 1917 at the time of China's entering the war; the Russian office seems to have died a natural death after it could no longer perform any service, in 1919. (Italian stamps overprinted similarly to those in use at the time in Tientsin and Peking are extant in very small numbers—one or two copies of some values (!)—it seems that one "experimental" mail was carried from Shanghai to Rome.)

In 1900 during the Boxer uprising a chain of military post-offices was established in North China to facilitate the handling of American army mail, and when the need for these disappeared, the machinery thus started was moved to Shanghai to meet the need of the rapidly growing American colony. (The largest group of Americans outside of continental United States and the Hawaiian Islands lives in Shanghai; the number approaches four thousand at present.) Mr. John Darrah was the first Postal Agent and served in this capacity for sixteen years. He was followed by Mr. E. H. Everett, who served five years, and through the last year of its life the agency was in charge of Col. Clyde S. Ford. Through the last and busiest years, Mr. E. H. Murray was Deputy Agent, and Mr. L. T. Kenake was Superintendent of Mails. To the latter gentleman the writer is indebted for much information given herein. The native staff at the time of closing consisted of about thirty, including clerks, sorters, carriers and coolies.

Up to the time of the war ships of all

nations alike were used in the mail service, and the average number of sacks per ship was close to three hundred. During the war the service given by American lines was so much improved that it became possible to transfer the mail largely to American bottoms, and with fewer and faster ships a single mail sometimes reached 2,200 sacks, with 2,000 sacks as the average number. During the last two years of its life the postal receipts passed \$100,000 per year, while the money order business ran into the millions. Mail matter was accepted for all parts of the world except China, though in the natural course of events very little would have been handled for Japan or Hongkong, as the Chinese Post Office gave cheaper service to these countries. While the office provided carrier service to its patrons as far as possible, no local or drop letters were accepted at other than the usual 2c or 3c prepayment—four or six times as much as was charged for delivery by the Chinese Post. The domestic letter rate to most western hemisphere countries and to England was not in effect: the postage to Canada was five cents gold.

The Agency was housed in one corner of the ground floor of the Consulate-General building, and the quarters became extremely inadequate before the end of its history. It is worth noting that even after the decision had been reached to abolish the office extensive rearrangements and improvements were carried out. If the telegraph business of the Japanese office was not considered, the American post-office was the busiest in Shanghai. On mail days, the uniform weight-limit cloth covered packages of the export firms dealing in lace, hairnets, embroidery, and similar commodities poured over the parcel counter in endless succession, much to the distress of the casual user of the service.

The closing of the foreign offices as is well known was determined upon by the Washington conference, and was carried out in good faith. As soon as it became known that the foreign offices were to close, the "C. P. O." began to make preparations for expansion of its service. A splendid new head post-office building was commenced, and it is the consensus of opinion that the change should have awaited the completion of this building,—about the beginning of 1925. At present the C. P. O., is failing lamentably to give as good service as that previously enjoyed: letters received in Shanghai on a given day are not infrequently delivered four days later; the posting of a parcel may be a matter of hours and exposure to half a dozen infectious diseases. Foreign parcels are only accepted at the head office, where the space available on the public side of the counter is about 500 square feet. The writer has counted 180 people in this space when he was so unfortunate as to be one of them. The closing of the foreign offices was a more or less gradual process. The British office suspended its functions one at a time over a period of three months end-

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THE FUTURE OF PHILATELY FROM THE VIEW POINT OF THE COLLECTOR AND DEALER.

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

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THE SPECIALIST.

A Specialist is "one who devotes himself especially to some particular branch of study or pursuit," and in stamps the term is generally used to indicate a man who collects a country or a group of countries in the most thorough manner. He will often try and obtain Essays and Proofs of color submitted to the authorities before the issue of the actual stamp. Then he will seek for unused stamps in all shades and printings, and in many cases try and reconstruct the sheets of stamps to show all the "types" that were used. In used stamps he has a great field and is keen to obtain stamps on the original cover as these are of the utmost importance for study and research work. All kinds of postmarks and cancellations are searched for, showing the use of stamps in "foreign parts" on railway trains, on mail boats, in airplanes, etc.

To the man fond of study, of original research work, of reading, and to the great business man who seeks a palliative from the worries and cares of business, I know nothing better and more enjoyable than to become a specialist postage stamp collector.

It is to the specialist that we owe nearly all our knowledge of modern philately. Take our own stamps and consider what the specialist has done for us in the past few years. When I first commenced travelling for business, in the United States some thirty years ago, there was no interest in the stamps of this great country. Most collectors got a spaced album and just tried to fill up page after page, without any study of or interest in these beautiful old issues.

Then a star came from the West to the East—John N. Luff wrote his monumental work on "The Postage Stamps of the United States" in 1902 and with the official data and statistics he published, he built the foundation upon which others have worked with such wonderful results.

In my opinion the palm for being the greatest specialist in United States stamps must be given to Dr. Carroll Chase to whom all of us students owe a deep debt of gratitude. Dr. Chase, in the past ten years, has done the most marvellous research work in showing us how it is possible to take a common stamp, such as the one cent of 1851 and 1857 and work out the number of plates used, the position of each stamp on every plate and then the history and use of these early stamps on the railroads, waterways, and roads of this country. He has also done a vast amount of research work in many other stamps besides these "one cents," but I mention those especially as showing what

can be made of a common stamp when it is intelligently studied.

I think I can claim to speak as one having some knowledge of "Specialism" as I claim to have been a Specialist for some 35 years.

About 1889, in Birmingham, England, I began writing on special groups of stamps, and later on, after I purchased the business of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., I wrote several works on stamps, such as "Fiji," "Paraguay," etc., and published innumerable articles on the different countries I studied from time to time.

It is to this willingness to publish the result of his studies, that the present day stamp collector has so much for which to thank the specialist, for without the benefit of his work, the catalogues of today would be far less useful than they are at present.

I think I can say with truth that during the 32 years I was Chairman of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., there was not a single important article published by a stamp specialist which was not studied with a view to adding new data and varieties to our catalogue when such could be found, and it is to these men that the present superiority of those catalogues is due.

The field open to the "Specialist" is endless. One can take up and study a single stamp, like the 3c green of 1870-1882, and gather an important collection of all the varieties, printings, proofs, trials and cancellations, or one can take a country or a group of countries according to one's means and time.

Specialism has much to recommend it. It has almost always turned out a good investment, and that is more than can be said of almost any other hobby.

It can be limited in money and in time much more than general collecting can. It is the field of work for the student and for the man who wishes to combine study and information with his hobby.

Benjamin Franklin, in one of his charming letters from Paris, gave ten reasons for preferring an old woman to a young one, and I might give as many in favor of "specialism" of which I am a great advocate, but I think the above will suffice.

It is natural for the Americans to specialise in the stamps of the United States, and outside the popular "General Issues" there are some groups that seem to me to be worthy of more attention than they receive at the present time.

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THOS. A. LADSON, Tampa, Florida

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

BERMUDA SCRIPTS.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

On November 11, 1920, the first British Colonial stamps printed on script CA watermarked paper, were issued at Hamilton, Bermuda, being the 1d and 2 1/2d of the first Tercentenary series, commemorating the 300th anniversary of the meeting of the first assembly in that island on August 1, 1620. The other values of the series, which comprised 9 values (1/4d to 1s) did not appear until January 10, 1921, and with the single exception of the 6d were on paper with the Roman CA watermark. This first series was in the design approved by the Governor, double medallion type (Sea Venture and King George), typographically printed in sheets of 60.

This design was considered by the House of Assembly as not sufficiently suggestive or in keeping with the event, and they appointed a Committee to secure an appropriate design. On June 28th the Committee reported with a design prepared by Mr. J. H. Dale of St. George's, which was approved with minor modifications. The stamps of this second series, were issued May 12, 1921, being printed from line engraved plates, in sheets of 60. In the design the King's head appears in a central medallion, with a miniature Sea Venture in the upper left corner; the modern coat of arms in the upper right; and in the lower corners, the Sword of State of 1620, and the Speaker's gavel of today, respectively. Only the 1/4d, 1/2d and 1d were printed on script CA paper.

These two series were used so extensively that the Sea Venture type stamps on script paper have been very slow in making appearance. In September, 1921, when the writer visited Bermuda, the second Tercentenary series was being sold almost exclusively at the Post Offices, and the first series, and the Sea Venture type, only on request. By March, 1923, the 1/4d, 1/2d and 2 1/2d of the first series, and the 1/2d, 1d and 2 1/2d of the second series had exhausted.

The 1/2d, 1d, 2d and 2 1/2d Sea Venture type, on script paper (and the 10s on old CAM paper, large Nyasaland type) were advised by the Crown Agents in March, 1922, as being in preparation, and in June as having been printed and dispatched. The 1/2d green was issued in November, 1922, the 1d and 2 1/2d olive green in the following month, and the 2d gray not until October, 1923. The 1/2d, 1d and 2 1/2d are in sheets of 120, undivided, and the 2d in sheets of 60; comb perforated 14. The 2 1/2d olive green also exists with single line perforation.

The change of color of the 2 1/2d was due to increased postal rates, foreign letters now being charged at 3d; those to the States 2 1/2d, to the British Em-

pire, 2d; and post cards to all places abroad 1 1/2d. Effective March 1, 1922, the letter rate from the United States to Bermuda was reduced to 2c but Bermuda has not reciprocated. With the thousands of view cards sent from the island during the summer and winter seasons, it is surprising that the postal authorities have not found it desirable to issue a 1 1/2d stamp. When further 3d stamps are needed, they will in all probability be printed in blue.

1920-21, First Legislative Tercentenary series, 1620-1920, typographically printed. Double medallion type, Sea Venture and King George V. Comb perforated 14. Watermarked multiple Crown CA (1/4d, 1/2d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 1s) and script CA (1d, 2 1/2d, 6d) 3d and above chalk surfaced.

1/4d brown.	(Jan. 10, 1921)
1/2d green.	(Jan. 10, 1921)
1d scarlet.	Nov. 11, 1920
2d gray.	Jan. 10, 1921
2 1/2d ultramarine.	Nov. 11, 1920
3d violet and dull violet on pale yellow.	(C) Jan. 10, 1921
4d red and black on pale yellow.	(C) Jan. 10, 1921
6d red violet and dull violet.	(C) Jan. 10, 1921
1s black on blue green.	(C) Jan. 10, 1921

1921 (May 12). Second Legislative Tercentenary series. 1620-1920, printed from line engraved plates King George's head in central medallion. Single line perf. 14. Watermarked multiple Crown CA (2d to 1s), and script CA (1/4d, 1/2d, 1d).

1/4d brown.	
1/2d green.	
1d carmine.	
2d slate.	
2 1/2d ultramarine.	
3d violet on orange.	
4d scarlet on orange.	
a. Watermark reversed.	
6d claret.	
1s black on green.	

1922-23. Sea Venture type, printed from line engraved plates. Watermarked multiple Crown and script CA. Perf. comb 14. (2 1/2d comb and single line).

1/2d green.	Nov., 1922
1d carmine.	Dec., 1922
2d gray.	Oct., 1923
2 1/2d olive green.	Dec., 1922

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The scheduled sailing hour of the s. s. "Fort Hamilton" was 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, Sept. 24th. A late letter to the States required 5d; to the British Empire, 2d (4d now), and to cards 2d (3d now).

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ratification of an agreement whereby 1
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country.

Bermuda is not a single island, as the
name would indicate, but rather a group
of over 300 small coral islands, whose
average length is 25 miles, varying from
1 to 3 miles in width. They extend
from northeast to southwest in the shape
of a fish hook, St. George's and St.
David's being the easternmost, and then
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and so closely do they lie, that the larger
ones are connected by bridges. The
group is 580 miles east of Hatteras, and
100 miles southeast of New York. The
total area is 19 square miles, and the
population is 22,505 (1921 census), of
which 7,006 are white. Lying to the
south of the Gulf stream, which pro-
tects them from the cold winds of the
north, the climate is very equable, and
many thousands of tourists resort to
the islands annually. The main island, or
St. David's, as it is called, is 14 miles
long, and on it is the capital and chief
town, Hamilton, with 2,500 inhabitants.

APOLOGY TO MR. KONWISER
In the issue of May 12, Mr. Severn in
his editorial department made reference
to the contributors to the April number
of the *Collectors Club Philatelist*, but in-
advertently he omitted the name of H.
Konwiser. There was no intentional
omission by Mr. Severn, but as Mr. Kon-
wiser has called our attention to this
matter we should in justice to him make
an explanation and apology.
THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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*United States, 2c current envelope, No. 2661, Albino 10
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The *London Philatelist* says that the
British Empire Exhibition at Wembley
"is marred by the unwelcome issue by
the British Post Office of the Commem-
orative stamps and envelopes." The
editorial says that it deplores the shatter-
ing of the vase that heretofore has been
unsmirched, if the special post card and
stamped envelope of 1890 be excepted,
by unnecessary issues. While we can
understand how the overthrowing of a
tradition may cause a deep regret, yet we
cannot subscribe to any claim that the
two adhesives in question constitute a
philatelic *fons malorum*. The extraor-
dinary development of advertising
alone would account for the use of the
postage stamp as a herald, in some coun-
tries, and it is not unlikely that we
should have celebration stamps even if
there were no stamp collectors. The
following paragraph suggests fairly
enough that commemorative and un-
necessary issues be classified as a thing
apart from the regulation stamps: "We
expect the day is coming when all this
class of label will be relegated to a
special category apart from the proper
postal issues of a country, and the
sooner this happens, the better."

—Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer says that he
has bought and given away a number of
the little Path-Finder Albums and pack-
ets of stamps and in his opinion Mr.
Power deserves a lot of credit for his
philatelic publicity by radio message.

—*Stamp Collecting* aligns itself on the
side of the partisans of the new Empire
Exhibition stamps and comes out flatly
in favor of them. We quote: "In the
past we have from time to time poured
scorn and withering sarcasm on various
attempts to exploit the noble army of
stamp lovers—and we have been called
stamp haters for our pains. For the
present we own to a keen sense of satis-
faction and delight that the Old Country
has at last broken the conservatism of
eighty-four years and that we have
something at home which our dealers
can sell—and are selling by thousands
daily—to those very countries which
have been thriving tolerably well on
money extracted from English pockets
through the sale of stamps far less nec-
essary than those of the British Empire
Exhibition." All this is fair enough but
the dominating thought in connection

with the stamps is that they will guide
the way to stamp collecting to many an
outsider.

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takes good care that we miss no uncom-
plimentary reference to stamp collecting
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dealer who found the pace too swift for
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—A German collector sends us a little
lot of United States for quick sale
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—We have been shown by Henry A.
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ings in the 2c and 3c stamped envelopes
of Canada. The 2c particularly is in
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—Cecil F. Blogg, secretary of the
Tacoma Philatelic Society, sends us a
clipping from the Tacoma *Sunday*
Ledger, of April 20, which exploits the
local stamp exhibit held April 23-26.
Mr. Blogg speaks in glowing terms of
the success of the exhibition and affirms
that it has made many converts to
philately.

—A. H. Gustafson, 766 East St., New
Britain, Conn., would like to obtain the
address of Wm. Viers, formerly located
at 560 E. Washington St., Indianapolis,
Ind.

—The Brooklyn Stamp Club held an
exhibition in its Club Rooms at No. 123
Schermerhorn St., Brooklyn, on the even-
ing, of May 14th, at which time L. Miss-
bach showed his wonderful collection of
United States, all being unused. The
rare 24c aeroplane invert attracted con-
siderable attention and the fine condition
of the stamps elicited favorable com-
ment. The Club intends to hold further
exhibitions and next month expects to
have Mr. Chas. M. Ams show his mag-
nificent collection of Gambia. Brooklyn
collectors are cordially invited to come
to the meetings which are held the
second and fourth Wednesdays of each
month.—H. C. MEYER, *President*.

—Several readers have sent us an
article from the *New York Times* of
Tuesday, May 13. It deals with a plan
of Soviet Russia to form an interna-

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not, Mr. Pike by his catalogue of the varieties from the earliest to the present day has stamped his book with an historical cast. We understand that the first edition is about exhausted but we suppose that Mr. Pike could be persuaded to reprint the list if a demand is made. Publisher: Arche H. Pike, 21 Moeller Street, Binghamton, New York.

—We thank those who have sent us the editorial on stamp collecting that appeared in the Shaffer string of newspapers and we shall have an observation or two to make on it next week.

—The following paragraph meets the eye in "Through Hidden Shensi" (China) by Francis H. Nichols, published by Charles Scribner's Sons, N. Y.:

"In addition to their other duties, the Shansi police carry the mail across the mountains from the newly established post-office in Tai Yuan. Swinging across the pommels of their saddles are the raw-hide mail-sacks of the Imperial postal-service. From what I saw of their system of handling the mail I am inclined to believe that the average Shansi policeman has only a very indefinite idea of what a letter is. He often holds the sealed mail-bag up to the light and tries to look through it. He uses it as a blanket at night and as a cushion in the day; but he knows that if one of the mysterious pouches should be lost or stolen, he would 'lose his face' forever, and the result is that the Shansi mail now reaches Pekin twice a week with unfailing regularity."

—In answer to an inquiry made by a reader and referred to Mr. K. A. Wallquist, he writes:

"In regard to the stamps of SWEDEN, since the first issue in 1855 they have been made by private individuals and firms, but since Jan., 1920, they are made completely by the Swedish Government.

In 1919 the Swedish P. M. General, Mr. J. Juhlin, visited this country, where he purchased all the machinery and

rights for making the plates, printing, gumming and perforating of Coil Stamps, which stamps are today in general use in Sweden, in four different designs exclusive of two designs now obsolete:

Type 1—Coat of Arms.

Type 2—Lion.

Type 3—Gustaf V.

Type 5—Gustaf V.

Gustaf II Adolf, Jubilee, obsolete, only 1 value. Gustaf Wasa, Jubilee, 3 values, obsolete.

The four types now in use in values of: 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 60, 70, 80, 100, 110, 140 öre.

Since 1920, the colors on several values has changed as well as new wmk. lines and letters (the last named not listed by Scott) and some values about six different are to be found perf. 10, all around.

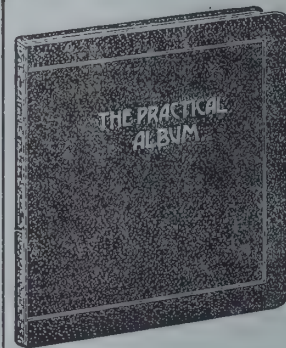
I have so far been unable to obtain a complete checklist of these stamps but expect one this fall or next spring, at which time I will be glad to write you more about these stamps.

I forgot to mention: the first "Tete-Beche" Stamps in Sweden came out in 1921—Type 2—10 öre green issue: 15,000."

—"Wholesale offers in German stamps have dropped about 50% in the last month due to the fact that sales in wholesale lots were not as big as anticipated, and also for want of foreign currency in Germany. However the prices are not likely to drop any more, and some items no doubt will be due to an advance in the near future."—ERWIN STRASSER.

—The annual convention of the American Philatelic Society will be held at Detroit, August 12-14. Dr. W. L. Babcock is chairman of the committee on arrangements and the details of the convention will be looked after as follows:—Dr. W. L. Babcock, auction and bourse; Herman W. Boers, publicity; C. F. Heyerman, ex-officio; Dr. H. Preston Hoskins, secretary; A. C. Hutchinson, entertainment; J. A. Jungwirth, H. J. Kaufmann, printing and program; John

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—"In the *New York Antiquarian* recently appeared a discussion of star collecting. A review of this article, Gardner Teall is found in the *Batavia Daily News* issue of May 8, 1924. The *Daily News* devotes an entire column to this subject. Mr. Teall defends the hobby, saying that it is no longer simply a pursuit for the boys and that it is fast becoming a recognized recreation. He states that it is an inexpensive hobby, covers history and tells stories. MONTGOMERY MULFORD.

CALL FOR CONVENTION.

The Sixth Annual Convention of the United Stamp Societies, for the election of officers and for the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it, will be called to order at Boston, Massachusetts, on Saturday the thirty-first of May, 1924, at 10 o'clock (daylight saving time) and continue until all such business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Credentials: Wm. F. Van Malder, Suburban Stamp and Curio Club, Chairman; A. Rice, Worcester Stamp Club; G. Ryder, Boston Philatelic Society.

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St. Vincent—Nos. 1b, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 21, 27, 28, 32, 36, etc.

Trinidad—Nos. 2, 3, 8, 10, 16, 22, 31, 35, 36, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, etc., etc.

Turks Islands—Nos. 1, 7a, 8, 15, 19, etc.

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Brazil: (Bull's Eyes) 1 copy of No. 1 and 4 copies of No. 2; 6 copies of the 180r, 2, 26, also Nos. 27, 28, 39, etc.

Chile, Ecuador, Colombia: A few of the earliest issues.

Mexico: Superb mint block of 16 of No. 27.

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the Tariff Act of 1922 be amend-
ed to read as follows:

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ing than the official imprint there-
on.

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coming from Europe may not have
a 25% duty levied upon them as at
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behalf of House bill number 9159.
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else.

EDITORIAL.

A suggestion has been made by Mr.
Fred. G. Floyd that if adopted will in-
crease the usefulness of the Philatelic
Agency at Washington. For some time
he has been trying to persuade the au-
thorities to make provision for the sale
to collectors of entire envelopes, any or
all of the envelopes listed on the official
schedule. As he says, it is impossible to
get all of the different shapes and sizes
in small lots at any office and the mini-
mum number sold of many of the sizes
is much greater than the collector cares
to buy. We think that this phase will
have consideration by the authorities and
that ultimately the sphere of service of
the stamp agency will be widened in the
manner indicated.

Sir Nicholas Waterhouse of London,
England, who is an admirer and student
of the stamps of the United States, con-
tributes a note on the 1861 issue of the
United States to the April number of the
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain,
the 400th number, be it said, of this
meritorious magazine. He says that the
latest edition of the Specialized United
States catalogue lists under the second
issue of 1861, the ten cent green in
"August shade." Commenting on this
addition, he says that all the other values

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of set may be found with the dis-
tinguishing characteristics of the August
stamps, in so far as the thin, brittle
paper, the deep brown gum and to some
extent, the similarity of shade enter in-
to the calculation. Sir Nicholas says
that he has in his collection a mint set
of the 1861 issue, September, which per-
haps was one of the sets distributed
gratuitously by the post-office depart-
ment to foreign countries when the
stamps were first issued, that gives point
to his contention. The findings of the
specialist have every color of fact and
for some little time students here have
been describing certain of the twenty-
four cent of 1861, as on August paper,
even though they may not have claimed
full fellowship for the stamp in the August
classification. Sir Nicholas Waterhouse
says that whenever he finds a stamp of
this issue on thin, transparent paper, it
proves to be in the very shade of one
of the stamps in the set spoken of in his
possession; and we are inclined to ac-
cept as established the claim that the
September stamps may be found on
August paper with brown gum and in
distinctive shades of color. We are
pleased to recognize the interesting data
that Sir Nicholas presents and to say
that his inclination for our stamps is a
tribute to their attractions.

The news of the different philatelic
exhibitions abroad has impelled several
of our readers to inquire why it is that
the opportunity to hold a philatelic ex-
hibition on a large scale in this country
remains neglected. The question is asked
by those who wish the United States to
have its place "in the van of philatelic
progress" and is not to be ignored con-
temporarily, of course, but it is unlikely
that those who ask the question have any
idea of the vast amount of preliminary
work entailed by planning for an in-
ternational exhibition. To have a real
conception of the scope of an exhibition
of the kind, one must have had experi-
ence in the work; and in order to ensure
success for the display, a board of ad-
visers must earnestly co-operate, from
beginning to end. We have had a num-
ber of exhibitions in this country and the
event in New York that is so well re-
membered was our greatest achievement.
Previously, the exhibition at the Art
Institute, Chicago, 1911, during the con-
vention of the American Philatelic

return than could be made through the
ordinary channels of investment. Feel-
Society there furnished the greatest
triumph for philately. To those who ex-
press impatience at our dilatory methods,
we address ourselves to them to say
that at the great celebration at Philadel-
phia, in 1926, an international philatelic
exhibition will be held during the con-
vention of the American Philatelic So-
ciety there, according to present plans;
and it would be unwise for any city to
try to anticipate this occasion. We be-
lieve that organized effort will soon be
made to launch the campaign for the
Philadelphia exhibition as it soon will
be none too early to give thought to the
whole scheme of the exhibition. In an-
other year we shall almost be in touch
with the exhibition and the time will
soon wear away; and it will not be long
before the committees will be working to
achieve the most signal victory ever won
by philately on this continent. As the
months roll on, the coming exhibition
will loom larger on the horizon.

We have received a letter from the
father of one of our boy readers, tell-
ing of a compliment paid his son by the
principal of the school that he attends.
The principal was giving the class a
quiz in history and geography and evi-
dently some of the questions were not
"in the book," judging from the way in
which they bowled over the young
Solons. Here is where our little hero
rushed to the rescue and jumping over
the prostrate forms, he got to the front
where he answered the knotty questions
without batting an eye. The principal
was impressed; and she wanted to know
how it was that only he of all the class
could answer the brain-teasers; and
Cuthbert replied: "I did it with my
stamp album."

There are a good many exponents of
"practical philately" who ask what is the
reasonable expectancy on the score of
financial profit through stamp invest-
ment. The inquiry sometimes comes
from the substantial business man who
asks for an opinion in confidence for the
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vise as to the propriety of investing a
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the hope of realizing in time, a greater

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n under normal circumstances will
him.

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Notes by CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.
Wednesday evening, May 14th, Mr.
F. Van Malder kindly came from
on and showed his specialised col-
n of Nova Scotia.
Van Malder is a Nova Scotian by
but has been a citizen of this
ry for many years. He told us that
egan to collect stamps some 38
ago and, naturally, specialised in
rly issues of his home district.
la collection starts with the fine old
ue of which nearly one hundred
s were shown, a large number on
s with interesting cancellations and
varieties of shades. Here was half
used in conjunction with a 6d green
ake up the 7 1/2d rate to Great
n.
6d stamps were shown in several
s with fine yellow greens and dark
on the original covers.
1sh in this collection has about the
t margin seen in this stamp.
Cents issue was remarkably strong
ers with stamps showing the vary-
tes to different countries.
Van Malder mentioned that he
ound the 8 1/2c and 12 1/2c scarce on
s, the former especially so. He also
ht up his book of Canada and
nd a number of interesting pairs,
and blocks.
ong the guests of the Club were
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Mrs. Alice G. Crandall, New London, Ct.

On May 15 we received three applica-
tions for membership in our Honor
Club. One came from F. O. Ohlund of
Mattapan, Mass., while those of Messrs.
T. W. Simpson and L. C. Leimbach were
received through the office of E. P.
Seeborn of San Francisco. Mr. See-
born is a loyal friend of the WEEKLY
and uses considerable of his time in help-
ing us along. We quote from his let-
ter as follows and thank him for his
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cannot possibly do me any harm. My
friend Mr. Simpson called a little later
and thought it was a great idea and
wrote his check for \$5.00. Here they
are. I have not done much recruiting
but will reform. We are really very
busy and my 21st auction next week
stirs up a lot of latent interest. Best
wishes."

We acknowledge the receipt of \$5 from
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five-year renewal of subscription. Mr.
Swan is secretary-treasurer of the
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Two applications for membership in
our Honor Club were received in the
same mail on Tuesday, May 20. One
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the WEEKLY indispensable and has ob-
tained many U. S. for his collection
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STAMP COLLECTORS ALL.

(This editorial is taken from the New York "Herald-Tribune" and its comment is based upon the Soviet news article to which we make reference in News Cleanings. Thanks to numerous subscribers for the clipping.—W. O. W.)

"Philatelists of the world, unite!" is the latest message from Moscow. The Soviet genius for propaganda extends even to hobbies. Communist Russia not only maintains a philatelic department of the government but is eager to spread stamp lore among all nations, to compare notes, to swap specimens, to expose counterfeits and, in all ways, to further the camaraderie of stamp collectors.

It will be a curious bond of kinship that unites the Red proletariat with most of the crowned heads of Europe. Kings have a special weakness for philately. George V has one of the finest of collections, although when a new find comes into the market he is usually outbid by a gentleman from Utica or San Francisco. Alfonso of Spain has suffered similar disappointments from American rivals, but he perseveres. King Fuad of Egypt is an ardent collector, and evidently a whimsical one, for he specializes in the issues of the Confederate States. The dens, in fact, of all royal families are cluttered with stamp albums.

Perhaps the Soviet has found in philately a common human denominator. It is the widest spread of all collecting pastimes, with an equal appeal apparently to prince and pauper and persons in between. A little knowledge of the craft might stand anybody in good stead. It would have profited, for example, the man who brought a sheet of 100 twenty-four-cent airplane stamps in Washington and immediately returned them when he found the airplane was inverted. The sheet was later sold to Colonel E. H. R. Green for \$20,000.

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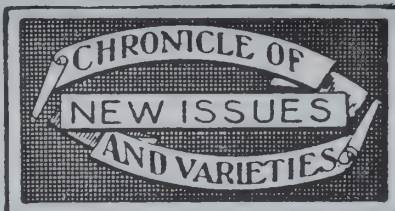
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Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

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United States.

Fine U. S. Covers Bring Good Prices.

I had the pleasure of attending the Kelleher sale in Boston, on May 17th, and I must say that I have never seen fine United States postage stamps, especially early covers, bring such high prices. In fact, fine things, without exception, made records. The collector who has or is putting his money in the issues of our country is making no mistake, no matter what issue he might pick out. The only thing is to watch condition, and this must be of the best.

Railroad cancellations on the 3c, of 1851, 1857 and 1861, went at prices ranging from \$3.75 up to \$37.00, a strip of the 1c 1851 cancelled in blue "South Carolina R. R." on the entire cover went at \$180.00. A fine copy of the 10c, 1847, on cover with "U. S. Express Mail, Boston," changed owners at \$98.00, a fine pair of the same stamp on cover at \$330.00. A wonderful strip of three of the 1857, 3c Type I, along with the 1c on cover sold at \$37.00, strips of the 12c 1857, brought fine prices and your editor annexed a wonderful block on cover along with other stamps at \$505.00. A horizontal pair of the 30c along with two copies of the 3c, making a double sixty-six rate to Cape of Good Hope, went into a Boston collection at \$510.00. Personally, I purchased a perfection strip of three of the 10c August along with the 3c Rose, making a thirty-three cent rate to Cape of Good Hope at a price of \$405. This was possibly the finest thing in the sale. There were two wonderful covers of 1861, each having a 5c buff, a 1c blue and a pair of the 30c orange, making the double rate to the same town—and one

of these went to Springfield at \$205.00, and your editor obtained the other at \$220.00.

A wonderful copy of the 3c grilled all over on cover sold at \$66.00. The grill on this stamp was certainly different from any that I have ever seen, and if it is the real thing, it certainly is a wonderful piece. A vertical strip of five of the 2c 1893, with the famous Kicking Mule cancellation came to Philadelphia at \$9.50.

A fine copy of the 5c New York off cover went to Cincinnati, at \$81.00. Ordinary copies of the lower values from 1847 to 1861 brought catalog and more, even in the case of average condition. A superb 5c 1851, went to Michigan, at an extremely reasonable price of \$28.50. A copy of the 1c 1857, broken plate with perfs. clipped, sold at \$91.00. Fine copies of the Type IIIa sold at from \$9.00 to \$32.00, the finer ones going into a Providence collection. A Cincinnati collector took away the 3c broken plate with straight edge at right at \$45.00. Odd cancellations brought the highest prices that I have ever seen. A silhouette in blue of Uncle Sam on the 3c 1861, went to a Boston dealer at \$35.50, the same stamp cancelled with what is described as an All Seeing Eye remained in Boston at \$20.00.

In the later issues a 2c of 1883, cancelled in black with a locomotive, sold at \$23.50. Other stamps went on a similar basis.

Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary Series.

Mr. Erwin Strasser kindly sends me a first day cover with the entire series of the Huguenot-Walloon stamps used from Cleveland, Ohio, on May 1st. It seems Mr. Strasser obtained a supply of this variety via Special Delivery from Albany, and they reached him in time to remail them on the same day.

Fine Things from Boston.

While in Boston I had the pleasure of acquiring several other very fine United States items which are worthy of chronicle, as they are recent finds. One item consisted of a wonderful block of thirteen of the 10c 1857, Type I, with a strong stitch watermark. This consisted of two horizontal pairs and three strips of three, so that it was possible to break it into a wonderful block of nine, and an equally superb block of four. I also obtained a perfection copy of the 1c 1857, the rare Ia, on the entire circular, cancelled in black, New York.

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CHINA.—Mr. E. G. Young in a re letter writes the following:—

"I have the WEEKLY for March 1 before me, containing a note borro with credit from Stamp Collecti on which I am forced to m criticism. First with regard to air-mail: The first flight series, f Peking to Tsinanfu was not withdr after one flight; there were several interruptions of the service but it contin intermittently for close to two mont there were probably a dozen flights way. As to the total number of co on the very first trip cancelled with special chop referred to, one man 120, and obviously there were ot The second series of flights were t of the Peking-Paitaiho service of 1 the series lasting about a month stated. In addition to the regular p marks a mark was applied to the ver "For Dispatch by Air-mail," the this stamp or chop was so poorly n that often only the dotted border is ble. Of the third series of services, king-Tientsin and Peking Paitaiho, trips were so seldom made or so sel successful that no one had much inte in it, though first-trip covers have seen.

It is time to forget the Paotai "stamps" along with the \$2 Manch and the \$2 on \$1 rubber stamp surch U. S. P. O., in Shanghai. The la were prepared more as joke than thing else by a member of the r committee who did not find himself busily engaged, and no one conver with the fact can find anv excuse their existence: there were of cours charges collected on the packages or ters of the bandits' prisoners by the lief committee or anyone else.

The double oval "chop" on the rent (more properly ex-curent) of China is scarcely anything recent ing a familiar thing to collectors in country for over five years. It commemorates the election of President in the fall of 1918. This may have an actual postal "chop" but I doubt having searched industriously for any other form than applied to sim and blocks of otherwise unused sta pasted to sheets of paper. It alw comes in purple ink, while black celling ink is de rigueur in the service.

Other notes: There is supposed to an airmail service in operation betw Mukden and Jehol. Can not vouch this, but the reports are creditable a source. No official notices have appe here. The new issue (or rather the engraved issue) has had added to it eight-cent value. The following val are still lacking: 6c, 10c, 16c, \$1, \$5,

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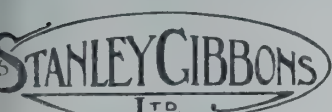
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the 1½c and 13c, but these will lag behind, as the dies for them were made until much later than the rest of the set and they show no wear. The one of the new issue that I have with the Sinkiang surcharge is the blue and brown, overprinted in red as usual.

BRITAIN.—Mr. Roberts reports the value on emerald all through paper the old multiple CA watermark.

ITALY.—The 60c originally in lake, now in azure.

Palermo correspondent, Sig. Nino Merto, writes us that several values now useless, in consequence of the postal tariffs. According to Government decrees the following stamps are etc.—5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c (1901), (Michetti type), and the same surcharged 20c.

The 60c azure is overprinted 7½ in the same way as the 40c. Both are special issues, issued in accordance with the tariff for printed matter posted by ships.

Express stamps 1.60 lire, Foreign series overprinted on 1.20 lire, will have no overprint, according to the current tariff for Foreign mail. Three Parcel Post provisionals have appeared, viz.:—30c on 5c brown, 60c on brown, and 1.15 on 5c.—Stamp Collecting.

PANAMA.—Mr. E. G. Young advises:—The Japanese stamps catalogued in current Scott, addenda Nos. 171 to local dealers state positively that they do not exist. This information already be common property but I have not seen it elsewhere. Straits No. 3c grey seems to be in the same color. I recently saw a lot of 10,000 Straits current imported by a local dealer—these yielded plenty of every denomination up to the dollar, but never a cent gray. If it exists is it an "mystery stamp?"

PALESTINE.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us a green, new shade, on script watermarked paper. Also the \$1 on script watermarked yellow paper.

MALTA.—Miss A. Stafford, of Wolverton, tells us, on very good authority, that the stamps of Malta are to be changed and again have the head of George.—Stamp Collecting.

RUSSIA.—Our Moscow correspondent tells us that a perforated Lenin series is coming out—the same design as last. Stamp Collecting.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts advises of the appearance of the postage due stamp perf. 14, no watermark, Pretoria printing.

THE MATTER OF "COLOR."

By F. S. CRAMER.

I have just finished reading the article by Mr. Applegate on "Color." His article was most entertaining and from a scientific standpoint essentially correct—therefore I do not wish to take issue with him on one or two minor points with which I do not fully agree.

In the past few years my labors have been, to a great extent, the handling of, and analysis of color values, consequently I was very much put to it to find some means of expression for color other than the crude names then existent. My time was so occupied that it was impossible for me to delve into the subject scientifically and try to originate a system from my own study—therefore I cast about to find what science had done with color. I was most fortunate in obtaining the charts and guide of Mr. A. H. Munsell—known as the Munsell System of Color Notation.

The closing sentence of Mr. Applegate's article was " * * * as well as the more scientific designation which would be largely by symbol, arranged perhaps on a percentage basis." That is exactly what the Munsell system does—it has reduced color nomenclature to symbolic notation.

As an illustration of the great limitations placed on the individual by linguistic shortcomings, Mr. Munsell, in the opening paragraph of his book, "A Color Notation," says: "Writing from Samoa, on October 8th, 1892, to Sidney Colvin in London, Robert Louis Stevenson says: 'Perhaps in the same way it might amuse you to send us any pattern of wall paper that might strike you as cheap, pretty and suitable for a room in a hot and extremely bright climate. It should be borne in mind that our climate can be extremely dark, too. Our sitting room is to be in varnished wood. The room I have particularly in mind is a sort of bed and sitting room, pretty large, lit on three sides, and the colour in favor of its proprietor at present is a

topazy-yellow. But then with what colour to relieve it? For a little work room of my own at the back, I should rather like to see some patterns of unglossy—well, I'll be hanged if I can describe this red—it's not Turkish and it's not Roman and it's not Indian, but it seems to partake of the two last, and yet it can't be either of them because it ought to be able to go with vermilion. Ah, what a tangled web we weave—anyway, with what brains you have left choose me and send me some—many—patterns of this exact shade."

"Thus one of the clearest and most forceful writers of English finds himself unable to describe the color he wants. And why? Simply because popular language does not clearly state a single one of the three qualities united in every color, and which must be known before one may even hope to convey his color conceptions to another.

Mr. Munsell through his 23 years of research in the field of color has reduced all color measurements to three dimensions, Hue, Value, and Chroma.

Hue is the value by which we distinguish one color from another, as a red from a yellow, or a green, or a purple, but does not tell us whether it is light or dark, weak or strong,—leaving us in doubt as to its value and its chroma.

Value is the quality by which we distinguish a light color from a dark one, color values are loosely called tints and shades, but the terms are frequently misapplied. A photometric scale of value places all colors in relation to the extremes of white and black, but cannot describe their hue or their chroma.

Chroma is the quality by which we describe a strong color from a weak one. Loss of chroma is commonly called fading. Science describes chroma as the purity of one wave length separated from all others.

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tention of six) these are R (red), Y (yellow), G (green), B (blue), and P (purple). Intermediates formed by uniting successive pairs are also written by the joined initials, YR (yellow-red), GY (green-yellow), BG (blue-green), PB (purple-blue), RP (red-purple), etc. This is Hue.

Middle Colors, as implied by the name, stand midway between black and white, dividing this further into ten equal stages and numbering them from one to ten beginning at the black end, it can be seen that number five would be neutral gray or equal parts of black and white. This is value. Therefore a middle distance red would be written R— $\frac{5}{5}$ but as yet would give no Chroma—or imply the strength of this particular red. Chromas are written thus R— $\frac{1}{1}$, R— $\frac{5}{5}$, R— $\frac{10}{10}$, according to the weakness or strength of pigment, $\frac{1}{1}$ being low luminosity, $\frac{5}{5}$ midway, and $\frac{10}{10}$ being the strongest red in the chroma scale—vermillion.

Therefore a middle distance red, of medium strength would be written R— $\frac{5}{5}$ a deeper shade of the same color might be R— $\frac{4}{5}$, or R— $\frac{2}{5}$, while a tint might be R— $\frac{6}{5}$, or R— $\frac{8}{5}$.

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Why, if this is possible for the printing and lithographic trades, who are the makers of postage stamps, is it not possible for the collector to adopt the same system and instead of employing lengthy names that may or may not approximate the color, use a short symbol of proven authenticity?

The foregoing should not be taken as a disagreement in any way with Mr. Applegate's able summing up of the color situation in the pursuit of Philately, but as an extenuation of his article, and if used as I intend it should be, will, I hope, serve to help those whose eye for color is not trained by constant use over a period of years.

Anyone desiring Mr. Munsell's charts and book can no doubt get them from the publishers. Munsell Color Company, 220 West 42nd Street, New York City.

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In the May number of the *Stamp Collectors' Magazine*, there is an interesting article by Mr. Wm. P. Brown whose has been proved at different times he was the first stamp dealer in the country. Mr. Brown calls his article "The Infancy of Stamp Collecting," and tells how in 1860 he started in business in New York displaying his stamps on a board with a tack through the center of each one; and originally he sold each one, 3c, with the intention of replenishing his stock from a box of old stamps. His first sale was several stamps which he sold for 20c, and he sold more during the day. While he marked all stamps 3c, he soon raised the price on some of the more valuable specimens to 10c each. He thought that if there had been any other stamp dealers in New York City at the time he would have heard of them right away. He adds that there were at the time a few collectors who became affiliated with Philately several years previously to this. He says that several years later John Walter Scott, "who was a stamp collector and a very interesting character," came around nearly every day for a week or two and sold me his stamp collection for \$10.00." Scott spoke of going to the army, and while Mr. Brown commended this course, he added that there was room for another stamp dealer right where he was; and further, he added that he would sell Mr. Scott \$10.00 worth of stamps on credit and would go into business for the time until he found a job to his liking. Scott accepted the offer and in the space of three months cleared \$100.00 fortified by this amount he set out on another young man to California, and he returned in 1866 or 1867 and had a store in Liberty St., where he regularly into the business.

The *London Philatelist* for November contains an editorial that speaks of the future of philately and touches upon the proposal that the schools be used as centers for furthering interest in stamps. We are pleased that attention is given to this subject, and we commend the editorial herewith. The report of our contemporary are inspired by the fact that the Nottinghamshire Philatelic Society decided to hold a common open to all schoolboys in the county of Nottingham, the object of the contest being "to bring more fully before the younger generation the great historical, geographical and patriotic interest of and the instructional value of the study of the post-stamp." Two classes are named—those not exceeding the age of fourteen and boys exceeding the age of fourteen, but under eighteen. Medals will be awarded and essays are to be judged in accordance with the principles of correctness of details and general readability. The *London Philatelist* for the Next Generation.—Apropos of Mr. Brown's letter and the action of the

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Nottinghamshire Society referred to in this number, in our view, the welfare of Philately in the future will be in great measure determined by the early philatelic training of the schoolboy of today. He is confronted with difficulties which did not exist to the same extent a generation ago when it was possible for a schoolboy to get together a general collection of a couple of thousand stamps representative of the world's issues—with some countries fairly complete—but now, with the enormous number of new issues and new countries, the task for the traditionally impecunious boy is a heavy one.

With such an introductory note we may now come to the point. In several of our large schools there are philatelic societies, usually with a master or two giving advice and assistance, and in one case the father of a prominent boy member attends every school meeting—reads papers, gives displays, and helps the boys in every way. The great majority of adult philatelists have boys at school—at that school there may be, and should be, a philatelic society. Headmasters are nearly always sympathetic nowadays. Let the father attend some of the meetings and show stamps which otherwise the boys are seldom likely to see, foster their love of stamps, and in days to come there will be twice as many ardent students as there are in the present generation.

In all towns where there is a philatelic society the committee should make a list of the local schools and ascertain whether there is a society in the school and offer to depute an enthusiastic member to give a display. Also, when the local society gives an exhibition, a couple of members of each local school society should be invited to attend as visitors.

Several school societies have been

formed by an enthusiastic master and a group of keen boys, yet after a few flourishing years they have faded out merely because there was not enough variety.

If, however, local adult philatelists would lend their support these school societies would continue to flourish and be an excellent training for the next generation; and then the 'Royal' may have its 350 fellows and 3,000 members—surely it is worth while to encourage the boy collector."

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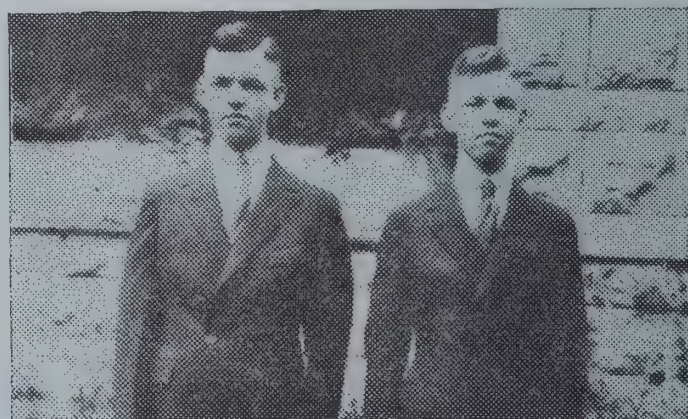
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By CORNELIUS WRINKLE.

The B. E. E.—The great Empire Exhibition at Wembley has been opened, and the thoughts of millions of British people have been turned to the contemplation of things imperial, and to the greatness of the Empire and its resources. Wembley is a great achievement and will impress Britons and the world as a practical demonstration of the kinship of Britons at home and abroad and of their power for progress. It is a more pleasing way of proclaiming the might and extent of our Dominions than the magniloquent line on the famous Empire map stamp of Canada, which was taken from the final stanza of a somewhat bombastic poem, "A Song of Empire," by Sir Lewis Morris, the Canadian poet.

A "Song" of Empire.—Those lines may be recalled as giving the context of the motto on the stamp:—

We love not war, but only peace
Yet never shall our England's power decrease!

Whoever guides our helm of State
Let all men know it, England shall be great!

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And where her rule covers, all are free.

The King's Speech.—There was infinitely more dignity in the King's impressive and stimulating speech at the opening of the British Empire Exhibition than in these ranting lines. His Majesty, who has a more profound and personal knowledge of our wide Empire and its needs than any of his subjects, expressed the highest and truest ideals of the Exhibition enterprise in the dictum:—

Co-operation between brothers for the better development of the family estate can hardly fail to promote family affection.

And we hope, further, that the success of the Exhibition may bring lasting benefits, not to the Empire only but to mankind in general. No nation or group of nations can isolate itself from the main stream of modern commerce: and if this Exhibition leads to a greater development of the material resources of the Empire and to an expansion of its trade it will at the same time be raising the economic life of the world from the disorganisation caused by the war.

Exhibition Stamps.—The Exhibition has many aspects of philatelic interest. In many of the exhibits we see in reality

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things with which we have long been familiar on the stamps of the Empire. It will quicken many of our stamps into life, or at any rate give us a fuller realization of their significance. There are also the Wembley stamps. Postage stamps all Wembley's own. I think it is regrettable that Great Britain has entered the field of stamp purveying apart from the necessities of the postal service, but having done so, it might as well have issued them in a manner likely to achieve the publicity such stamps might afford the Exhibition. Instead of millions of these stamps being used on the mails throughout the United Kingdom to tell folk of the Exhibition, the public can only get the stamps at the Exhibition itself.

"Used Abroad."—How shall we classify the Wembley stamps? Already I have protests from Wales and Scotland that they cannot be properly called "Great Britain" stamps, and one Scots correspondent points out that they are the first "English" postage stamps as distinct from "British." When obtained via Wembley, they may be posted in Wales or Scotland or Ulster, in which case—to stretch the point further—they will be English or Wembley stamps used abroad!

The Strange Tail of a Lion.—The artist and engraver were bold to present us with another lion on our stamps, but they have taken good care there shall be no suggestion of it being a starveling like the poor beast on the first penny stamps of the present reign. This is a sturdy king of beasts, and clever withal. He is doing a marvellous balancing trick with his tail.

The Hush Stamps.—The stamps were prepared with great secrecy, and, indeed, so little seems to have been known of them that some people who bought them at the Exhibition and tried to use them to prepay registered letters outside the Exhibition failed to persuade the postal clerks that they were bona-fide postage stamps. With all the publicity that has gone to the making of Wembley's success, it is strange that the Post Office should so hide its Exhibition stamps under a bushel of secrecy. Our G. P. O. friends ought to be presented with passes for seats at the Aldwych Theatre to see "It Pays to Advertise;" Mr. Arthur Finn as "Ambrose Peale" could furnish some useful hints on the power of suggestion.

Messrs. Godden's Exhibits.—I had an early opportunity of seeing most of the fine stamp exhibits which Messrs. Frank Godden, Ltd., have arranged in the different colonial pavilions. They are very numerous, and there will be few of the colonial government pavilions which lack



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Norway's Great Stamp Show.—The English prospectus of the first Norwegian International Stamp Exhibition has now been issued, and it offers one of the most attractive of the several competitive exhibitions on the Continent this year. H. M. King Haakon VII has given it his high patronage, and the honorary officers include Ministers of State and heads of the Post Office Department, together with the Lord Mayor of Christiania. Mr. Alf. G. Johnsen is president and Mr. Rolf. L. Berentzen, Kirkegatan 9, Christiania, is the hon. secretary.—*Postage Stamp*.

U. S. TAX PAIDS.

By GEORGE L. GOODMAN.

As a new subscriber to your interesting paper and a collector of U. S. Match and Medicine stamps I should be glad to receive back numbers of your publication containing the various articles by Christopher West, on the above subject.

I quite agree with the article, by Dr. A. W. Waters, in your April 7 issue that these very interesting and superb examples of the engravers art should be more eagerly sought. We need today more collectors like the later Clarence H. Eagle, E. B. Sterling, H. E. Deats and others who were devoted to this branch of collecting.

I reside in Paris and I know of several magnificent collections of M. and M. owned by Frenchmen, supplemented by beer, snuff and tobacco stamps. In this city and in Brussels there are dealers who specialize in the revenue stamps of the world and one in particular has seventeen large volumes of South American revenue stamps and ten of Mexico. It remained for a Frenchman, A. Forbin, to compile and publish a volume entitled "Catalogue de Timbres Fiscaux 1915." It was a voluminous catalog and freely illustrated. Not only were the U. S. Match and Medicine stamps listed, but as well the State Revenue stamps of California, Nevada, Oregon, Philippines and Porto Rico. U. S. beer, snuff and tobacco stamps were priced and illustrated.

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Mr. R. Roberts' Exhibit.—Another interesting stamp exhibit is No. 895a, just outside the Post Office in the Hall of Printing. It is that of Mr. R. Roberts, of 430, Strand, whose display is well worth a visit.

New Zealand's Warning.—The *New Zealand Stamp Journal* reports no fewer than three distinct forgeries of the O. P. S. O. stamps of New Zealand, as well as forgeries of the later "Officials," and warns collectors to use circumspection when purchasing these stamps. Our contemporary adds that the New Zealand Philatelic Council, with the co-operation of the various societies, is at present investigating the matter of forgeries of the stamps of New Zealand and the Islands with a view to publishing, for the assistance of collectors, particulars of all the known forgeries.

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THE POST OF BARBUDA.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Prior to July 13, 1922, there was no Post Office at Barbuda, but Antigua stamps were sold by the Anglican parson at Codrington to the civil population for use on their letters, packets, etc. These were then handed in at the Manager's office placed in a bag along with the official mail, and dispatched by the weekly mail sloop to St. John's. Official correspondence was postmarked with an "Official Paid" cancellation (a single lined circle, 25 mm diameter, lettered "Official Paid, Barbuda" with 3 lines in the center, *—JY 24—22), but the stamps on the civil mail were not cancelled until it reached St. John's. This procedure was in force prior to 1905, and as the present mail sloop has been running for some 25 or 30 years, these postal arrangements probably date from the early 90's.

Leeward Islands postage stamps were valid for postage in Barbuda, but the parson preferred and bought Antigua stamps from the Postmaster at St. John's. Being a vendor he received the vendor's discount at one time 5%, but recently reduced to 2½%. With the issue of Barbuda/Leeward stamps, he discontinued selling Antigua stamps. Although a dependency of Antigua, and the laws of Antigua apply to it "when not repugnant thereto," Antigua stamps are not valid in Barbuda.

The use of overprinted stamps from June 1, 1922, was authorised by the Order in Council of March 24, 1922, but they were not available for issue until July 13, 1922, and prior to that date, the Manager, who is also Postmaster, sold no stamps of this, or any other series.

"Order in Council."

Whereas, it is expedient to provide for use in the Island of Barbuda, Leeward Islands stamps overprinted in the manner hereinafter mentioned:

Now therefore, it is hereby ordered by the Governor in Council under the authority of the Leeward Islands Stamp Act, 1890, as amended by the Leeward Islands Stamp Act, 1902, as follows:

On and after the first day of June, 1922, there shall be used in the Island of Barbuda, Leeward Islands stamps now in use overprinted with the word 'Barbuda,' of the value of ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s and 5s.

And it is hereby further ordered that the proper blocks and other implements to be used in connection with the overprinting of the said stamps be provided accordingly.

Made in the Executive Council of the Leeward Islands this 24th day of March, 1922.

Signed, E. D'A. TIBBITS,
Clerk of the Council."

From the third section of this Order in Council, it might be taken that overprinted stamps were to be used in Bar-

buda to the exclusion of the Leeward Islands series but the reference to "Leeward Islands Stamp Act, 1890, as amended by the Leeward Islands Stamp Act, 1902" opposes this.

Section 3 of Leeward Islands Stamp Act, 1890, provided, inter alia, that "there shall be a uniform stamp or stamps for use throughout the Colony, whereby all postage rates and stamp duties shall be expressed," and in section 3 of Leeward Islands Stamp Act, 1902, "it is provided that the Governor may from time to time by Order in Council direct that a special stamp or stamps may be used in each or any Presidency concurrently with such uniform stamp or stamps as aforesaid."

Consequent on the exhausting of the 1d Barbuda/Leeward Islands, in November, 1923, the Manager obtained from St. John's, Antigua, a small supply of the 1d red, Federal series, plate 8, watermarked multiple Crown and Roman CA. This is the only value of that series ever sold by the Manager; others exist with the Barbuda cancellation, but they have been sent there from the outside, for prepaying letters of reply or for cancellation. Leeward Islands postal stationery has also been used at Barbuda, and the writer has both sizes of the 2d George registration envelope.

Postal Markings.

At present three distinctive postal markings are used at Barbuda:—

1. *Ordinary letters.*—Single lined circle, 25 mm. diameter. "Barbuda" at top, with dot at either side, separating it from "B. W. I." at the bottom. Date in two lines in center "SE 4—22." Black impression.

2. *Official letters.*—Single lined circle, 25 mm. diameter. "Official Paid" at top, and "Barbuda" at bottom. Three lines in center, *—JY 24—22. Purple impression.

3. *Registered letters.*—Horizontal rectangle, 50x18 mm. Large "R" at left, to the right of which is "Barbuda, B. W. I.—No." in two lines. Purple or red impression. Brought into use about Feb. 19, 1923.

Prior to the opening of the Post Office at Barbuda, no stamps were cancelled there, but the Barbuda-Leeward was entirely separate and distinct from the Antigua and Federal series, and from July 13, 1922, stamps of both the Federal and Barbuda-Leeward series were cancelled at Barbuda. For a brief period (July 13 to Sept. 3, 1922), the Official Paid cancellation was applied to stamps on civil mail passing through the post, until the "Barbuda, B. W. I." steel cancelling stamp arrived from England. These two cancelling stamps are now used concurrently—the "Official Paid" being restricted to the particular duty for which it was originally intended, i.e.,

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The "R" within oval found on most registered letters from Barbuda is applied at St. John's. The oval is badly denoted at the lower right, which peculiarity dates back to 1921, or earlier. Receipts for registered letters are issued at St. John's for letters coming from Barbuda upon which the registration fee has there been paid.

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The writer has a cover enclosing a letter from Barbuda, franked with 2d and 3d Antigua stamps, with the cancellation of "St. John's, Antigua, B. W. I., JY 18—22," "R" within oval, and the lead pencil registry number 892, applied at St. John's. Two other covers have the "Official Paid, Barbuda" (JY 24 22) cancellation applied to the stamps—one bears pairs of the ½d and 2d Federal series, multiple Crown and Roman CA, and the other single copies of the 2d and 3d Barbuda-Leeward. Both enclosed stamps of the Barbuda-Leeward series, ½d to 5s, issued July 13, 1922. The "R" within oval appears on both, and the numbers 32 and 33 (in pencil and ink). They are not backstamped at St. John's, and the only en route markings are of New York (8-2-1922), and Pittsburgh, Pa. (Aug. 3, 1922).

THE RUSSIAN ARRANGEMENT.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Y. Souren, of New York, who read with interest the article by Mr. Duranty that appeared in the New York Times, in which it was said that Mr. Maurice Sherman had been given the monopoly of handling the issues of Soviet Russia, we are enabled to give an idea of the agreement that was entered into between the Moscow commissioners and Maurice Sherman of this country. The publication caused a number of critics to assail the arrangement, as it was felt that the Russian stamps had by reason of this commercialization lost an interest in a philatelic sense. The contract as published originally by the *Soviet Philatelist* as given in its issue of February, 1924, is not without interest, and a reading of it will give an idea of the terms under which Russia has taken an advanced step, so far as the marketing of her issues among stamp folks is concerned. This agreement is dated Moscow, November 15, 1923, and the commissioner of the special section for philately and vouchers at the all-Russian agricultural aid committee of the all-Russian central executive committee, Feodor Grigoryevitch Tchuchin and his assistant and the United States citizen, Maurice Sherman, concluded an agreement which in its essential parts reads as follows:

"1. Commissioner grants to Sherman the general agency monopoly for the sale of all kinds and denomination of stamps, and also of cancelled monetary tokens and vouchers, issued either by the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics; or by the Russian Socialist Federative Soviet Republic and all the allied Soviet Republics, or by the former Russian Empire or by the various armies of occupation, white-guard governments and local self-governing bodies on the territory of the former Russian Empire during the revolutionary period of 1917-1923, and also of current literature on stamps and vouchers now being issued either periodically or non-periodically within the boundaries of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics—in all countries of North, Central and South America and in the British colonies situated upon the Continent of America, while the monthly minimum quantity of stamps and vouchers to be purchased from Commissioner shall be fixed by mutual agreement of the parties within Five Months from the date of signing this agreement, and at any rate not later than the 15th of April, 1924, which supplementary agreement, when signed by both parties, shall be attached to this agreement.

2. On the one hand, Sherman undertakes from the date of signing this agreement, to purchase the stamp and voucher materials enumerated in Article 1, exclusively, from Commissioner, and not to purchase said materials from any other firms or persons either in Union of Socialist Soviet Republics or abroad, also not to accept said materials and literature either on commission or for distribution; on the other hand, Commissioner undertakes, on receipt of orders from Sherman on the terms laid down in Article 1 of this agreement, not to sell to any other firms or persons in North, Central and South America and in the British colonies on the American Continent any of the stamps and voucher materials and literature mentioned in Article 1, and also not to give same on commission or for distribution.

NOTE: The international exchange of single specimens of stamps and vouchers among individual amateur-collectors, on the grounds of Article 2 of the Decree of the All-Russian Central Executive Committee and of the Council of People's Commissaries of the 21st September, 1922, and of Article 3 of the decree of the Council of People's Commissars of the 24th July, 1923, as well as of the special instruction issued in amplification of said decrees, shall go on without hindrance.

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ADDITIONAL DATA ON CRAMER & KEMP.

By CHRISTOPHER WEST.

The following information regarding this firm is taken from a sketch written by E. B. Sterling, of Trenton, New Jersey, in July, 1890, and kindly placed at the disposal of the present writer for use in this series of articles.

Not the least interesting of the facts stated is the information regarding the portrait on the Cramer & Kemp stamp and also on the stamps which succeeded it, viz., those of John Loehr and Joseph Loehr.

According to Mr. Sterling's sketch the first match factory in New York City was established about 1835 on Twelfth Street. There was also a warehouse on Cortlandt Street and the proprietor of the business was a Mr. Golch. About 1844 Golch was succeeded by Charles Partridge who carried on business in the same building, but afterwards built a large factory on 36th Street. He was one of the largest dealers in New York City and later had an establishment in Maiden Lane. Charles Partridge was succeeded by the firm of Partridge & Kemp, which firm was organized in the fall of 1862, at an invested capital of about \$10,000.00 and employed altogether about 200 people.

Their factory was on Greenwich Street, next to the corner of Franklin Street, but many of the people employed by them did not work in the factory itself, because in the early days of match making, many of the workers made the paper box containers at their homes. Later as hand labor was replaced by match and box machinery the number of operatives required to produce a given number of finished boxes of matches was greatly reduced and some of the machines would save the labor of from five to seven girls each.

In 1864 the firm of Partridge & Kemp was dissolved and the firm of Cramer & Kemp succeeded them. These two energetic young men soon built up an immense export trade with the West Indies, particularly with Jamaica. The special matches made for this Island were round sticks topped with black heads and packed in round wooden boxes which were then sealed. Each box held 48 matches, the reason for this number being that the duty on a box containing 50 matches or over was twice as much as on the box containing less than 50 matches.

Cramer & Kemp did a thriving business until May 16, 1866, when their factory and warehouse was destroyed by fire and as their entire capital was in-

vested in the business, the loss which amounted to over \$11,000.00 was ruinous. They were insured for about \$3,500.00 but finally accepted \$1,500.00 in settlement of their claim, and were fortunate to have gotten even that much, because shortly afterward the insurance company failed.

Rather a curious and interesting result of the fire came near to making the loss of the partners even heavier than it was. The firm had ordered private die stamps to the amount of \$3,500.00 for which they owed the United States Government about \$3,000.00. These stamps had been placed on the stock of finished matches which was destroyed when their warehouse burned and the Government was about to institute suit to recover the amount owing it by Cramer & Kemp. Mr. Kemp finally succeeded in obtaining an interview with Mr. Rollins, who was then the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and convinced the latter that as the matches had been destroyed by fire they were not taxable and therefore that the stamps which had been placed on them did not represent a tax which the Government could legally collect or recover. This was a test case and was watched with interest by other match manufacturers who had suffered or were likely to suffer similar loss. Mr. Kemp's argument was so well founded that Commissioner Rollins dismissed the suit.

During the time that he was engaged in the match business Mr. Kemp invented a machine for making round match sticks in 28 inch lengths and also a machine for cutting paper boxes. Unfortunately both of these machines were destroyed by fire before he had taken out patents on them.

Mr. Kemp left New York City and moved to Trenton, New Jersey, and not long afterwards his young son was interviewed by a stamp collector of Trenton, who soon became the fortunate possessor of a full sheet of 210 of the black Cramer & Kemp stamps with the original gum, for which he invested the sum of \$4.20. Quite possibly many of the unused o.g. copies now in existence came from this sheet.

In the summer of 1888 just after the American Philatelic Society Convention at Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling were traveling through Canada when a lady sitting opposite them in the parlor car overheard the name of Trenton mentioned in their conversation. She ventured the question, "Are you from Trenton?" and after a few questions stated she had a brother she had not seen for several years and whom she thought was living there. "She asked if we knew such a person, giving his full name, Fred W. Kemp." Mr. Sterling

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THE FUTURE OF PHILATELY FROM THE VIEW POINT OF THE COLLECTOR AND DEALER.

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

(Continued from page 299)

U. S. REVENUE STAMPS.

I think these stamps have a good future. Many of them are beautiful examples of the engravers' art. Some are great rarities and the few collections that are offered are readily absorbed.

U. S. NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

For some reasons with which I am not acquainted, these stamps seem to be very little collected at the present day and yet there is much to recommend them. They are among the most beautiful stamps that have ever been printed, and some of the "Special Printings" and the Bureau printings of 1894, are among the great rarities, and very few collectors can have anything approaching complete sets of these fine stamps.

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Some thirty years ago when I was helping Gilbert Harrison to form his marvellous collection of uncut U. S. envelopes, we used to look on them as good sound property and there were many good buyers like Ferrary, Tapling, Worthington, etc. Later on the collection of envelopes seemed to go right out of fashion, and one has heard little about them the last few years. Now, with the Government's permission to illustrate parts of the design, their collection will be made easier and I think they are a good item for the future. Mr. J. M. Bartels and Mr. V. M. Berhold, by publishing some fine handbooks on the U. S. envelopes, have much simplified their collection, and I look for these to be more generally collected. The study of the dies, colors and papers are interesting and the specialist can go further if he wishes and also study the varieties of watermarks, knives, and gum, so there is here a big field for the most advanced specialist.

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No American can afford to neglect that most interesting group of stamps whose issue was caused by the Civil War of 1861-64.

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the Fiji Islands, and then for those like twentieth century stamps, all Oceanic Islands form a fine group which British New Guinea or Papua it is now called, is the most interesting.

Africa—Included in this continent have some of the most important groups of stamps which a wealthy collector can wish to specialize, such as Mauritania, Cape of Good Hope, Transvaal, Natal. All of the smaller British Colonies in Africa offer a good field for the specialists, and to these I would add the stamps of Egypt which are of interest and well worth while.

Asia—First for the wealthy specialist I should name Ceylon, India, Siam, Settlements and Japan, and follow with Hongkong, China, Persia, Siam, Szechuan, Afghanistan, Cashmere, Indian States, Indian Feudatory States.

In General—There are a few groups which I have not mentioned which are, I think, worthy of the attention of some specialists:—

French Colonies—All the General issues and the issues of the separate colonies up to about 1882, are well worth attention. Later issues have been speculative that I can't see much in them.

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(To be continued.)

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We have received some press clips from C. A. Yarrington of Tokyo, Japan. One is especially interesting in the paper intimates that "the principal cause of the disdain with which Americans look upon us now is the fact we issue postage stamps without a seal on the back of them." Mr. Yarrington suggests that postage stamps are needed for lots of things, but this is the time that international ill feeling has been caused by the lack of gum on postage stamps.

Reference has been made in our columns to the practise now existent in many of that country in a triangular manner. Paul Selle of Dresden writes us this is a practise of the postal officials "in order to prevent illegal commerce in current postage stamps."

The regular monthly meeting of the London Philatelic Society was held on 20th, with about 40 members present. The entertainment consisted of a display and exhibit by John W. Prevost of Springfield on the stamps of France. The exhibit showed the result of many years of specializing in the earlier issues of the country, including many interesting covers. Among the latter Mr. Prevost showed many sent by balloon during the siege of Paris, in 1870.

WILLIS H. BARDWELL.
In order to correct a mistaken idea held by some collectors, it is to be said that there is no impending change in the watermark of the British colonial stamps, as the new watermark G. R. and V. will characterize only the stamps of Great Britain and the surcharged stamps of Great Britain. Consequently, change will not create a great number of new issues.

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—George B. Sloane, 116 Nassau St., N. Y. City, would like the name of the party at 17 Kurtz Av., Lancaster, N. Y., who some six weeks ago sent him a parcel of stamps presumably for auction sale. The parcel is being held for the name of sender.

—Herman Toasperm sends us greetings from the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley Park. He writes that he has been buying actively in London, though prices for U. S. and B. N. A. are very high.

—S. W. Pendleton, Jacksonville, Fla., recently lost by theft his collection of British Colonial and U. S. stamps, the collection numbering about 3,000 varieties. Information regarding the same will be gladly received.

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OUR BOOK REVIEW.

A series of pamphlets is being published by the Philatelic Institute, 26 Plumstead High St., London, S. E. 18. Of the sixteen thus far issued Fred J. Melville is the author of eleven, and review copies of two of these are at hand. One is entitled "History from the Stamp Album" and the other "A Simplified Collection." The titles carry with them an adequate idea of the scope of the pamphlets and we have only to add that they can be secured at 12c each.

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Through the courtesy of Mr. Eugene Klein, we have received particulars of the newly formed society in Paris to encourage consideration of the philatelic press. The Société de Bibliographie Philatélique was organized about six months ago and it is to be recognized as a factor in that division of philately that has never received the attention that it deserves, i.e., that having to do with the print of our pursuit. The president, M. Georges Brunel, is an author of a number of excellent works on stamps while the secretary, M. John Spohr, is esteemed as one of the ranking specialists in the stamps of Alsace-Lorraine. The society is world-wide in its membership and running down the list of "objects" we find that it undertakes to gather and collate all the titles of works and publications generally on stamps and to publish a catalogue of them. Also, it proposes to inform the members of all the new publications and to encourage their issue; and to create an office for the exchange of literature among the members. The headquarters of the society is in Paris at the home of the president; and the dues of active members are twenty francs a year. We are pleased to learn of the existence of this society and to say that we have every sympathy for its purposes. While judged by critical standards, much of our literature is dross, yet even its defects under the harsh interpretation mentioned, give it an appeal. Still, there are many publications dedicated to philately that are entitled to all respect and any movement that will lead to a greater regard for the printed pages of stamp works has the support of those who know or suspect how barren the results of a philatelic publishing venture usually are.

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We have received a letter from Mr. Theodore Siddall of Shanghai, China, in which he refers to the high value of one of the Philippine revenues now in use; it is a stamp of the denomination of 5,000 pesos (\$2,500.00). He says, "Many collectors of revenue stamps imagine that the \$1,000. value of United States revenues is about the highest-valued stamp, but it is not. In the Philippines, with their comparatively insignificant volume of trade, there has been for several years a stamp of 5,000 pesos (\$2,500.) in use. The design is the same as of the specimen inclosed, and as

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When the radio first became a factor that could not be ignored in calculating the future of philately, there was a feeling among some of those who closely observed collecting tendencies, that the new occupation or recreation would have a tendency to displace much of the interest in stamps, and that the result would be that philately would at least progress slowly, if at all, for the time being. In casting about for danger signals to collecting, one of the first that would be commented on was the time taken from stamps by the radio. We all know of the adoption by enterprising philatelists of the radio as a means of broadcasting news about stamps and collecting; and latterly much has been said about the work of one broadcaster supported by a fund on which he might draw for travelling expenses. The unprecedented success that has attended the remarks of this philatelic spokesman certainly has been of a striking character; and we believe that instead of being a menace to the welfare of collecting the radio has turned out to be one of the most helpful of adjuncts. We have not been slow to make our acknowledgment of the value of the services performed by the one who speaks regularly, and of those who have spoken at different times, but it is only fair that we refer again to the subject. It is all right for all of us to benefit from the results of individual enterprise and expenditure of money, but, if we are to be equitable in our relations with our pursuit, it is incumbent upon us to do something to further the work that is being done. Some of the radio stations are willing to give dates to those who are anxious to exercise their ability as speakers on stamps, and we especially wish to be informed of those who fill

engagements at any of the stations, not alone because we think it is very commendable in them to bring the attractions of stamp collecting to the ears of a huge audience, but because we want to show our gratitude to them. Keep us informed of philatelic progress over the radio, as we hope that something will develop to show the way to a systematic cultivation of this field. It is by taking advantage of every opportunity afforded by the march of progress that philately is to keep abreast of the times.

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A clever letter has come to us from a reader who for various reasons wishes his name withheld, in which he speaks whimsically of the quirks of the philatelic mentality. He takes as his text the recent controversy that the suggestion that a special stamp be issued in honor of the philatelic exhibition at Philadelphia, in 1926. We shall not reproduce his observations literally as they would merely excite controversy that would be inexcusable insofar as arriving at any conclusions that could be called beneficial, but certain of his remarks are worth reproducing. He says that he was a contributor to the old fund that had for its object the suppression of speculative stamps, and that while the dealers themselves were the ones that tried to ostracize the unnecessary stamps, it was not long before the dealers found that they were pounding against a stone wall for the reason that the collectors themselves demanded stamps that were proscribed, rather than those of admittedly high character. He recalls the fact that when the first wholesale surcharges were indulged in by Portugal, there was a wave of condemnation on the part of dealers that made one think that the fate of the surcharges was to be the direst possible, and yet, he says, it was not so very long before these self-same stamps were considered among the most desirable of all by collectors. He thinks that the less said about the character of a stamp the better, and that in view of the fact that years ago modern enterprise seized the stamp as well as all other vehicles for advertising as its own, there can be no hard and fast sentiment that will restrain a collector from taking the stamps of a country that has erred on the score of issuing unnecessary specimens. He makes the one broad claim that if the purist must have a field un-

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contaminated, he must collect chronologically and in no other way, and he will have to assume that a certain date is the dead-line, as after that year a suspicion of philatelic advantage to be derived from the sale of the new stamps to collectors attaches to the novelty. He says that if one wishes to be absolutely safe, the date 1885 should be decided upon; then the collector may be sure in his knowledge that no philatelic reason entered into the issue of stamps. While he is concerning himself with stamps issued before 1880 only, he says he sees no reasons why collectors may not have just as much pleasure from stamps issued later. These remarks submitted as coming from a collector of long experience, and we think that while his date of 1885 is a little too early, it is well within his rights in speaking as he does.

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We believe that some collectors are unfair in attributing certain practical advantages to collecting that do not exist in the measure at least, that they may say they do. This comes to our mind through a letter received from a collector who gave an experience quite the contrary to one that was mentioned in our columns several weeks ago. This collector said that he had kept an account of the money expended for stamps and that he marked off a loss of between 25% and 30% when he sold his collection. While he does not say that he was particularly upset at the loss, yet it is evident from the tone of his letter that he was disappointed in having to sta-

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THE "PLATE" OF THE MEXICAN EJERCITO ISSUE.

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The Mexican revolution of 1913 began in Sonora, which is both politically and economically one of the most progressive states in the republic. The first stamps used by the revolutionary government were the Sonoran "White Seals," which were quickly superseded by the "Green Seals." As is well known, these stamps were printed from ordinary type and rule, produced in sheets of only ten stamps, and in the case of the Green Seals, had to be fed six times on a hand press to produce the black, red and green impressions in each of the tete-beche rows. Furthermore the Green Seals were issued imperforate and ungummed. It is doubtful if any less satisfactory stamps were ever produced by a slower and more laborious process.

After the military successes of the revolutionists had extended their domain into northern Chihuahua they began to require a larger and more convenient supply of stamps. The White and Green Seal issues were printed at Hermosillo, which was a long ways in the rear, with no all-Mexican rail connection. At this time the Constitutionalist Government ordered supplies of both postage and revenue stamps from the Maverick and Clark Lithographing and Engraving Co., of San Antonio, Texas. It happened that the revenue stamps were delivered first, and in the pressing need that existed, they were put into use for postal requirements, in spite of their having the coupon, or "talón," which is characteristic of all Mexican federal and internal revenue stamps. These are the so-called Ejercito (army) issue (Scott's Nos. 347-353). They were used extensively for a short period early in 1914, but were soon restricted to fiscal use by the arrival of the issue intended for postal purposes, the so-called Transitorios (Scott's Nos. 354-361).

Both the Ejercito and Transitorio is-

ues were lithographed in sheets of 100, being rouletted and trimmed closely so as to leave no margins. Those who have complete sets of the Ejercitos with the coupon will note that the figures of value on the coupon are set on a ground-work of close diagonal lines, and that these lines show disturbance in all but the 50 cvos. value. We are not here concerned with the peso values, only one of which was postally used. It is therefore evident that the die of the 50 cvos., was used as the foundation for the whole series of centavo values. Alterations were made in the numeral on the stamp itself, but owing to the white background there are only very slight differences to be detected between the subjects in a large block. A study of the disturbances to the background on several copies of the same value will show that they are not always identical. In fact there are ten types, and in their small differences we have a key to the manner in which the stone was laid down.

In a recent purchase I secured a complete sheet of the 2 cvos., and several blocks of the 1 cvo., the largest being 10x3. My efforts to learn the composition of the "plate" brought out the fact that there have been a great many retouches, and that these, together with slight differences in inking, necessitate considerable caution. Furthermore the scheme for the laying down of the stone was found to be exactly the opposite in the two values. In the 1 cvo., a horizontal block of 10 stamps will show the ten types, while in the 2 cvos., they will be shown on a vertical block of 10. In examining the vertical paths between the stamps of the full sheet of the 2 cvos., it is found that the horizontal spacing of the stamps is exact and uniform with respect to the 1st, 3d, 5th, 7th, and 9th paths, whereas the alternate paths vary slightly in width, due to very slight irregularity in entering each of the vertical blocks of ten.

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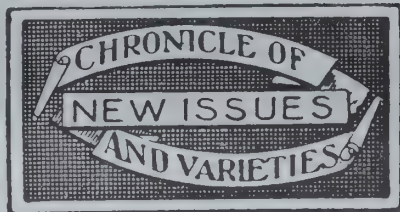
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United States.

12c Black, 1851-1857.

In the Scott's *Monthly Journal*, for May, 1924, there appears the first half of a very fine article by Colonel J. K. Tracy and Mr. S. B. Ashbrook, on the 12c black of 1851-1857. We are told that these notes are the result of an intensive study of this stamp by Colonel Tracy, and that credit for the partial reconstruction of the plates of the 12c are entirely due to his work. Mr. Ashbrook's study of other denominations of this series has made him more or less conversant with the methods used by Messrs. Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Company, in the manufacture of the plates and stamps, and to him credit is due for many helpful suggestions in compiling these notes.

Colonel Tracy has reached the conclusion that two plates were used in printing this stamp, and if there was a third plate, impressions from it must be exceedingly rare, for he has seen none. The first plate bore the well known imprint of the engravers but we are not aware as to whether this plate was with plate number or not. It was in use from July 1, 1861, until the second plate, which bears plate No. 3, was made. This early plate produced all known imperforates and a great percentage of the perforates. The second plate we are told was evidently made late in 1859 or early in 1860, and was in use until the contract of the printers expired on July 1, 1861.

Colonel Tracy states that certain so-called "unused imperforates," which came from this latter plate, are known and these exist in pairs and single copies, but no genuinely cancelled copy has ever been found. He classifies these along with the 24c, 30c and 90c imperforated, as "trial colors."

Plates 1 and 3 are in many respects much alike. In plate 1, the horizontal

distance is ½ to 1½ MM while on plate 3 it is from 1¼ to 2¾ MM. The outer frame line on plate 1 copies is always complete except possibly for very slight breaks at the corner, whereas plate 3 copies always show the outer frame line broken at some corner and generally at the sides, top or bottom. Copies may also show an entire side frame line missing. The great majority from the early plate are sharp and clear, while from the latter, they are dull or blurred.

Plates of this stamp were made up of two panes of one hundred each, 10x10, side by side, and separated by a single center line. All varieties resulting from a re-cutting of the designs come from the early plate, while all of the re-cutting resulting in the "double line" varieties come from the late plate.

The work of locating the positions of the stamps on plate 1 has been completed, but there is still further work to be done on plate 3. The article is well illustrated and the data is possibly the most important addition to our early notes that have appeared for some time.

1924, 2c Carmine, Rotary Print, Perforated 10.

In my recent *Chronicle* mention was made of the fact that the 2c carmine, perforated 10, from the rotary press, had appeared precancelled, and that as the Department had ordered a good number of this variety in sheets of one hundred, that the stamp would possibly see light very soon.

Through the kindness of Mr. George Soulmán we are able to report that this stamp in an unused condition is now on sale at the Chicago office.

The Post Office in Philadelphia.

In the April edition of the "Corn Exchange," a small four-page pamphlet published by the Corn Exchange National Bank, appears an excellent article, devoted to the U. S. Post Office in Philadelphia, which it describes as one of the largest, most intricate and withal profitable concerns in Philadelphia. They give a long history telling us that Benjamin Franklin, who was the First Postmaster-General, was, while still a mere youth, postmaster of this city, and later Postmaster-General for the American Colonies under British dominion. Before Franklin's time we are informed that in Philadelphia the constables were the letter carriers, and that it was their duty along with the duty of sheriffs and justices of the peace to forward letters within three hours after their receipt. They had the right to impress men and horses for the purpose. The system was

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When Washington became president the Postal Service received much attention, the Postmaster-General was paid a two thousand dollar salary, and roads were built in all directions. In sending a letter at that time was an expensive business. For thirty miles less the rate was six cents; for a trip of two hundred miles a letter had to be fifteen cents, while for four hundred or fifty miles the price was twenty cents.

Since Washington's time there have been seventeen different central post offices in Philadelphia. The present one at 9th and Chestnut was opened in 1814. For this site the Government paid nearly a million and a half dollars, which is the greatest sum ever expended by the United States up to that time for a Federal building site. The building is three times as much. We are told that Philadelphia then had the widest distribution of any city in the world, excepting London, and that the post-office was by far the finest in America.

To show how inadequate this site for office is today, they tell us that in two of the present days Philadelphia does a greater business than in the entire year of 1883. The city now handles 100 million pieces of mail every day, and gross receipts last year were seventy million dollars of which nine million was the amount of the income in excess of the expenditures. The article goes into great details concerning other features of the local establishment.

We wish to thank Mr. Willis M. T. and Rev. L. A. Boone for notes of interest.

AZORES.—Mr. R. Roberts reports a 20c green stamp of Portugal with a surcharge "Acres" double.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. R. Roberts shows us the 1½d brown in the 1904 British Empire Exhibition series.

JOHORE.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 2c purple and brown has been issued on script watermarked paper.

MALTA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports a 1d of the current series in a violet color.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The Admiral Dewey stamp foreshadowed in *Stamp Collecting* for October 20, 1923, is now to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. It is in olive-bistre. Portrait of Admiral Dewey, Perf. 11, 16 cent olive-bistre.—*Stamp Collecting*.

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Our friend Adolph Sonntag, of Chicago, drops into rhyme in making his attestation for membership in the Honor Club. We are warranted in quoting his view of the splendid spirit which animates the author to produce the

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Brinkley Turner, with Harper and other investment bankers, Philadelphia, does things very philosophically. He sends his check for club membership and says as follows:—

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A very interesting letter comes to us from James B. Thomas, of Elyria, Ohio. Thomas is treasurer of the Electrotype Co., of that city, and the addition of the word "Rotarian" to his name makes his letter doubly welcome. The Managing Editor two months ago was elected vice-president of the Beverly Club and expects to attend the World Convention at Toronto the week of June 16. Mr. Thomas, in addition to joining our Five-Year Honor Club, also sends a year's subscription for the Elyria Public Library.

In the very next mail came a similar letter from Fred Salzbanner, Davenport, who sends a five-year renewal and a year for the Davenport Public Library.

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THE THREE HOLES.

In our issue of April 14 a correspondent asked us for information as to the reason for the punching of three holes in certain Hungarian stamps of recent date. No sooner had the inquiry appeared than when we began to receive letters from various readers with descriptions of the stamps and the reasons for the mutilation in this wise. First of all, we heard from Mr. Harold J. Fister of Allentown, Pa., who wrote as follows: "If a map of Hungary is drawn about the three holes, each hole falls in a distinct part of Hungary. Hungary before its breakup consisted of three provinces which are indicated by the holes. These provinces were, Hungary proper, Slovakia, and Moravia. The punching is done by the Hungarian postal authorities and occurs only on the two middle rows of each sheet. On some sheets the two middle horizontal rows are punched, and on others the two middle vertical rows. Thus, to every one hundred stamps issued only twenty bear this device. Under the peace terms actual propaganda was forbidden, and therefore this milder form of the same principle was invented. It is used to remind the Hungarian populace that parts of these provinces are ruled by foreigners and that some day through the effort of loyal citizens, these provinces may again be under Hungarian rule. It is purely a patriotic symbol and has no other significance attached to it. This information in every way authentic is due to the efforts of Mr. Louis G. Matateis, a local collector."

The Iron City Stamp Co., writes as follows: "The three small holes punched

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in the form of a triangle on the stamps of Hungary have been punched by the authorities to represent the three portions of land which Hungary lost in the northwest. If a small map of Hungary was to be drawn around the triangle with the triangle placed toward the eastern part, one can readily see the significance of this triangle as the lost land shows up on each hole; the northern part to Czechoslovakia, the eastern part to the Roumanians, and the southern to the Serbs (Jungo-Slavia). This is from an article appearing in the *Stamp Collector*, Birmingham, England."

Mr. W. A. McLain of the Eastern Stamp Co., Boston, Massachusetts, gives a variation to the accepted reason for the punching of the holes, and it at least is an interesting sidelight. He writes, "My information is not so complete as one would wish, but it seems to be some sort of arrangement connected with the bookkeeping of the post-office. In Hungary every cigar store is an agent for the sale of stamps, and it is said by my informant that all stamps sold in these agencies (on commission, of course) carry these little distinguishing marks. Whether this is to prevent the redemption of stamps on the sale of which a commission has been paid, or for some other reason, I am not informed. Only the low value stamps, such as are used by the public likely to patronize such convenience stations, bear these holes. They will not be found on officials, dues, postal savings or high values, all of which lends weight to this explanation as given to me."

Mr. K. Honnel of San Antonio, Texas, also furnishes the explanation as accepted of the three lost provinces.

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How an investment of eighty cents brought a return of \$300, which, in turn, netted the re-investor \$3,000 although his commodity is still worth no more than eighty cents, face value, is being discussed in awed whispers in Newark philatelic circles, and, in fact, national philatelic circles.

A philatelic circle is composed of people who collect stamps and are called philatelists. Philatelists have their own standards of value. A postage stamp which the United States government might value at two cents, if nice and clean, may be worth a great deal more to philatelists, and often a used stamp which is of no value to the government at all except, perhaps, .00000001 of a cent as waste paper, may be worth many dollars to a collector.

The tale is now being told of a Newark dentist, Dr. Samuel Konwiser of 8 Shanley avenue, who purchased a block of Harding memorial two-cent stamps containing forty of the little black labels. He paid eighty cents for the stamps. However, the stamps were perforated in a peculiar manner. There were no perforations vertically and horizontally the little holes had been punched in an unusual manner.

Dr. Konwiser was offered \$225 for the stamps by J. A. Galbraith, a stamp dealer of New York, who lives at 27 Wolcott terrace. The offer was refused, but the block was ultimately sold to Philip H. Ward, a Philadelphia dealer, who paid \$300 for the forty unused stamps, which he separated into ten blocks of four, which were sold by him for \$300 each.

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In retiring as editor of this department I want to thank the hundreds of collectors all over the country who have shown an interest in this fascinating study of low values of United States stamps issued before 1890. Through their contributions, both of unusual examples of stamps and cancellations, of descriptions of finds and of drawings illustrating unusual plate varieties, a great deal of new light has been thrown upon the subject. But more than that I know, through the letters that have come to me, that thousands of new specialists are being made through this department. Thousands of collectors of United States are beginning to see some of the freakish, the unusual and the intensely interesting things that happen in the process of the manufacture of stamps and to realize for the first time the vast field for interesting and valuable historic exploration found in cancellations on our earlier stamps.

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In quitting the editorship of this department I do not intend to retire entirely from the field for it is quite likely that from time to time, when I have the leisure, I may write occasional contributions for the department or articles for the philatelic press on this very interesting subject of specialization.

In closing I wish to clear up a few points on which some of my correspondents seem to be vague. I am not a dealer in stamps, I have no price lists and am not in a position to fill want lists from stock. Candidly speaking there is no reason why I should attempt to tell any correspondent the value of this or that minor variety of stamp or cancellation which he may submit (and in some cases correspondents have merely given me written descriptions of certain items and asked me to inform them as to their value). I have tried, so far as possible, to pass upon the correctness of the correspondent's judgment in defining certain minor varieties submitted, but I have done this only as a courtesy to someone who has taken the trouble to

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THE POSTMARKS OF SARAWAK.

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Collecting is an unlimited amusement and from correspondence which sometimes reaches this office we learn that the gathering together of the postmarks of various countries is one of the refinements of philately. To those who are addicted to this hobby the following facts and figures, supplied by the courtesy of the various postmasters of the country, may be of assistance, whereby anyone can adduce his chance of obtaining any desired cancellation by a simple mathematical calculation.

There have been we find thirty-one different post-offices at one time in this country, but it is only fair to warn the collector that two of them have ceased to exist and of the others some names are entirely illegible owing to the vigour with which postal clerks have wielded their stamps on unyielding *bilian* counters.

Bakong on the Baram River was opened in December, 1922, owing to the erection of a large saw-mill by the Sarawak Oil Fields, Limited. The first cancellation was the word, Bakong, in block capitals and the date added by a separate hand-stamp. This was shortly replaced by the usual circular postmark. Balingean office is said to have been opened in 1910. No record of stamps sold has been kept. The mail as a rule is sent overland to Mukah or in the fine monsoon to Kuching direct by schooner. Stamps of low denominations are sold at the Court House.

Baram, at one time the head station of what are now the Fourth and Fifth Divisions, has lost much of its postal importance due to the opening of Miri. The first official letter we have seen is addressed Claude Town, Baram, and bears the date 1882. Stamps to the value of \$69.63 were sold in 1918.

Bau is an offshoot of the older gold-working Paku and the office was probably opened in 1899. All mails are carried free by the Borneo Company's launches who in return have the exceptional privilege of sending their mail direct to Kuching and not through the local post-office. Stamps sold in 1918 were valued at \$145. The cancellation is nearly illegible.

Betong (Saribas) dispatched 477 paid letters during 1918 and sold \$13.46 worth of stamps. The postmark is entirely unreadable, it being impossible to make out a single letter. This may point to the age of the station, but we have no information on the point.

Binatang is one of the new Government stations on the Rejang for the opening of which we can give the definite date of 5th May, 1916. A thriving trade seems to be done there as \$62.85 worth of stamps were sold in 1918.

Bintulu is one of the older established stations, communicating with the outside world by a coasting steamer which drops

a mail twice a month at Kidurong Point, a distance of some six miles from the Government station. In 1918, \$56.63 worth of stamps were sold.

Brooketon was at one time managed postally by the Sarawak Government, but no doubt when Brunei first issued her own stamps in 1906, the office was taken over by the proper authorities. Local Brunei stamps were issued in 1898, but, we believe, were never sold at Brooketon.

Daro, in the Rejang Delta, opened a post-office in October, 1911. During 1918, 483 O. H. H. S. letters, 79 paid and four unpaid, were dispatched. The number of stamps sold is not stated.

Delat on the Oya River, opened about 1920. This place has largely taken the place of Oya and is near the canal, uniting the Rejang Rivers, by which mails are sent to Sibi during the monsoon.

Kalaka is one of the older stations, but no figures are obtainable. Not many stamps, we imagine, are sold there.

Kanowit dates back a very long time, and was, before the growing importance of Sibu, the headquarters of the Rejang river. Its importance, however, is more military than commercial and the chief traders maintain their shops at the latter place. Stamps sold in 1918 were \$35.76.

Kapit is some sixty miles above Kanowit and was opened at a much later date, we believe in the early nineties, but we have no details of the business done there.

Kuching, the capitol of Sarawak, is the only town with a fully equipped General Post Office where all manner of postal business can be contracted. It was by an Order in Council, dated January 12, 1869, and signed by the then Secretary to the Council, Mr. W. M. Crocker, that the office was brought into being from March 1, 1869. The original cancelling was done by writing S. P. O., Sarawak, and the date and also by two wooden stamps, one marked Sarawak in block capitals and the other consisting of thin parallel lines. These latter, we understand, have been destroyed some time ago. A later stamp is of the ordinary type with the word Sarawak round the edge of the circle and the date; a special stamp was reserved for registered letters with the words "Sarawak Post Office, Registered Letter" and the date in three separate lines. A stamp for local use consists of the word Kuching with the date. Stamps sold in 1918, amounted to \$5,812.85.

Lawas, a post-office in the Fifth Division, opened about 1900.

Limbang is the chief station in the Fifth Division and has direct communication both with Kuching and Labuan. The annexation of this river in March, 1890, is part of the history of Sarawak.

Lingga is another station dating back many years, but has lost much of its old

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Matu is situated on a small isolated river in the Rejang Delta. No particulars are to be had about the Post Office. We assume there is some defect in the cancelling stamp, in the instance before us the figures showing the year are filled in by hand.

Miri, as the place where the oil comes from, has in late years become of some importance. Direct communication is held with Singapore and Kuching and mails are sent direct there from London. The office was opened in January, 1911, and stamps amounting to \$949.89 were sold in 1911.

Mukah, at one time the headquarters of the Third Division, communicates direct with Kuching by schooner some seven months in the year during the fine monsoon. At other times the mail is sent overland to Oya from where it is paddled to Sibü and thence to Kuching. It is no uncommon occurrence, when the bridges are carried away by flood, for the mail-carriers to have to swim five rivers, often to the detriment of their burdens.

Niah is a sub-station in the Miri district and is chiefly famous for its export of bird's-nests. These apparently are not sent by post as only two parcels were despatched there in 1918. \$17.16 worth of stamps were sold in the same year.

Oya is also one of the older stations whose importance is giving way to a more thriving town up-river. It suffers from the same disabilities as Mukah, with which place it is in telephone communication as well as with Sibü. Stamps sold there in 1918 were \$35.55.

Paku, as a post-office, has ceased to exist though a Government police station is still maintained. The last postmark we remember to have seen bears the date 1905.

Pusa is a small sub-station in the Second Division about which we have no particulars.

Rejang, at the mouth of the river of that name, at certain times is in direct communication with Singapore and also Hong Kong, to where timber is shipped in large quantities. At present, owing to lack of shipping, this export has ceased. No details of stamps sold are available.

Sadong is the coaling centre of Sarawak, communicating directly with Kuching and less regularly with Singapore. Stamps to the value of \$95.15 were sold in 1918.

Sarikei is the last opened of the Sarawak post-offices, being first used early in this year. As the regular makers of postmarks appear to have been employed on munition work, the station so far has had to content itself with a rubber stamp with the date filled in by hand.

Sibü is now the headquarters of the Third Division and is in direct communication with Singapore by the Sarawak

Steamship Company and also a Chinese line. The number of stamps sold in 1918 amounted to \$1,023.45.

Sibuti is another of the Miri sub-stations and did business in 1918 amounting to \$5.45.

Simanggang is the headquarters of the Second Division and is less fortunately situated than any. Communication with Kuching is maintained by sailing-boats and is often interrupted by bad weather. We are assured by the postmaster that though he does not know at what time the office was opened, it is never shut, as mails arrive at all hours of the day and night. Stamps sold in 1918 amounted to \$90.54.

Simatan is a sub-station to Lundu where apparently all postal business is carried through. It is in the unique position of having sold no stamps at all in 1918.

Tatau is one of the sub-stations of Bintulu, and though only twenty-six letters were despatched during 1918, stamps to the value of \$8.52 were sold, so it is possibly the home of some unknown philatelist.

Trusan, the last office on our list, is stated to have been opened on August 11, 1888, and the mails are, we believe, despatched either overland to Lawas or by boat to Limbang. Stamps to the value of \$19.79 were sold in 1918.—Reprinted from the *Sarawak Gazette*, Jan. 16, 1919, by permission of the author, who has since made additions to the list.

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The up-and-coming society of Philatelic Americans under the vigorous leadership of President V. W. Rotnem has started making arrangements for what promises to be the best Convention the Society has ever had. The Convention is to be held at the Hotel Continental, New York City, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, August 4th, 5th and 6th.

The Chairman of the Committee on arrangements is Mr. A. O. Litt, the Haitian specialist. So far the following tentative program has been outlined:

Monday, Aug. 4th—10 A. M. Reception of members. 2 P. M. Business meeting. 8 P. M. Auction by Max Ohlman, 116 Nassau St., New York City.

Tuesday, Aug. 5th—10 A. M. General get-together. 2 P. M. Election of new officers. 4 P. M. Bourse to Sell and Swap. 7 P. M. Trip to Coney Island.

Wednesday, Aug. 6th—10 A. M. Visits to the Stamp Centers on Nassau Street and 42nd Street. 2 P. M. Addresses by experts on specialized collections. 4 P. M. Papers on Selected Subjects. 7 P. M. Banquet in the Blue Room of Hotel Continental.

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Our friend Hubert Lyman Clark, who is
in England, writes that he is having a
derful time and is very busy. He sends a
ving from the London Telegraph telling the
y of the dinner of the London Philatelic
ety held May 7 to celebrate its silver jubi-
-Dr. Clark attended the banquet, Herman
spern of N. Y. City being the only other
frican present. Dr. Clark writes that the
nble Exposition is great and he is keenly
ying it. This clipping will be interesting
showing the lively discussion that is going
s to the real character of "the Wembley
".—W. O. W.)

he Junior Philatelic Society last
it celebrated its silver jubilee at a
ner at the Criterion Restaurant. This
nisation in the twenty-five years of
istence has done much in relation to
study or the hobby of stamp collec-
-At its foundation it had sixty
bers. Today the roll contains more
t 3,000 names. The president, Mr.
d J. Melville, that well-known au-
ity, was in the chair, and he had the
ort of a large company. Among the
inal members of 1899 there were
ent Mr. J. B. Melville (first secre-
y), Mr. Charles Nissen (first hon.
interfeit detector), Mr. H. F. John-
(treasurer), Mr. J. S. Higgins
(anchester), Mrs. T. J. Melville, Mr.
V. Simmonds, Chief Paymaster Cow-
R. N., Mrs. H. P. Terry (secre-
), and Mr. F. Treacher Terry, and
S. S. Sedgwick (Ceylon).
arly in the evening the Chairman an-
nounced that a telegram had been des-
hed to the King on the eighty-fourth
versary of the postage stamp, con-
gning loyal greetings on the fourteenth
versary of his Majesty's accession,
referring to his interest in the study
collection of stamps. The following
y had been received:

"Newmarket.
e King sincerely thanks the mem-
of the Junior Philatelic Society
mbled this evening to celebrate the
ty-fifth anniversary of its founda-
for their loyal feelings. His Majesty
appreciates the terms in which they
referred to his interest in all that
erns philately.

Private Secretary."
e chairman, in proposing the toast
The Visitors," dealt humorously with
origin of the society, and expressed
ure that so many of the original
bers were present. Their ideals were
ame today—to encourage the young
ctor and the beginners throughout
world. They had maintained those
ts and were as full of enthusiasm
the old days. They had, too, de-
ded to great achievements. The ex-
on of last year had yielded a balance
15. Its stability and permanence
een fully demonstrated. Mr. Thomas
Gray, an old member who had re-

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cently died, had bequeathed the whole of
his collection to the society. They were
of considerable value, the main feature
being the specialised series of Uruguay
and a general collection of the stamps
of the world. Referring to the presence
of Mr. Seymour Bennett, who was for
many years Inspector of Stamping at
Somerset House, he asked what sort of
lion had we on the Wembley stamp? It
was perfectly tame and had been out to
too many banquets. It was a clever lion,
inasmuch as it was able to poise the
King and the medallion and the Crown
as well on the hairs on the tip of its
tail. (Laughter.)

Mr. Seymour Bennett, in his reply, said
that we had no better stamp than that
of 1913. It was the perfection of art.
As to the Wembley lion, who said that
it was a lion? He knew something of
stamps and something of dogs. It was a
mastiff. (Laughter.) In conclusion, he
paid a tribute to the patience and knowl-
edge of the president of the society in
relation to the pursuit and advancement
of philately, and proposed the toast of
the society.

Mr. James B. Melville read a telegram
from Mr. Charles Phillips, of New York,
congratulating the society on its silver
jubilee. Americans as well as British
recognised that the society, and Mr. Fred
Melville had been the greatest factors in
making stamp collection popular. (Hear,
hear.)

Mr. W. B. Haworth, in responding,
referred to the widespread activities of
the society, and the services it had ren-
dered to philately. He proposed the
health of the chairman which was re-
ceived with much enthusiasm.

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erty of Mr. Claes A. Tamm, a prominent
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known to exist, was made at the last
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pairing the plate took by mistake a 3
skilling type and set it in the 8 skilling
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ore (Scott's No. 8) printed in 1871, with
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stamp only three copies are known and
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of the 30 ore on 20 ore (Scott's No. 33a)
and of the Official stamps we found the
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—According to the *Westport Masonic Review*, published in Kansas City, an international Masonic Stamp Institute has been organized in France with headquarters at 240 Rue de Rivoli, Paris. All Free Masons, Eastern Stars and DeMolays have been invited to membership.

—Geo. H. Lechtenberg, Luzerne, Iowa, would like to know where he can procure a Huguenot-Walloon 50c coin. Who of our subscribers can favor him with the information?

—A Stamp Collectors Club has been organized at Gloucester, Mass., and it recently gave an exhibition of stamps in the window of the Cape Ann Savings Bank. The club is composed of boys about twelve years of age.

—The veteran New York dealer, J. E. Handshaw, will make another visit to Europe this summer. He expects to sail July 12.

—Wm. C. Meissner in renewing his subscription commends the recent articles from the pen of Charles J. Phillips, as being of authoritative character, expresses approval of the attention we are giving to U. S. minor varieties, believes that the U. S. Philatelic Agency will work harm in the case of embryo collectors and condemns government commemorative issues like the Huguenot-Walloon stamps. We can follow Mr. Meissner very well with the exception of the reference made to the Philatelic Agency. In this we would like to have a bill of particulars.

—Theodore Champion with commendable enterprise and energy announces an edition of the firm's catalog this fall in English. It will be in every respect an exact copy of the French edition. When a French firm takes this method of securing American business it is a distinct tribute to the buying power of American stamp collectors.

—Sometimes an advertiser asks us whether advertising copy shall be sent to Beverly or Portland. It can be sent to either address, but in view of the fact that all copy must pass under inspection of the Managing Editor it will ultimately reach Beverly.

—We are informed by Mr. H. L. Taite that the writer of the following letter is one of the veterans of the World War and has been confined to his bed in hospitals for five years or so. To while away the time he has become interested in stamps and not a few collectors have sent him stamps in order that they may do their share in helping Mr. Cooke during his confinement. In the course of a letter acknowledging the receipt of a few stamps, Mr. Cooke says, "I like to hear of a father being inter-

ested in stamps with his son, as he may be a great help in starting him aright. So many schools are now encouraging collecting, and I think that a great move in making an education enjoyable is the consequence." Address: Jas. H. Cooke, Arrowhead Springs, California.

—T. S. Cornell, Brooklyn N. Y., exhibited his magnificent collection of 20th century British Colonials, practically complete, at a meeting of the Brooklyn Stamp Club, 123 Schermerhorn St., Brooklyn, May 28, at which time there was a large attendance. Those present commented on the excellent condition of the stamps. The Club holds meetings the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month and collectors are cordially invited to attend.

—H. R. D.—In reply to your question as to whether we intend to reprint in booklet form the Ritchie data on cancellations, we are compelled to say that it is not our intention so to do. In this connection we may add as a matter of general information that Mr. Ritchie's health did not permit him to continue the work as planned. We do not consider it wise to use again in the WEEKLY this matter which has already been placed before our readers.

—We have received from the Martauco Stamp Co., the 1924 edition of the firm's illustrated price list of wholesale offerings. Dealers may find in the twenty-four pages of this list extensive offerings of many varieties of attractive stamps.

—From Mr. J. Rausch of San Francisco, we have received a copy of the *Examiner* of his city, for May 25, that contains a Sunday feature story telling how Scotland Yard detectives trapped a "poison pen" writer, through the use of markings with secret ink on the stamps. The story is an ingenious one, and it is a clever working out of the idea of identifying stamps through a peculiarity that would not be noticed by the user of them. The writer of the article says that the stamps used by a culprit must show no distinctive marks upon them, as such would arouse the suspicion of the user, troubled more or less with a guilty conscience.

—A correspondent writes to inform us when the Olympic games special stamps are withdrawn in October next, they will be replaced by stamps that are to be issued in commemoration of the international exhibition of decorative art in Paris next year. This is a confirmation of a newspaper announcement to that effect that appeared several months ago.

—An old subscriber writes to say that he was interested in the reference recently to the circular that was sent out by Mr. W. F. E. Gurley, of Chicago, about 1892, to postmasters in the south, offering to buy Confederate stamps and

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he says that somewhere he has a copy of the illustrated sheet, on which a map was made of the stamps that were cured through the distribution of circular. It would be interesting to the figures in question.

—Mr. Theodore Siddall of Shanghai, China, has opened a stamp shop in the city and while he is some distance from the center of philatelic position in Shanghai, no doubt the collection will soon wear a path to his door.

—A reader asks for a list of the atelic agencies that are maintaining countries other than the United States and Canada. We should like to have an authorized list of the countries in question that could qualify under this classification.

—A reader says that he saw time ago the Trans-Mississippi Exposition the United States in bi-colored stamps. As we remember, it was the intent of the authorities to issue the stamps in colors but because of the press of business of the department due to the Spanish-American war revenue act stamps were printed each in one color.

—The Detroit members are at work on the souvenir program of the American Philatelic Society convention and expected that a good account of enterprise will be given to membership course.

—There seems to be a scarcity of Scott catalogues of the current year and a number of requests have been for information as to where copies can be had.

—Will the subscriber who says he is one of the big league baseball players and is an ardent stamp collector send

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name and address, in order that we have something to fall back on, in we publish the report?

A Chicago collector recently had an operating experience based on the real of some of the new special issue, S., from a registered envelope that came from the Philatelic Agency in Washington. This is almost like robbing the house next to the police station. Here are two opinions of the present condition of the stamp trade. One says that it is "fair to rotten" and the other says that it has never been better. Strike your own averages.

The following excerpt from the Orleans Times-Picayune speaks of it:

M. de Simonin, French consul-general in his address told the glorious story of Jean Ribaut, a nobleman by his king to found a colony in Florida, for men of the Calvinistic faith, for Huguenots who were persecuted in France for religious reasons. He outlined the events leading up to the first voyage and gave a graphic picture of the start of the expedition; he told of the long voyage across the Atlantic and the delight of the mariners when they reached Florida and found it to be a tropical paradise, with birds, luxuriant vegetation, fertile soil and friendly Indians.

The speaker told of the trials and hardships which the year 1562 brought these explorers; of the ceremonies which attended their landing, and of the taking possession of this new territory in the name of their king; of the second expedition to America, of the founding of the Carolina colony on the May River. He outlined the hard and last expedition of the great explorer, concluding with his death at the hands of Spanish soldiers. Ribaut was stabbed in the back while trying to make terms of honorable surrender for his men before an overwhelming number of Spanish troops. M. de Simonin spoke of the splendid way the Daughters of the American Revolution were paying tribute to the memory of this man, and said:

the tragic death of Jean Ribaut, the many achievements of Lafayette and Jeanbeau, and the gallant deeds of heroic boys at Chateau Thierry and at Mihiel will constantly remind us of the potent reasons why Franco-American friendship should remain forever unpaired."

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THE FUTURE OF PHILATELY FROM THE VIEW POINT OF THE COLLECTOR AND DEALER.

By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

(Continued from page 316)

THE INVESTOR IN STAMPS.

The fourth section into which I divided stamp collectors, for the purpose of this article, is he who forms a collection mainly as an investment for the future.

I have dealt fully with this subject in a separate little pamphlet of 33 pages, termed "Postage Stamps as an Investment," so I do not propose to go over the ground again here, but to anyone who is interested I shall be happy to send a copy of this little brochure until the supply is exhausted.

II. STAMP DEALING IN THE FUTURE.

Dealing in postage stamps as a business is about sixty years old and it is a pretty complicated affair now, with many side ramifications. I wonder if many of my confreres in the trade have tried to visualize what stamp dealing will be like in another sixty years or less!

We used to talk this over in London at Stanley Gibbons Ltd., and we were gradually coming to the opinion that stamp dealing and stamp publications in every branch was getting too big a subject for any one existing firm to tackle.

In Germany the leading dealers, Senf Bros., found it too great a task to do everything themselves and sold their stamp albums to another firm, keeping only their catalogue and journal.

We, in Stanley Gibbons Ltd., were much inclined to gradually limit our business to the stamps and publications relating to British and British Colonial stamps. This, of course, was while I was over there; since I have left I cannot say if anything has been done or even thought of in this line.

Just think what it means for a stamp dealer, however large he may be or whatever capital he can command, to try and carry a stock of all kinds of postage stamps, to constantly import and stock new issues, and to publish catalogues, journals, albums and handbooks.

It can be done, of course, but I found out that to do it properly and keep up a good stock in each department meant either employing a very large capital or using a large portion of each year's profits to increase the stocks in place of being able to declare dividends commensurate with the work one put in the firm.

I have thought a good deal about this matter and formed my idea as to what should be the best manner of conducting the commercial side of the stamp business in the future.

I will outline a scheme for America, and I think that, with modifications, such a scheme might be applicable to the three other centres of the stamp trade: Great Britain, Germany and France.

I think that in each of these centers there should be one great organization dealing in and with every branch of our business. This would need a substantial cash and stock capital, say, for America some two to three million dollars, but well organized I see no reason why such a store could not earn 10% to 15% in yearly dividends.

I suggest a central office and store with a number of branches in all towns of over 200,000 inhabitants.

These branches should be filled and stocked alike, each one carrying a minimum stock of some \$50,000.00, consisting of series of the most popular sets, packets of stamps, a couple of general collections in spaced albums, one of unused and one of used stamps, and a good line

of stamp albums, handbooks and philatelic requisites.

Possibly one of the dealers in each large city might sell his business to such a corporation, and become manager of the branch store for his district. A manager's remuneration should be a fair salary on which he could live comfortably, plus a percentage of the profit he earned for the company.

Each store should be on the ground floor and consist of a good shop with plenty of window space for display, and a room or division at the back in which to receive the more important clients.

As advanced collectors come along, special books of rarities could be sent out once a week or month to such stores as called for them to meet special requirements.

The head office should be organized into branches, each one under a manager who should be responsible for his branch showing a proper proportion of profit, and if he could not show it, he should go out and make way for a man who could.

The head office should run its own publication department, print all its albums, catalogues, journals, handbooks, etc., and this branch should be located where labor is cheap and easily obtained.

The head office should have its own Auction Department and run this for the special benefit of its own clients both to sell for them and to them on the lowest possible terms.

It should employ travellers to go about the country to buy collections and stocks and to open up new connections.

In fact, we want in the stamp business modern and up-to-date methods of conducting big business which have hitherto been neglected.

Stamp collecting is growing by leaps and bounds and a well-organized concern with capital behind them would have a great future.

Next I should like to consider the individual dealer, and what would seem likely to be best for him in the future.

My answer to this is for the dealers in each town to specialize.

For the dealer with a limited capital it is difficult for him to even attempt to carry a stock of the world's stamps, to import new issues, and keep up a stock of general sets and packets and publications. It is further quite difficult for him to get a knowledge of all these endless varieties.

I think there is a lot of good money to be made by the dealer who will take up a certain branch of the business, stick to that section and make himself a master in it, knowing all there is to be known about his own special group.

I may be asked what are the best groups of stamps in which a dealer in the United States should specialize. I think there are quite a number and one might choose from the following:

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lector to have this burden lifted as in
the case of stamps on which this excess
charge is paid, the addition is placed on
the selling prices of the stamps as a
matter of necessity. Congress will soon
adjourn, and if collectors are to partici-
pate in a victory following their de-
mand for the removal of the tax, it will
be necessary that they immediately take
pen in hand to express their wishes to
their representatives at Washington.

The paragraph in our issue of May 26,
on the subject of the design of the new
5c commemorative stamp, has brought a
number of letters from readers who call
attention to the fact that on May 1, cere-
monies conducted at Jacksonville, Flori-
da, in honor of Jean Ribaut, attracted
no little attention. A monument was
unveiled on that day to the French ex-
plorer who led the first expedition to
establish itself on our soil. A number of
newspaper articles told of the interesting
celebration, and in a copy of the *Times-
Picayune* sent by Mr. Charles L. Thomp-
son of New Orleans, an interesting ac-
count covering the news and historical
phases of the festival appeared. In an-
other column we shall copy the "glorious,
tragic story" of the nobleman, Ribaut.

We have received a copy of the South
Bend *Tribune*, of May 30, in which a
notice well over a half column in length
appears telling of the address by David
C. Turnbull of Mishawaka, Ind., on
stamp collecting. He spoke at a meeting
of the Lions' Club of South Bend, and
the newspaper tells of the attention with
which his remarks were received. We
know that Mr. Turnbull is able to handle
philatelic subjects to advantage before
an audience and we commend the ex-
ample that he has set to us in giving his
time for the general good of all. Con-
cluding his remarks, he offered to dis-
tribute stamps of any kind that might be
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to take effect May 1, 1924, so that all
those odd fractional value 'business
license' stamps are rendered obsolete,
tobacco and cigarettes hereafter to be
taxed for even cents only. Therefore,
it behooves those who have not acquired
these cheap and interesting values to get
busy, if they are still to be had."

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The time is growing near when those
who expect to attend the American Phil-
atelic Society convention at Detroit, in
August, must make plans for the trip.
Each year there are a few members who
attend their first convention, and so long
as this happy circumstance continues,
there is every certainty that the attend-
ance each year will be greater than that
of the previous year. Those who have
the confirmed convention habit may be
depended upon to put in their appear-
ance barring unforeseen contingencies;
but there is always a considerable num-
ber of collectors who hesitate to attend
for the first time. While it is not to be
said that they are averse to any public
participation in philately, yet they seem
to be disinclined to enter into the activi-
ties of a convention. We wish we had
the power to persuade them to combine
a vacation with the annual convention of
the leading national organization be-
cause we know that they will admit after
the sessions are over that the time given
to them was well spent. Latterly the
conventions are becoming quite ideal
from the view-point of the collector be-
cause of the opportunities given for bar-
ter, so dear to the hearts of the average
philatelist and of the chance of personal
contact with one's fellows. The auction
sale which latterly has been a feature of
conventions is an attraction for not a
few of those who attend. There is no
question that this annual meeting is one
that has its tendency to stabilize philately

in this country. Some attention is given
to the meeting by the press, particularly
in the convention city, and the result is
that stamp collecting is placed before the
public in a relatively proper light. In
thus coming together each year, the
members of the society are merely emu-
lating those who follow any particular
line of business or profession or cult,
and every normal condition may be said
to point to the propriety of such oppor-
tunities for the interchange of philatelic
thought. It is needless to say that the
newcomer is especially welcome, and it
may be advanced with a feeling of con-
fidence that he will find congenial
associates among those present. Another
reason that we always bespeak a large
attendance at a convention is because of
the desirability of showing those who
work so hard for the success of the
convention in their city that their efforts
are appreciated. The social diversions
that comprise a good part of the con-
vention program are such as to appeal
in the aggregate to almost everybody,
and it is merely gratitude for favors an-
ticipated to show the entertainers that
they have worked to good advantage.
We hope that this year at Detroit the
numerical strength of the clans will be
such as to impress the philatelic public
as well as the non-philatelic populace
with the strength of the collecting
columns.

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The receipt of a letter from a famous
English philatelist in which he says that
he has no objection to commemorative
stamps so long as the manner of issuing
them is one tempered with reasonable re-
gard for postal necessities, is one that,
in our opinion, fittingly describes a con-
dition that certainly is not a theory but
a fact. We cannot believe that there will
be any pressure that collectors, even
working in unison, can bring to bear on
governments that will give a *quietus* to
all issues of the kind, but it is just as
well that collectors take a stand of digni-
fied reserve in contemplating commemora-
tive issues. It is evident that collectors
will never be at one in cases of the kind
and that there will be no unanimity of
opinion in regard to them. As years go
on, with the inevitable coming of further
celebration stamps, the number of special
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by the *London Philatelist*, it would
no violence to the ideas of any collector
for a line of demarcation to be drawn
between the regular and the commemora-
tive issues which could be strengthened
until the two kinds of stamps would
under separate categories. The work
moves and the practical man will
that there is no hope of entire abandon-
ment of the special stamp idea by all
governments of the world, but as long
as the proclivities in this regard of na-
tions are curbed, there is no philatelic
moralization of philatelic lines to be
feared. Years from now, we think
reasonable to say that the special stamp
will be segregated, to some extent from
the regulation issues, and it would be
just as well to begin the process now.
is our opinion that if the manifest ad-
vantages that come through a special
issue by reason of the advertising among
non-philatelists were not so fraught with
advantage to collecting as a whole,
should not be at all friendly to the
necessary stamps, but taking a broad
view of the subject, we cannot condemn
the occasional special issues by reputa-
countries in view of the help that they
give collecting through the advertising
that they do for our pursuit.

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Judging from reports in European co-
temporaries, the trade philatelic bod-
in different countries are doing much
eradicate abuses in their own ranks,
well as to do all they can to prevent
irregularities in the trade that is
associated with their organizations. We
welcome any effort on the part of re-
putable stamp dealers the world over
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black marks against them, and we think
that one of the necessary works to be
accomplished before philately can rise
to the heights is a house-cleaning in
commercial sense. We are aware that
there is an advance in the standards of
business conduct among dealers gener-
ally, but there are dealers who are
in the approved class who do much
damage to philately by imposing on col-
lectors who in some instances are im-
pelled to give up collecting by reason of
their exasperating experiences. In this
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that from year to year an advance is made. We learn of some of the shortcomings of dealers who are not generally recognized as such, and the collector should be striven for is to get them properly in the estimate of collectors. The philatelist who comes out the open and by his support of stamps shows that he is devoting real interest to the subject of stamps is in a position that is rather well protected because the information that he receives through the columns of the press are as to put him on his guard and it is a fair assumption that the collector devotes some time to stamp reading after equipped with knowledge than who collects in the dark. Every now then we hear of some grave impostor practised on a collector who is not in the circle, by a fly-by-night dealer, we have to admit that the remedy sharp practice of the kind is not easily found. The collector who is busily engaged in his pursuit certainly as a matter of insurance give heed to the stamp literature of the day, and it is not necessary that he develop a stamp student, he should at least get to some easy method of getting elementary ideas of stamp collecting. I believe that solitary collecting is as popular as it once was, and the wishing number of those who pursue in a secret way will soon be reduced to a corporal's guard. Nevertheless it behooves all those who work for improved conditions in philately to strive to make the pursuit safe and sane and of protection should be thrown out at the newcomer or the innocent collector may be defended against the of the stamp sharper. While the press made in this direction seems to very slow at times, yet, as has been from year to year, a betterment result; and as time goes on, the tone of philatic morality will improve, we believe, so that what in some circles is a drawback upon the fullest enjoyment of collecting will be removed to great satisfaction of all who wish the permanent success of our pursuit.

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But Shensi is unalterably opposed to a post-office. Sian has frequently been sounded on the subject by the foreign office in Peking, and the answer has always been strongly in the negative. A large part of the opposition of the Sianese to a regular mail service can be ascribed to their dislike of letters. Nineteenth of the citizens of Sian never write a letter from one year's end to the other. A letter is a means of communication with the outer world. To a certain extent it would bring the Sons of Han into touch with the foreigner, and is therefore to be avoided as a dangerous thing. The only institution of foreign origin in Sian is the telegraph office. The single wire of the Chinese Imperial Telegraph now penetrates the most remote districts of the Middle Kingdom, and over it are daily transmitted the government edicts and the orders to the mandarins, but, apart from these, two messages a month constitute a large business for a telegraph office in an interior town of 200,000 inhabitants. The "wire on the poles" is heartily disliked by most Shensi farmers, who regard it as the abode of an evil spirit, and one of the first acts of the Boxers was to destroy the line for hundreds of miles. Sian's telegraph office was established about eight years ago, but no one ever took it very seriously until the arrival of the exiled court, when it at once became the medium by which the Empress Dowager could daily scold Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching in Peking. The fact that the telegraph was used by the Emperor gave it a popularity with merchants and bankers that it had never enjoyed before. When I visited Sian the telegraph office employed four operators, one of whom enjoyed the distinction of being the only Chinaman in the city who could speak English. He had been brought from Nanking at the time of the peace negotiations, in order to facilitate the transmission of government-messages to representatives of the foreign allies."—From

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He shows examples of the two cent red brown, of 1883, showing thin, medium and thick papers. Most stamps of these issues were printed on papers of varying thicknesses and some of the exceedingly thin and exceedingly thick papers are scarce indeed.

Mr. Hermann sends a large number of the two cent 1883, showing various varieties of the shifted transfer. From what he sends, the shift on this stamp would seem to be rather prolific. Most of these shifts are slight, showing in an extra extension of the horizontal shading lines either to the left or the right of the design, in doubled lines in the pearls, extra line at the bottom, etc.

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Gilbert M. Burr, Meshoppen, Pa., submits some fine examples of minor varieties of revenues of the first issue perforated. He shows an example of the two cent Proprietary blue in which the word "Proprietary" at the bottom is badly shifted. Ornaments at bottom are shifted downward and the shifted lines show elsewhere on the stamp.

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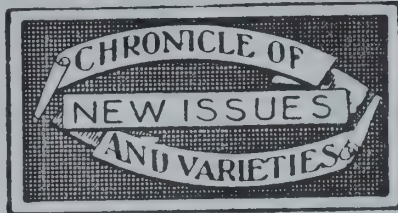
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United States.

New Plates Issued to May 24, 1924.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Paul Twyman, Acting Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we are able to continue our list of plate numbers and bring it up to and including those issued to May 24, 1924.

Plate No.	Denom.	Class.	No. of Series.	Subj.
15704-707	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
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15744-747	2c	Huguenot	1924	200
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15752-755	5c	Huguenot	1924	200
15756-759	1c	Huguenot	1924	200
15760-763	2c	Huguenot	1924	200
15764-765	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15766-769	2c	Huguenot	1924	200
15770-773	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15774-777	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
15778-785	1c	Huguenot	1924	200
15786-789	2c	Huguenot	1924	200
15790-793	2c	Book	1924	360
15794	7c	Ord.	1922	400
15795-797	14c	Ord.	1922	400
15798-801	11c	Ord.	1922	400
15802-803	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	400
15804-807	2c	Book	1922	360
15808-811	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
15812-819	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15820-823	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	400
15824-827	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
15828-829	2c	Due	1894	400
15830-833	3c	Due	1894	400
15834-837	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15838-841	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
15842-845	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15846-849	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
15850-853	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15854-859	5c	Due	1894	400
15860-863	10c	Due	1894	400
15864-867	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15868-871	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
15872-875	2c	Ord.	1922	400
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15878-885	2c	Ord.	1922	400
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15888-891	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
15892-895	6c	Ord.	1922	400
15896-899	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15900-903	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	400
15904-907	2c	Ord.	1922	400

15908-911	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
15912-915	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15916-923	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170

In the above list, we find all of the plates made for the Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary Stamps, and it is not likely that any more will be made, for I understand from the Department that they will make no further requisitions upon the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for a further lot, when the quantity originally ordered has been distributed. This included fifty million 1c, seventy-five million 2c, and five million 5c. In order to turn these out, it will be seen that the Bureau has made twelve 1c plates, twelve 2c plates and four 5c plates.

In the above series of plates, it will also be seen that the Bureau has made further postage due plates for each denomination. It will be noted that only two plates each were made for the 30c and 50c denomination, and these two sets of plates, making four in all, are generally printed from at the same time. The demand is so small that it is not necessary to make a full set of four plates.

We also have in this list, four new plates of the 11c Hayes the first that we have had since the original four plates were made.

Transcontinental Air Mail Service.

Under date of May 28th, the Information Service of the Post Office Department called the attention of the daily press to the fact that when a transcontinental air mail service begins on July 1st next, that the thousand mile lighted airway for night flying will have grown to nearly sixteen hundred miles, stretching out on the east from Chicago to Cleveland, and on the west from Cheyenne to Rock Springs, Wyoming. Equipment for lighting beacons to cover these two stretches has been ordered, and part of it is already on the ground awaiting erection. Before the first planes leave New York and San Francisco on July 1st, installation is expected to be completed.

Necessity for the extension of the lighting system is to guard against the possibility of delayed planes being caught by descending darkness before reaching the lighted airway, which at present begins at Chicago on the east and Cheyenne on the west.

Under the summer schedule, recently announced, planes will leave New York at 11 A. M., and San Francisco at 6 A. M., each day. The hours of departure are fixed at both ends to meet minimum conditions of fog. Under average weather conditions, planes will leave New York after the fog has cleared, and San Francisco before it has settled. It is anticipated, however, that, flying day in and day out throughout the year, planes will sometimes be delayed in their departure at New York, through the failure of the fog blanket to lift, and at San Francisco, because of its settling earlier in the morning. Then, too, is the possibility of delays caused by mechanical failure. Such delays, even if only of two or three hours, would necessitate the air mail pilots flying in total darkness for some distance before reaching the com-

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parative safety of the lighted airway it is at present. In extreme instances, would cause the abandonment of a tr in the interest of safety. These danger it is believed, will be avoided, through the extension of the lighting system, that when an air mail flyer is caught in the darkness, before reaching Chicago or Cheyenne, the lights may be turned on, furnishing him a brilliant and unmistakable pathway to his destination. It has been arranged to have an emergency landing field at twenty-five mile intervals, and these also will be illuminated, the illumination on a clear night being visible for about thirty miles.

We are endeavoring to prevail upon the Second Assistant Postmaster-General to arrange for special cancellations to be used on transcontinental air mail.

Bogus Perforated U. S. Stamps.

Our readers are further cautioned to use the utmost care in purchasing large United States part perforated varieties, or those with compound perforation which can be made from imperforated sheets, which are readily available. The pane of the Harding stamps with fraudulent horizontal perforations has come from a middle western city, while the rare 1c green of 1910 is coming in singles and blocks perforated both 10x and 12x10. Even the "TWO" cents perforated 11, Scotts, No. 519, is being made from the imperforated varieties. The work of the Bureau may be told to those familiar with the subject, for there are several tests known to students of plate issues. We have our suspicions as to the source of such varieties, and collectors are certainly cautioned to not buy such stamps from dealers of known reputation, who absolutely guarantee the genuineness of their property.

ANTIGUA.—The Colonial Postmaster Antigua in writing to Mr. W. E. Hughes informs him that there have been received at the colony 1d red, 1½d orange and 2½d blue all script watermark. The first two values there was received 1933 sheets and 430 sheets of 120 each respectively. Of the 2½d blue only 10 sheets of the same number came to hand and these have all been sold. Some of these stamps were sold by the Colonial Agents but the exact amount was not noted.

ARGENTINE.—1922 Issue. The *Revista Filatelica Americana* (Jan., 1923) illustrates a double print of the 5c red, wmk. multiple Suns. The copy is partially used.

Official Stamps have apparently been stolen on a large scale by various Ministry officials and have come into the possession of one Hiordan, on whose premises 15,000 have been found, and a movement is on foot to suppress the "initial" overprints to remove temptation.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

AUSTRIA.—The Air Stamps series is tardily completed, says *Sammeler-Woelke* by the addition of a 400kr value, in blue-green, type of 1922.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

BELGIUM.—Mr. Henry Hooreman advises that the Philatelic Exhibition of 1924 will open about June 1st, and is

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ROME.—Here, from the *Echo*, we give quantities printed of two issues lately issued: Regno d' Italia series (issued Feb. 25): All values to 1 lira, 1000 each; 2 lire, 111,300; 3 lire, 100; 5 lire, 25,500; Express 60c, 100; Express 2l, 50,300; Annessione Italia (issued March 1): All values 1 lira, 70,000 each; 2, 3, 5 lire and 2 press stamps, 60,000 each. They were sold out by March 3 and remained valid only till March 31. The remainder were given to the "Citta di Roma" organisation for relief of tubercular children. The total of the remainder was: 5c, 150,000; 10c, 254,000; 15c, 100; 20c, 80,000; 25c, 200,100; 30c, 100; 50c, 92,500; 60c, 491,300; 1l, 100; Express 60c, 50,000; Express 1l, 100. Of the 2, 3 and 5 lire there were remainders.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

GERMANY.—We have received from R. Roberts a 5pf green and 30pf in Renten Mark Currency..

POLAND.—At last Poland has its new currency and new currency stamps,

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to the present the following appeared:—1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 50 groszy, examples of which are to

hand from our Lodz correspondent, Mr. H. Berowicz, and also from Messrs. Bright & Son. The stamps in marks are no longer valid for postal use.

Our Lodz correspondent gives the values in marks, of which we have now complete sets:—

Small Eagle type 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 mark.

Large Eagle type: 25, 50, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 1,000, 2,000, 10,000, 20,000, 30,000, 50,000, 100,000, 200,000, 300,000, 500,000, 1,000,000, 2,000,000 marks.

The best values of these, says Mr. Berowicz, are the 8 mark, small type, and 400, 10,000 1,000,000, 2,000,000 marks of the large type.

Of the overprinted stamps there are: 10,000 on 25 mark, 20,000 on 2 mark, 25,000 on 20 mark, small and large size, and 50,000 on 10 mark and 100,000 on 5 mark.

1924. May 1st. New Eagle type, in laureated medallion flanked by fasces. Inscribed "POCZTA POLSKA" at top and "GROSZ," "GROSZE," or "GROSZY" at foot, with numerals of denomination either side. Thin white wove paper. No wmk. Perf. 12.

1 grosz brown. 10 groszy blue-green.
2 grosze drab. 15 groszy red.
3 grosze orange. 20 groszy ultramarine.
5 groszy green. 30 groszy violet.
50 groszy purple.

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us three new values in the familiar Due type, viz:—

Postage Due: 300,000 mk. indigo, 2,000,000 mk. indigo, 3,000,000 mk. indigo.—*Stamp Collecting*.

RUSSIA.—Current Series. New values. Perf. 14½. Typographed? 8 kopeks, olive, Worker; 30 kopeks, violet, Peasant; 40 kopeks, slate, Soldier.

These stamps are not yet issued for sale from the post-offices, but have already been exported abroad by the Bureau for Philately in order that the official body will be able to meet dealers' demands before private traders, who smuggle out stamps bought in Moscow,

will be able to compete.

The set of 4 Lenin Memorial stamps (3, 6, 12 and 20 kopeks) are now issued perf. 14. It is untrue that it is compulsory to use one of these stamps on every letter. (The letter I received bearing this information was franked by two 10 kopek blue perforated stamps.)

Towards the close of last year a series of airport stamps was prepared bearing a vignette of an aeroplane in flight. This series was not issued, as, by the time it was prepared, the Air Mail service was suspended for the winter, but it is now appearing surcharged in gold values as follows: 5 kopeks on 3 roubles, blue; 10 kopeks on 5 roubles, pale green; 15 kopeks on 1 rouble, light brown; 20 kopeks on 10 roubles rose-red.

The *Echo* reports an addition to the "Workman" type: 8 kopeks brown, perf. 14.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the new set of stamps for this colony. They are printed by Waterlow and Sons, Ltd., and is very similar to the issue of Rhodesia. The colors and values are as follows: ½d green, 1d bright scarlet, 1½d bistre, 2d grey, 3d Prussian blue, 4d orange red and black, 6d lilac and black, 8d grey green and violet, 10d scarlet and blue, 1sh blue and black, 1s6d orange and black, 2sh brown and black, 2s6d sepia and blue and 5sh green and blue.

Whitfield King & Co., call our attention to a mistake in a recent issue where we reported a new series for Southern Nigeria. This should have been chronicled under the head of Southern Rhodesia and we appreciate Whitfield King & Co.'s correction.

TONGA.—Mr. Eugene Klein has sent for chronicle the set of stamps with the overprint "Two Pence" at the top and "Peni-e-ua" at the base. The following values have been overprinted: 5d, 7½d, 10d and 1sh values of the 1920-21, series in blue and the 2sh, 2s6d and 5sh of the 1897 set in red.

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A CORRECTION.

Warner Bates calls our attention to an error in a recent number of the *WEEKLY*. We regret the same but can take comfort in the fact that our publication is singularly free from errors when one considers the possibilities in that direction. As Mr. Bates covers the matter so well in his letter we will simply make the following quotation from it:—

"In MEKEEL's for May 19, you ran a cut of an illustration made by Major C. H. Bonesteel showing a plate variety on the three cent department stamps (I forget which department) with an article regarding minor varieties on the three cent green.

I don't remember whether Major Bonesteel's article that went with this cut has been run previously, but at any rate the appearance of this cut with an article regarding three cent green varieties will be mighty confusing to the readers of your valuable magazine so I hope you will print an explanatory note in the near future."



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RHODESIAN REMAINDERS.

Statement by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd.

So many inaccurate reports and unfounded rumours have been spread about recently respecting the sale of certain Rhodesian remainders, that we think it best to put on record the actual facts as they occurred.

In the latter portion of September last, the British South Africa Company approached our firm for advice with respect to the sale of the remainders of all past issues of British South Africa and Rhodesia which they had on hand. It is, of course, common knowledge that for many years past it has been possible for anyone to obtain supplies of the current issue and of many of the previous issues, unused, at face value, from the Company's Head Office in London Wall. The administration of Southern Rhodesia has now passed into the hands of the Government of Southern Rhodesia, and with a special issue of stamps for that territory already in preparation there arose the question of the disposal of stocks of the previous issues remaining on hand.

The Company were apparently under the impression that it might be possible to sell the greater part of the stocks at face value. In view of the very large total quantity of stamps on hand, we informed them that that was impossible, and our unhesitating advice to them was that they should burn the whole stock.

This advice, however, was not acceptable, and they felt they were bound to proceed with the sale of the stamps, and naturally endeavoured to obtain as much as possible for them.

In view of the large amount of money put into the unused stamps of British

South Africa and Rhodesia by collectors, during a period of over thirty years, our first concern in which we had the sympathetic concurrence of the Company, was to safeguard the interests of such collectors, who had invested in these issues in good faith. We would emphasise the fact that the stamps had to be sold. It was for us merely a question whether we should take or leave them. If we took them, we should be able to ensure that the deal was carried through with the least possible detriment to the interests of stamp collectors. If we left them, the stock might very easily get into the hands of those who would consider nothing but their own interests, and who might very easily have caused a severe slump in the issues of a popular and interesting country.

We therefore made an offer for the entire stock of stamps, which the Company agreed to accept.

Then arose the all-important question of the demonetisation of the stamps concerned, which had, of necessity, to take the form of a cancellation, in order to prevent the stamps from being used for postage. Here a difficulty arose. The cancellation of this large stock by means of an overprinted word, "CANCELLED," was expensive, and was not desired. Remembering a similar case, where a stock of British Colonial stamps was sold, cancelled by an india-rubber stamp in violet, which experience proved was not effectual (sheets of these stamps having been subjected to a certain treatment which entirely removed the cancellation), there remained no alternative but a portmark, in some shape or form. It was therefore suggested that the Company themselves should cancel every stamp on their own premises and with their own cancelling stamps, everything being carefully checked afterwards, and not one single unused stamp escaping.

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500 Varieties, all countries	..	1.00	2.25	20.
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300 Varieties	2.25	5.50	16.50	..
400 Varieties	3.00	8.50
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100 Varieties	1.75	7.
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200 Varieties	..	2.20	5.75	..
300 Varieties	1.75	4.50	12.75	..
500 Varieties (mounted in book—\$3.75)	3.50	9.50	30.00	..
1,000 Varieties (mounted in book—\$13.50)	12.50	36.50
1,500 Varieties (mounted in book—\$32.50)	29.50	81.00
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50 Varieties	1.10	10.
100 Varieties	..	1.00	2.90	27.
200 Varieties	..	3.50	10.00	..
400 Varieties	..	9.00	25.00	..
500 Varieties	4.50	12.50	40.00	..
1,000 Varieties (mounted)	17.50
1,500 Varieties (mounted)	45.00	115.00
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Prominence has been given to the suggestion that a large number of complete sets of all the issues have been thrown on the market as a result of this deal, to the detriment of ordinarily used copies, but, as a matter of fact, the number of complete sets of all the issues is absolutely negligible, as will be seen from the following figures. In the entire stock there were complete sets as follows:—

1891 issue	269 sets
1895 issue	1080 sets
1897 issue	408 sets
1898 issue	406 sets
Victoria Falls issue	116 sets

"RHODESIA" overprinted issue 271 sets
1910 issue 174 sets

No remainders of the current (King's portrait) type were either offered or available.

Many inaccurate statements have been made concerning the number of abnormal varieties, such as imperf., or partly perf. stamps, found in the stock. As a matter of fact the number of varieties found in the stock is extraordinarily small, when one considers the huge number of stamps concerned. In the total stock of 2,700,000 stamps (mostly low values) the only varieties found were:—
1896 issue. 3d. One sheet was found with the bottom row, only, imperf. between.
1897 issue. 8d. A sheet of this value was found, after cancellation, with the top row part perf.

1898 issue. 2s6d. Two portions of different sheets were found imperf. between, to the number of 80 pairs.
1905 issue. 1s. A sheet was found imperf. between.
1909 issue. £1. A sheet was found, the bottom row of which was without the overprint "RHODESIA."

With the exception of the variety of the 8d, 1897 issue, the few varieties

enumerated above were found by British South Africa Company and were put aside by them, and we were able to acquire these stamps at face value, unused condition.

With regard to the £1 value of 1910 issue (wrong colour) the facts are as follows:—

In October, 1910, 500 stamps out of 550 printed of this value were despatched to Southern Rhodesia in the first consignment of the then new issue (1910) and were returned to London in following December owing to a similar in colour to the 10d denomination.

The above-mentioned quantity was turned to stock, and the total of stamps was included in the figures given to us in connection with the sale of remainder. Since postal cancellation of this case would have caused great confusion, we agreed to the destruction of 450 of these stamps on condition that they were allowed to retain 100 in unused condition.

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As has been said, many of those who competed expressed themselves as interested in philatelic puzzle work, and even though some of these correspondents did not send in complete sets of answers, yet they said that they enjoyed the hunt for the missing links.

We acknowledge with thanks the interest shown by the numerous entries and trust that those who have not been named in the list of awards will feel that the time spent by them in their attempts to identify the parts of stamps was not wholly in vain. An added general knowledge of stamps is gained by anyone who goes in a competition of this kind.

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By A. G. ELLIOTT 3rd.

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Mr. Guest has been a regular advertiser in the WEEKLY for several years and attributes his success in recruiting new members for the Society largely due to the replies to his continuous advertising. "J. E." is a born optimist, a likeable kind of a fellow, whose one ambition seems to be to render a real service to the members of the Society and philately at large.

Mr. Guest has been a regular attendant at the annual conventions of the Society for the past several years and will be on hand at the August meeting in Detroit.

If you are not a member of the American Philatelic Society you are invited to become one and join hands with Mr. Guest, and the other officers and members of the Society in putting organized Philately on a more permanent basis in the U. S.

THE PHILATELIC INSTRUCTOR.

By STEPHEN G. RICH.

Comment on "The Philatelic Instructor," Chapter I, by Dr. Francis M. Botelho, in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, May 26, 1924, by Stephen G. Rich, Ph. D., Box 13, Essex Fells, N. J. (Instructor in Physics, Union Hill High School, Weehawken, N. J.).

I think, first of all, that Dr. Botelho is doing a most useful piece of work in writing this set of articles. There is just one trouble: they are published in a paper that reaches those who are already philatelists. I should like to see them reprinted in other papers; and I suggest that "Education," published by the Palmer Co., 120 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass., might care for them. Possibly the Educational Review, Garden City, N. Y., might also care for them.

I find myself in disagreement with the last paragraph of Dr. Botelho's first article on one or two items. When he talks of "cultivation of orderliness and continuity," he goes on the unwarranted assumption that there are such general qualities or "faculties" of mind, and that cultivation of them in one line of activity carries with it any improvement in them in other lines. During the past fifteen years there have been made a large number of studies of such alleged transfers or spreadings of training, and the net result is to show that the extent

and amount of generalized training, spread, or transfer is so little as to be negligible. The evidence in the case is well summarized in two chapters of the book, "Educational Psychology" by D. Starch, published by Macmillan.

The case for philately as a hobby is sufficiently strong without this appeal to non-existent "general training" or "formal discipline." The case is only weakened by the inclusion of such irrelevant and fantastic arguments.

If Dr. Botelho will only look among his philatelic friends he will find that those who have acquired orderliness since coming into philatelic activity do not carry it over into dress, business, bookkeeping, etc. He will find that those who already had it in a few lines only before coming into philatelic activities carry only a small part of it with them into this line, and have to learn it anew in the new field. Those who have it in many other phases of life carry more of it into philately. The same holds true of "continuity"—a term of such vague variety of meaning that its inclusion in the article in question is likely to give rise to as many conflicting interpretations of the sense of the phrase as there are readers.

Transfer or spread of training or habits takes place to a large degree only when consciously and purposely undertaken by the person involved. Its occurrence is so erratic, so unpredictable and usually so small in amount and found in so few persons as to make it unwise to pay attention to it as an outcome to be expected.

UNITED STAMP SOCIETIES.

The 6th Annual Convention of the U. S. S. was held at the American House Boston, Mass., on Sat., May 31, 1924. The following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: Pres., T. H. Ames, Montclair, N. J.; 1st Vice-Pres., F. L. Wood, Worcester, Mass.; 2nd Vice-Pres., H. S. Dunhaupt, Hackensack, N. J.; Sec., E. L. Clark, Lynn, Mass.; Treas., T. H. Boston, Mass. Worcester, Mass., was chosen for the seat of the 1925 convention. T. H. Ames was given a rising vote of thanks for settling the Sales Dept. tangle last year. The convention ratified the constitution as printed in the 1923 year book (additional copies may be secured from the Sec.). The president and Board of Governors were requested to reappoint J. W. Chew, of Philadelphia, Pa., as general sales manager. After the business session the delegates were taken to dinner as guests of the Suburban Stamp and Curio Club of Boston.

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can't or can't travel, and for those who
have a special bent towards ownership
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governed by any rules; and it can be pur-
sued at any time and does not need a
partner.

It develops wariness, ambition, perse-
verance and the capacity not to be
deterred by difficulties. Also it definitely
increases knowledge and improves the
mind. I doubt whether any form of col-
lecting has been so bitterly condemned
the superior as stamp collecting. And
nobody can seriously collect stamps
without learning a lot about history and
geography and economics and trans-
port—not to mention the craft of print-
ing and the craftiness of politicians,
monarchs and permanent officials.

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it develops the sense of beauty; for
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months careful search through Italian and French cities has resulted
in a collection we think it would be hard to duplicate. The lot is par-
ticularly strong in Italian States—Two Sicilies, Roman States, Tuscany,
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Professor of Railway Mechanical Engineering, Nanyang University.

III. THE STAMPS.

1. The Unofficial Issues.

From the beginning of its history
regular United States stamps were in
use at the Shanghai postal agency.
These were sold for U. S. currency
(easily procured in Shanghai—it was just
four hundred feet to the nearest ex-
change shop)—or for Chinese money at
a rate of exchange which was fixed
about once a month. "Enter the villain,"
in the person of the exchange problem.
China is a silver standard country which
has a currency on a non-fiduciary basis:
that is, the coin is only valued for the
silver it contains. The Chinese dollar
varies in value relative to the gold dollar
from day to day, exactly as does the
Mexican currency more familiar to most
Americans, upon which the Chinese
dollar is indeed based. The subsidiary
coins, being of varying degrees of
fineness, change in value not only with
the gold dollar but with the silver dollar
as well, hence double exchange lists were
required—the value of silver relative to
gold, and the value of "small money"
relative to the silver dollar. This worked
reasonably well as long as the variation
in the value ratio was not great. Other
offices provided themselves with stamps
evaluated in Chinese currency. (French
1907, German 1905, Russian 1917, Italian
1918: note that values of the British
stamps are expressed in cents, the Hong-
kong dollar being almost identical with
the China dollar.) The Japanese post-
office sold stamps at the rate of a cent
for a sen when the value of the dollar
fell below that of the yen; when it was
higher, an allowance was made on the
exchange.

By 1917 it will be seen that all of the
offices except that of the United States
were "on the map" philatelically, and
there were a considerable number of
resident American collectors who had a
longing to be on this map too! Finally
under the urge of this feeling, Post-
master Darrah brought a small hand
press into the office and overprinted a
considerable number of values (though
of some probably only one sheet) with
the words "SHANGHAI CHINA" in
two lines in neat sans-serif capitals
similar to the 1908 "Congo Belge" sur-
charge (see current Standard Catalog,
p. 337). The stamps thus overprinted
were the perf. 10 series to \$1, also the
13c 1902, which was still on sale here.

A rubber stamp reading "SHAI
CHINA" in two lines of letters similar
to the Guam surcharge but slightly
smaller was also applied liberally to
parcels post stamps, including the "dues,"
and there were plenty of fancy varie-
ties—doubles, inverts, etc., available.
The writer has a local cover "franked"
with a two-cent parcels-post-due, with
the surcharge inverted. Needless to say
this action on the part of the postal
agent called down sharp censure from
the Department. It has not been possible
to trace any of these stamps to America,
and the writer would very much like to
know whether any covers bearing these
have been seen at home and if they were
taxed on arrival. The local collectors
and dealers bought them up eagerly,
and such are still floating are held at big
prices, the Chinese dealers meanwhile
being greatly troubled because they can
not be found in the catalog!

2. The Regular Issue.

Early in 1919 the value of the silver
dollar began to move erratically after a
steady upward climb due to conditions
related to the war. As a result the
periodic postings of sale prices of the
stamps in "Mex" were frequently quite
out of line with the hour-by-hour bank
exchange quotations. This opened up
speculation possibilities, and resulted in
big runs on the stamp window when
buying conditions were favorable. One
old resident tells of at least one day
when a gold dollar as such would buy
fifty two-cent stamps, but changed into a
silver dollar and some "small money" it
would buy sixty-one of them! The
standard stamp booklets were hawked
in places frequented by Americans at a
few cents discount. The attempt to sell
stamps for U. S. money (i.e., "gold")—
even ten-cent pieces being so called—
worked so much inconvenience to the
casual *bona fide* patrons of the office
that the distinctive stamps became an ab-
solute necessity. The first consignment
was put on sale in May, 1919, the issue
consisting as is well known of all values
(except the 11c) from 1c to \$1
surcharged

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2c
CHINA,

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only, while the overprinted ones were

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value of the silver dollar was above
fifty cents gold the government derived
a big profit off of the exchange—and of
course all large users of stamps bought
in gold only. Many smaller firms how-
ever became alive to the philatelic possi-
bilities, and found that the value of
cancelled overprinted stamps was con-
siderably greater than the premium on
their purchase, and hence it would be
expected that used copies of the higher
values should be disproportionately com-
mon. When the value of the silver
dollar fell below fifty cents gold the
overprinted stamps were taken off of sale
and only "gold stamps" sold, in order
that the former might not be sold below
their gold face value. The overprinted
stamps remained on sale until September,
1920, when they were taken off of the
counter and not returned until October,
1921. After this they continued on sale
until the closing of the office except for
a brief period in February, 1922.

3. The Second Printing.

When the Philatelic Agency of the
Stamp Division was opened in 1922, the
Shanghai overprint set was placed on
sale there, and collectors who purchased
these stamps immediately discovered
that a second printing had taken place,
slight differences being discernible in
every value. In most denominations
both printings were necessary for com-
parison before these differences could be
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in a slightly deeper shade of rose-carmine; the three is much more violet than the original printing; the six in a brighter orange; the eight and twelve are the respective sub-varieties listed by Scott (olive bistre and claret brown in place of olive and brown-carmine) while the fifty is more blue than the original. It has been stated on the best of authority that the stamps placed on sale at Washington were actually returned from Shanghai, but some doubt must be cast upon this by the fact that at various times during the last year there were acute shortages of certain values in the Shanghai Agency and when new supplies arrived they were in every case (with four notable exceptions) replaced with identical stamps of the first printing. Further, it is absolutely certain that no stamps of the denominations most needed (one and two cent gold values) of the second printing had been received in Shanghai until after July 15th, and they had been on sale in Washington previous to this. (This fact is proved by the necessity for the local provisionals.)

The four exceptions to which reference has been made are the one-cent, two-cent, eight-cent and twelve-cent values. The twelve-cent claret brown was placed on sale about August 1st. The eight-cent olive-bistre was placed on sale almost the last day—December 30th, probably, and used copies are very scarce indeed. It will be noted that the catalog does not recognize this variety; there is no possible objection to its legitimacy, for while it could doubtless have been dispensed with, it was really needed and was placed on sale under the regular conditions on the exhaustion of the supply of the stamps of the first printing. The other two values are mentioned in the next section.

4. The Local Provisionals.

Having purchased a set of the second printing from Washington the writer was constantly on the lookout for their appearance here. On July 3rd a casual purchase of a few one's and two's brought a great surprise—surface printed two-cent-stamps with an entirely new overprint, the letters smaller, the work obviously lithography, and the abbreviation "Cts." in place of "c". A very discreet stamp-clerk after much "pumping"

admitted that they were an emergency issue locally made, and that only the two values were so treated. Further information was not forthcoming, and the remainder has been secured from Washington: there were two hundred panes of each denomination lithographically surcharged by a native press here in Shanghai; the business was handled through the Chinese compradore of the Consulate and the name of the printer is now unknown. The stones were destroyed immediately. (Note: the day of the finishing of this story, a Chinese dealer has told the writer of being offered obvious "fakes" of the 2c, which is here regarded as much the rarer of the two values. Watch out for them!) The one-cent stamp used for the overprinting was the regular engraved variety, and the following plates have been seen: 10599, 11729, 11787, 11790, and 11792. (Additions to the list gratefully received.) The two cent stamp is the surface printed variety (Die VI), and all are from plate 13129. No errors of any kind have been found; missing letters, doubles and inverts are pleasingly absent. Of course the process of making the overprint would result in minor variations; the most notable of these is in the varied form of the stop after "Cts," which ranges from almost a perfect circle to a rectangle. The variation is not consistent when panes are compared, proving it to be largely in the inking.

The combined philatelic and postal demand cleaned these stamps up very quickly and they were replaced by the regular overprint after about eleven days of currency. But when the new one- and two-cent stamps arrived there was another surprise: the one-cent was the same as the stamp bought from the Washington Agency, but the two cent was neither the same as the first printing or the Agency stamp, but in a new shade of deep carmine with a lake tinge. Whether there was actually a third printing or whether there were two distinct lots of stamps overprinted "4c" in the second printing is unknown, but the latter is probably the case. The fact remains: all of the deep-carmine-lakes came to Shanghai, and all of the rose-carmines went to the Agency in Washington; no Shanghai collector at least ever received the former from Washington and the latter was never on sale in Shanghai.

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IV. GENERAL NOTES.

Validity of the stamps in America: the writer has seen many covers and parcels prepaid from American mail points with Shanghai overprinted stamps; many of these have been delivered here in Shanghai without extra charge; the writer has several which passed through the New York post-office, obtained by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to a bank for the monthly statement.

Covers: From the beginning satisfactory covers were difficult to obtain. Values except the two lowest were frequently removed from the envelopes before delivery: the writer has seen a cover from which the "Shanghai" was removed and an unsurcharged (six-cent) was put in its place and the cancellation clumsily faked. The registry cancellation was very unsatisfactory from philatelic standpoint, the impression usually dirty and the date illegible.

Profit from the sale of surcharged stamps: there were, of course, additions to the postal revenue as a result of the sale of the stamps, but these were a large share of the receipts. This is proved by the fact that the receipts for 1921 (through most of which the stamps

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ere not on sale) were materially larger in 1920 (through which they were a sale.)

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ADDENDA

(1.) I made the statement that Shanghai has the largest American colony and this is generally believed here. However, I have recently seen figures indicating that there are a much larger number of temporary residents at least in Paris.

(2.) Re the unofficial surcharges: since writing the notes I have also seen a perf. 12 set with the "SHANGHAI, CHINA" overprint.

(3.) The report of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing quoted by Mr. Ward in the WEEKLY for Dec. 10th—last complete paragraph on p. 642—confirms my statement that there was a third printing of the 2c, and evidently of the one-cent as well, though the color difference in this was too slight to be noticed.

AGENCY WILL HANDLE ENVELOPES.

W. Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster-General, writes Hon. E. R. Cushman, M. C., on a matter of philatelic interest as follows:—

"On my return to the office today, I read your letter of May 23d, addressed to the Philatelic Agency, in which you close a letter to you from Mr. F. G. Lloyd of Rosindale, Mass., who desires to have the Philatelic Agency offer for sale all current issues of stamped envelopes.

This office has had some correspondence with Mr. Lloyd with respect to his suggestion, and about a year ago he was informed that the Agency would undertake to do this work as soon as sufficiently trained clerks could be obtained, as well as proper storage facilities, to take care of this additional task.

The Agency is now operating to its fullest capacity, by reason of the recent issuance of the Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary series. However, it is intended to place on sale at the Agency all current issues of stamped envelopes in the very near future. In fact, arrangements are now being made for obtaining storage space to handle the envelopes conveniently. As these envelopes of the current series consist of approximately 90 varieties, it is necessary to secure such storage space that will be easily accessible to the employees in the Agency.

The Philatelic Agent has been instructed to order a supply of all current stamped envelopes as soon as the present emergency is over, and it is believed that Mr. Lloyd, or any other collector, can obtain envelopes of the current series on hand after August 1, 1924.

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Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The ballots and proxy blanks of the American Philatelic Society are out. There is one ticket in the field, that headed by P. M. Wolsieffer, and thus, Mr. Wolsieffer and his running mates are assured of election.

—Mr. J. H. Prince of Chicago reported some time ago that he had the current two cent, perforated ten, pre-cancelled Chicago, New York and Waterloo, Iowa.

—The Philadelphia Branch of the American Philatelic Society held its last meeting of the season on June 12th, when Mr. James E. Hughes showed his collection of stamps and rarities on original covers, according to the programme.

—We relay the warning from *Stamp Collecting* "that some spurious Transjordanian overprinted on Hedjass stamps have found their way from the east."

—The British Philatelic Congress was scheduled for the week of June 2nd at Glasgow and a "crowded week" was anticipated by the collectors who were to attend the meeting, which no doubt accomplish no little serious work of lasting benefit to our pursuit.

—M. C. A.—The address you desire is Philatelic Agency, Washington, D. C. You may remit by certified check, money-order, or by currency in a registered letter.

—We have received from Vahan Moizian a card postmarked May 26. He

informs us that the Brussels Exposition opened the previous day with so large a crowd that it was necessary to wait in a long line in order to go in. Besides himself, Messrs. Lichtenstein and Toasperm of New York and J. R. Taylor of Trenton, N. J., are representing the United States.

—At the meeting of Branch 18 of the A. P. S. at Philadelphia held June 12, James E. Hughes exhibited his fine collection of stamps on original covers.

—J. A. Bigelow, 290 Thatcher Ave., River Forest, Ill., would like the address of H. H. Hamilton, formerly located at Galt, Ont., Canada.

—Bryan, the son of the accommodating postmaster of St. Kitts-Nevis, George King, to whom philatelists are indebted for many courtesies, has just won a coveted honor among West Indian students, the Leeward Islands Scholarship for study in English. He is an "honor student."

—Of all the flighty cases, that involving the alleged Graceland Philatelic Club and its sponsor, Archer, seems to be highest in the air. If it were not for the fact that some of the dealers who sent stamps before writing to the "references," the thing would be a farce. It will be interesting to hear if any of the promises made on behalf of Archer are kept. Harry's Music Shop has removed from the premises on North Clark Street that it occupied when Archer received his mail there.

—In Frederick O'Brien's "Mystic Isles of the South Seas," he gives an amusing account of the delivery of mail under difficulties. "The captain added an anecdote to the entertainment (*en route* from

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San Francisco to Tahiti). 'Passing from Fiji to Samoa' he said, 'I had to leave the mail at Ninafore in the Tongan Islands. It is a tiny isle three miles long by as wide, an old crater in which is a lagoon, hot springs, and every sign of the devastation of many eruptions. The mail for Ninafore was often only a single letter and a few newspapers. We sealed them in a tin can, and when we met the postmaster at sea, we threw it over. He would be three miles out swimming with a small boy under his arm for support.'

—Fontaine Fox, the newspaper artist, uses one of the oldest of philatelic themes in a recent six picture strip. He shows one boy asking another if he collects stamps and when the innocent victim says that he would like to have the stamp that the inquisitor presumably has for him, the joker stamps on his foot. This is one of the hoariest of stamp jokes but this is the first occasion that it has been made the subject of pictorial mirth by one of the first artists of the land.

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—Mr. H. A. Diamant of St. Louis, passed through Chicago on his return from New York recently.

—The following paragraph appeared recently in Riq's Column in the Chicago Post:

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EDITORIAL.

An editorial that we have mentioned that appeared in a number of the papers published in the middle-west under the same management that concluded its sage observations with the statement that stamp collecting "offers little enticement" to the average man, came to us from a number of readers, one of whom took occasion to say, with some bitterness, that philately was yet a long distance from the haven of security. We can understand why a man who has the good of philately at heart would be a little bit discouraged at finding these sentiments in an intelligent newspaper service, and if he were inclined to be pessimistic, he would have a little thread on which to string his pearls. The fact of the matter is the editor of a newspaper pants for inspiration at times, and lacking it, the writing of his daily dole is not carried out with the enthusiasm that may be popularly supposed to permeate the editorialist when he is at work. For all we know the brainy boy who manufactured the editorial in question dictated it to his stenographer while his thoughts were far away on a fishing trip or on the golf links. Then again, his idea of stamp collecting, no doubt, is that held by so many men that it was something for the youth and not for the man of years. It is rather a safe editorial policy to slam any cult or class that seems to be vague and nebulous because it is not likely that there will be a recoil in such a case. We do not wish to be considered irritated by the editorial in question, and its inglorious finishing touch, but we think that the editor who is responsible for it ground it out in a mechanical way without really knowing much of anything about present-day philately. We agree that philately is not for the masses and that it does not appeal to many who are intelligent and proper in every way, but taken as a whole, the stamp collectors are of a class representative of the best in all walks of business and social life. We do not believe that we have anything to fear from a frank discussion in a public way about the reaction of the adult to philately, and philatelists who are in the swim well know that the additions latterly to the ranks of collectors are persons older than the average recruit of some years ago.

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It is not to be denied that there are persons who have an affinity for stamps. They take to collecting naturally, and

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it is not necessary to encourage them to become interested in the pursuit. However, we dare not depend upon these persons to furnish the bulk of the new adherents as they are not met with in mass groups. The most promising field for recruiting is among those who have never had an opportunity to decide whether or not collecting appealed to them. It is only by bringing squarely before these outsiders some evidence of collecting that they will be able to choose the collecting path, if they are inclined toward stamps. It is quite necessary that the collector be willing to speak of stamps on occasion when he may do so without lugging in the subject by the heels. By this means he may introduce philately to some who may become well acquainted with it. These remarks are consequent of an ingenious test that is to be made by a philatelist who is interested in the growth of the pursuit. He says that he is going to see whether any average expectation may be arrived at through his efforts to bring outsiders face to face with stamps. He will discover, he hopes, that there will be a certain percentage of recruits that will follow a presentation of philately to them. If one out of twenty-five strangers to stamps will enlist in the cause, the percentage would be relatively high. If in double that number there would be one recruit, the proportion would be two per cent, and so on up or down the scale. While he is working out his calculations, it would be interesting if other collectors who meet many people in the course of the week or month would likewise try to arrive at some average that could be proved by experimentation with a good number of outsiders. We shall hope to hear that the percentage of possibilities is higher than we anticipate.

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In one of his excellent handbooks on elementary stamp collecting, Mr. Fred J. Melville, president of the Junior Philatelic Society, tells of an amusing incident of a fond mother who asked little Gussie to show Mr. Melville, who had made his appearance as a guest, his stamp collection. Thereupon it is represented that Gussie "staggered into the room a few minutes later under the weight of a thumping big book which might well have broken the back of Atlas." Evidently the collection that needed a book as big as a dictionary to house it would

be one well into the thousands, but it seems that the 470 varieties that Gussie proudly claimed title to were lost on the stretch of pages in the big volume. It is incongruous to find a \$10.00 collection in a \$5.00 album, and it is very much better for the beginner to go slow on the album proposition. It is certain that the owner of a few hundred stamps that are scattered through a large number of pages must soon get tired of looking for what, relatively, is a needle in the haystack, and nothing more tedious could be imagined for a non-philatelic onlooker to be cornered to see the stamp collection. The inference is that it is a mistake to start the beginner or the young collector with a pretentious album. There is a discord between a fine album and a handful of stamps that are selected by one having only a rudimentary knowledge of the rules of collecting, and it is far better to have a lot of stamps that are worthier a better habitation than is given them than to have stamps that are not worthy the fittings with which they are surrounded. If the attention of the boy is to be sustained, it is necessary that the specimens be arranged closely enough to make the story that is told by the stamps one that is practically uninterrupted. It is mistaken kindness for a parent or patron of a young collector to give him an expensive album at first; it is far better that the amount spent for a costly stamp book be expended on stamps, in the beginning.

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One of our adult collectors makes complaint that the common stamp is neglected and that its praises as a unit in the collecting scheme have not been sung sufficiently. In fact, he becomes quite eloquent over the humble stamp and says that in the economy of philately it occupies a place as worthily as does the great rarity. He maintains that the appearance of commonness that is the result of familiarity with its design is greatly lessened by perfect condition. In other words, he repeats in a somewhat romantic way what we have at different times alleged, and that is that a collection of cheap stamps with each specimen in fine condition is as impressive in many respects as a collection of rarities. We do not seem to grasp any reason for the exploitation of one stamp over another, but it is to be admitted that rarity in a stamp is a distinct attribute, and the specimen

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MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS.

Hebrides.—In this out-of-the-way or the condominium still drags on, though not always very smoothly. The fish-speaking population of Euro-origins is very small, and their grievances are not always heard. One of the complaints was that they were not to buy at their own post-office ade-stocks of the provisionals issued in and previous year. The fact was, were only overprinted in sufficient ers to meet the estimated normal ements when the shortage occurred, at when about 4000 of a 1d. provi-l stamp was the total printed, it was natural that orders for 1000 from duals usually purchasing in dozens refused, whilst European dealers practically unable to get any first from the post-office, and have had y on certain holders in Port Villa managed, despite restrictions, to get y hundred together. When it was that certain denominations, e. g., l. on 40c., existed on various shades watermarks, the excitement became and prices temporarily rose far what prices have been, so far, here.

Other reason for the small numbers that comparatively small stocks only kept in hand of the odd and high s, such as 5d to 5sh that were em-l to meet the deficit. The scarcity ese provisionals was emphasized in icle in these columns last year, and st set mentioned as one likely to ate. There are also values in the et which exist in still smaller num-Of those available at popular the 1d./5d. and 2d./40c. may be oned as likely to show a good re-bing in demand in France and in n, and being necessary in any Colo-lection.

re has been a tendency in the past ly sell these in sets including the varieties, so that many collectors left them alone, but they are now able separately, and in view of the facts a substantial rise may be safely predicted.

Palestine.—Reference was recently in these columns to stocks of high- Palestine. These referred chiefly current issue, but some of the 1st and overprint were also included, ese had a much shorter life than ndon overprint now in use and are as most likely to improve. It is to be some time yet before the prop-ictorial issue actually materializes. tors interested in the financial side ave noticed that length of time in does not always prove a reliable on of the value of stamps in mint ion. For used varieties, however, ese Palestines, which were all em-l for genuine postal or telegraph and not cancelled by favour or "on" the length of time an issue was in a much more reliable factor to ler.

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trying to realize on stocks of these issues recently, unless they have been something very much out of the ordinary, will have realized the truth of this with some force, as the prices generally fetched in an open market are quite small for collections, often hardly repaying the time and materials used in their collection and storage, let alone interest on the sum originally spent. It is also worth studying the official quotations of the exchanges before buying, as the rates current in London for some of the recently established so-called "gold currencies" are often rather instructive. Followers of the Exchanges will also notice that the rupee has been rising slightly and is now nearer 1/6 and that whilst many newspaper quotations give the par value as 154d, others still give the war-time figure of 2sh, at which point it was attempted to stabilize it when silver was so dear.

Dies and Papers.—The existence of two dies of certain K. George stamps does not seem to be making very much difference to the prices realized for these as such, collectors probably being content in the main to collect on the lines of definite shades and rejecting the multiplication of minor varieties unless to elucidate obscure points.

Coloured papers continue popular, although different shades seem to be the ones most sought after from time to time. First the white backs, then the emeralds, and now the buffs. These latter generally had only a short life and are quite distinct in daylight. Amongst the stamps worth picking up on this paper are the 3d stamps of Caymans, Leewards, Malta and other small colonies.

The lemon papers are also scarce, although not always so readily distinguished. In some cases they may be priced at the same figure as the ordinary yellow paper, although in reality much scarcer.

A good example of this is in the Jamaica 1st War Local, which exists on yellow, lemon and white-backed papers. The lemon is much scarcer than the yellow, although both are priced at the same figure, 2s6d, contrasting with 6s6d for the white-backed variety.

Condition.—A recent edition of the famous Yvert & Tellier catalogue gives particulars of the relative value of different conditions of stamps from superb copies to poor or slightly damaged ones, and gives definitions of the former as to perforation (or margins), centering and postmark. It is noteworthy, however, that defective or repaired stamps are more frequently offered and more readily saleable on the Continent than here; and probably the ratios of the values given err on the low side, particularly with the old imperis., which are difficult to sell for as much as 1/5th catalogue if in poor condition.

It is also noticeable that certain popular stamps, such as Triangular Capes, and high values like early 5sh stamps of Barbados and Trinidad, are much more readily saleable if only poor than other varieties really just as scarce.

There are far fewer fine shades of distinction in Modern Colonials as to the condition, and the values therefore much less valuable, but it should be borne in mind that very heavily cancelled and smudgy copies of even modern high values are very difficult to dispose of.

S. W. Africa.—A country well worth watching is S. W. Africa. There are going to be, by all appearances, some very scarce values here, and all collectors of Modern Colonials should keep an eye open on these, not to miss more than they can help.

It is too early yet and information too meagre as to relative numbers printed, with the different overprints, to decide which are going to be the best, but there does not seem to have been many large stocks laid down by speculators, and with the increasing demand shortly, when it is realized how good some of them really are, it seems safe to predict some relatively high-priced varieties appearing.

A fatal mistake some collectors make is to be possessed with the "get-rich-quick" idea and to possess no depth of vision. These only buy if they see an immediate profit. This would in time prove fatal to Philately. If the giants in the past, who bought the set of 4 Cape Triangulars for 2s6d, had had these ideas,

they would never have collected stamps at all, and our hobby would never have passed beyond a schoolboy craze.

Now that it is prospering and going ahead so splendidly, study, work for and win the gentle Goddess of Philately, oh collectors! Do not do anything to set it back, such as by an exaggerated niggardliness or a suspicion of other collectors in general and dealers in particular. The latter are not out to do the collector, but properly supported will prove the collector's best friend; support also the scribes who cater so generously with such useful handbooks and publications, and you will reap a harvest of pleasure and fascination, as well as a solid investment, out of all proportion to your outlay, and lay the foundations of Security and Stability without which true Progress and Advancement are so difficult.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

FIVE-YEAR HONOR CLUB.

J. P. Whitworth, Sydney, N. S. W.

L. O. Philbrick, Haverhill, Mass.

R. W. Robinson, Oak Park, Ill.

It is rather unusual for us to receive applications for membership in the Honor Club from our subscribers across the seas. We note an exception in the case of J. P. Whitworth, who sends us his renewal from Sydney, New South Wales, announcing his early removal to Hobart, Tasmania, where he will be located with the Cadbury-Fry-Pascall Co. Ltd. He asks us whether "Early Low Values Specialized" is to be reprinted in booklet form and we are compelled to give a negative answer. We welcome Mr. Whitworth to the charmed circle.

Our Rotarian friend Len Philbrick of Haverhill, Mass., takes out his membership in the Honor Club with this observation: "Knowing that a cancelled check is often like a cancelled stamp, in that it has proven to be genuine, and also to forestall any possibility of my subscription expiring some night when I am asleep, I enclose enough to keep my name on your lists for a few weeks longer."

Thanks, Len.

Through Mr. Severn at our Chicago office we have received an application for membership in our Five-Year Honor Club from R. W. Robinson, Oak Park, Ill. Mr. Robinson is an active member of the Chicago Philatelic Society and while a relatively young man he has had a wide experience in stamps, some of which was gained while he was an assistant in the shop of the late F. W. Michael of Chicago.

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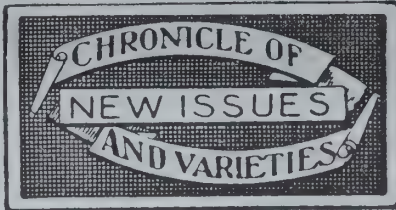
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United States.

Transcontinental Air Mail Route.

I am officially advised under date of June 7th by the Division of Air Mail Service, that no special cancellation stamp will be used by postmasters in connection with the permanent inauguration of the Transcontinental Air Mail Service, that will be inaugurated on Tuesday, July 1st. Each landing field, however, has a rubber cancelling stamp giving the name of the field and the date of cancellation, which will be used when mailable matter is presented directly on the field due to lack of time to have it dispatched to the post-office. The air mail stamps issued in Washington last August will be available for this service, but regular stamps may be used if desired.

Wonderful 1857 Find.

Mr. Eugene N. Costales of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., informs me that they have recently purchased a new find of mint blocks of the 1857 issue, which have never even been mounted. They are in wonderful condition with full original gum. There is a vertical block of six of the 90c, a block of fourteen of the 30c, the block being 5 x 3, with the lower right stamp missing, and I am advised that this is the largest block known. There was a block of eighteen of the 24c, and a block of twenty-four of the 12c from the second plate. Mr. Costales writes me that he has spoken to several of the well known specialists of this issue, and they confirm his opinion that this block of the 12c is the largest block known with full gum, although there are larger blocks known without gum. The find also included a magnificent block of eighteen of the 10c type II. In the case of the 5c, there were two blocks of six and one block of four all in the re-

mainder shade of orange brown Type II. There were a number of 1c and 3c, but as the 1c were type V, and the 3c type II, they were of little importance.

1908, 2c Imperforated Sidewise Coil.

The Philatelic Agency recently received from one of the post-offices a part coil of the 2c, issue of 1908, with double line watermark, imperforated, arranged sidewise. This coil is well known endwise, but this is the first sidewise coil of the 1908 issue that has come to my attention. Of course, the variety cannot be distinguished from the stamp cut from the imperforated sheet, so that in order to know that you have the variety, it should actually be cut from the coil.

1920-21, 2c on 3c Provisional Envelopes.

Mr. H. Clay Reed calls attention to two new window varieties of the revalued envelopes which have not been listed heretofore. Mr. Reed has been fortunate in obtaining copies for his collection.

Pittsburgh Overprint.
Die E on white, size 5, Wmk.19, window.
Seattle Overprint.

Die A on white, size 13, Wmk.19, window.
New Confederate Provisional.

Mr. Eugene Klein has shown me a new provisional Atlanta envelope. This is in Scott's type E2, and was originally a 5c envelope and later the figure 10 was impressed over the 5, thus giving us a 10c on 5c, which has not been known heretofore. The variety is on orange and is addressed to New Orleans, La.

ASCENSION.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal report that they are advised by the Crown Agents for the Colonies that a new set for this island is "on order" the design being as for the current St. Helena but inscribed "Ascension" instead. The values run from ½d to 3sh and will be on script paper.

BELGIAN CONGO.—Mr. Henry Hooreman sends for chronicle the following new values in the new series: 20c olive green, 30c rose, 3fr brown, 5fr dark grey and 10fr grey. They are all of designs of native character and the same size as the ones previously issued.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal inform us that the 1½d red, script, and the 10sh on emerald also script have been despatched to the colony.

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FRANCE.—We have received from R. Roberts two additional values in Olympic Games series. They are the black and red and 50c blue and dark. The former pictures a man of strength while the 50c portrays a victor with a laurel wreath.

GERMANY.—Cologne is at present full for the Industrial Fair, and a tag has been taken of the occasion issue a commemorative stamp of the nomination of 2 marks. Transvers long in format, with a view of Cologne Cathedral and the bridge over the Rhine it has the inscription "Zwei Mark top and "Deutsches Reich" at foot, both cases in Gothic characters, numerals of value in the upper corner 1924, May (? 12th), Commemorative Cologne Fair, design as above, engr. Perf. 14, 2mk blue.

We also have (from Messrs. Wh. King & Co.) a new value in the "sc eagle" type, viz.:—Definitive series, wmk., Perf. 14, 40pf olive-green.—Collecting.

GOLD COAST.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal announce that the 1sh, 2sh 6 5sh may be expected shortly on watermarked paper.

PERU.—Our Special Correspondent, Huancayo, Sr. Manuel Buenaño, us a copy of an official decree, Lima, March 29, 1924, from which glean the subjoined particulars of impending new series:—

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20 centavos.	Blue.	J. Olaya.
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2 sol.	Blue.	J. Leguia.

These are due for issue on or June 8th.—Stamp Collecting.

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PROFIT IN STAMP COLLECTING.

One can compute the number of age stamp collections that have been made by boys and girls between the ages 10 and 15. Boys, perhaps, are more likely to engage in the pastime, possibly because they have more opportunities pursuing the coveted bits of paper are more skilled in the art of "treasures. Elders in the youngsters' eyes look with indulgent toleration their pursuit. They say it is educational because it makes the child acquainted with countries and governments, some glimpses into history. Comparatively few persons realize that it is the joy of pursuit and achievement that makes the charm of collecting desired objects, there is a distinct commercial value to be placed on a stamp collection. It is when such amazing figures appear as those shown in the case of the Ferrary collection recently sold in Paris that the wonder is great. This particular sale, one of several made with the same collection, brought \$1,000,000, but added to previous sales a total of more than \$1,300,000, the largest amount ever obtained for a stamp collection, it is said.

The highest price paid for an English stamp at this latest sale was \$1,930, paid for the extremely rare 10-shilling King Edward stamp overprinted "I. R. Official." For a Niger coast stamp \$1,460 was paid.

In a recent sale by a New York stamp company showed what collectors would pay for rare United States stamps, though \$88 was the highest item sold, this being paid for a Conate revenue stamp.

There are great collections of stamps remaining unbroken they will probably go on for years or later to governments or museums for permanent keeping. King George is said to have the largest and most complete collection of stamps in the world and it is assumed that he will eventually transfer it to the British government. But, after all, to the average stamp collector offers little enticement.—Chicago Post.

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On July 4, the league of postal nations, the Universal Postal Union, embracing the earth, will hold its fiftieth anniversary at Stockholm, Sweden.

"It is significant that the delegates of the nations of the earth gather for this celebration of postal peace on July 4, American Independence Day, because to the United States goes the honor of laying the foundation for the Universal Postal Union," says a bulletin of the National Geographic Society from its headquarters at Washington, D. C.

"This confederation of nations, at fifty years, is the oldest comprehensive organization of world states. It has reduced the world's postage bill by billions, and increased the letters exchanged by millions. It has made neighbors of Kalamazoo and Timbuktu and put sewing machines in Turkish harems.

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"The blow to the high cost of mailing illustrated by the United States-New Zealand instance has been repeated to a lesser degree with all foreign correspondence. Reduction of the cost of an ounce letter to England from 12 cents to 2 cents, to France from 72 cents to 5 cents, and to Brazil from 30 cents to 2 cents, dates back to a conference called with the approval of Abraham Lincoln.

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"Dispatch of 22,000 sacks of mail from the New York foreign mail post-office is not uncommon today. On one trip recently the Mauretania brought in 14,000 sacks.

"Last year the United States spent \$10,000,000 to send 415,000,000 pieces of mail, excluding parcel post abroad and received 362,000,000 pieces.

"It is a far cry from these thousands of sacks of mail to Burns Coffeehouse, post-office for all Manhattan for a century. In this old tavern near the Battery letters were stuck in a rack to be called for by the addressees.

"Even the King of Hedjaz had to give up recently the old custom of dumping mail in a pile where the pilgrims to Mecca, at their leisure, picked out letters sent for them.

"No man who sticks a 5 cent stamp on a letter to a missionary in Thibet can realize the tribulation of his grandfather sending a letter only to Canton. First his grandfather had to choose one of five ways of sending the letter. It might go by German mails through England to Brindisi, Italy, to the Orient, or through Germany to Brindisi. It might pass through Great Britain via Southampton or via Brindisi, or might go by the United States packet. Each way had a different charge, varying from 20 cents to 68 cents. In our grandfathers' time each sender had to pay the cost of transportation over and above postage; now

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(Special to "The New York Times".)

CINCINNATI, April 17.—This is not a hair tonic advertisement. Nevertheless Christopher Columbus, fifteen minutes before he made his initial appearance on the shores of America, was clean-shaven. Fifteen minutes later he had a full and flowing beard.

The authority for this statement is E. B. Power of New York, President of the Stanley Gibbons Stamp Company, and one of the best known authorities on philately in the world.

"And I can prove it," Mr. Power asserted in his room at the Hotel Sinton, Wednesday. "In 1893 the Government, desirous of commemorating the discovery of America, issued a series of special stamps. The one-cent denomination showed Columbus sighting land from the deck of his ship. His cheeks were like the cheeks of a new-born babe. The 2-cent denomination was different, however. Columbus had landed; but, oh, what a change!

"There he stood, sword in hand. Did he appear to be the same person as that pictured in the 1-cent stamp? Emphatically he did not. The engraver, generous soul, had adorned him with a beard that would force tears of envy from the drooping lids of Mahomet."

THE STAMP COLLECTION.

(Clipping from H. S. Godshall.)

When you were just a boy,
You made a stamp collection.
You gathered them with joy,
And viewed them with affection.

You really didn't know
The reason why you kept them.
You had ambitions, though,
A dealer might accept them.

And now the years have flown,
And you have learned the reason
You held them for your own,
To sell them had been treason!

Another little lad
Is cherishing them gaily.
To save them makes him glad;
He gazes on them daily!

He plans to sell them, too,
Just as you did before him;
He's really just like you!
That's why you so adore him.

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He'll give another laddie!

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7 1-2d rate to London. Two 3d and half 3d - - - \$120.00
3d rate to New Brunswick. half of 6d yellow - - - 120.00
Other copies, less fine \$50 to 100.00
7 1-2d rate to London. 6d yellow and half of 3d - - - 120.00
Others, less fine \$75 to 110.00
5 cents, to Nova Scotia. Half of 10c vermilion - - - 25.00

Nova Scotia

7 1-2d rate to London. 2 of 3d and half 3d - - - 115.00
7 1-2d rate to London. 6d yellow green and half 3d - - - 125.00
Others, less fine \$75 to 100.00
7 1-2d rate to London. 6d dark green and half 3d - - - 135.00

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MAY SUBSCRIPTION RECORD.

The subscription returns for the month of May were very gratifying. The Pikes Peak Stamp Co. leads with 48, while the Mystic Stamp Co. follows with 32. Seven of our contestants secured ten or more new subscribers as follows:—

PIKES PEAK STAMP CO.	48
MYSTIC STAMP CO.	32
W. J. ZINK	21
FENNEL STAMP CO.	18
HAWKEYE STAMP CO.	16
KANSAS CITY STAMP CO.	11
BYMOR STAMP CO.	11

The detailed standing of the contestants for the eight months is as follows:—

Pikes Peak Co., Colo. Springs, Colo.	467
Fennell Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	406
W. J. Zink, Cleveland, O.	369
Mystic Stamp Co., Camden, N. Y.	214
Hawkeye Stamp Co., Cedar Rapids, Ia.	160
L. B. Dover, Clayton, Mo.	148
Kansas City Stamp Co., Kansas City, Mo.	106
W. G. Klemm, Jersey City, N. J.	95
Paul F. Cornish, Schenectady, N. Y.	91
Covert Stamp Co., Rochester, N. Y.	87
D. B. Nagle Co., Reading, Pa.	80
Richard Lamprecht, Valparaiso, Ind.	69
Jos. Gallant, Hempstead, N. Y.	66
W. F. Cannon Co., Davenport, Ia.	65
Eugene Klein, Phila., Pa.	56
Midwest Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	56
Bymor Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	53
Liberty Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	51
Hiawatha Stamp Shop, Syracuse, N. Y.	48
Atlanta Stamp Co., Atlanta, Ga.	44
H. A. Keigwin, Middletown, N. Y.	43
World Wide Stamp Co., Phoenix, Ariz.	42
C. E. Hussman Co., St. Louis, Mo.	41
N. Joseph, Boston, Mass.	41
C. E. Nickles, Washington, D. C.	38
Adolf Gunesch, Chicago, Ill.	35
J. C. Matthews, Olympia, Wash.	35
Buckey Stamp Co., Dayton, O.	34
Jax Stamp Co., Steger, Ill.	33
E. P. Seeborn, San Francisco, Calif.	30
Foye Stamp Co., Detroit, Mich.	29
Pioneer Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	27
C. L. Tubbs, San Diego, Calif.	24
R. H. Mower, San Francisco, Calif.	22
A. M. Leckie, Chicago, Ill.	21
G. B. Kunz, Jersey City, N. J.	21
U. T. K. Stamp Co., Utica, N. Y.	20
H. C. Buchholz, Norwood, O.	20
J. H. Blackney, Saginaw, Mich.	20
V. Mozian, N. Y. City	18
A. H. Schumacher, Houston, Tex.	17
Rotnem Stamp Co., Mpls., Minn.	16
H. P. Atherton, Springfield, Mass.	16
J. B. Musick, St. Louis, Mo.	15
G. A. Zimmerman, Chicago, Ill.	14
A. F. Simionescu, Hackensack, N. J.	13
Rev. E. A. Butler, St. Georges, Nfld.	12
Ogden Stamp Shop, Baldwinsville, N. Y.	12
C. W. Schmidt, Phila., Pa.	12
C. A. Bernier, Kankakee, Ill.	12
H. H. Shepard, Amherst, Mass.	12
Emerson Shop, Elkhart, Ind.	11
W. C. Burtis, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.	11
F. E. Hadley, Detroit, Mich.	11
Geo. W. Drews, Chicago, Ill.	10
Magnolia Stamp Co., Dallas, Tex.	10

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Subscription forms will be sent on request. May we not add your name to our roll of honor?

THE MANAGING EDITOR

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—George W. Ludlow, assistant secretary of the Cosmopolitan Mutual Building and Loan Assn. of Oakland, Cal., engaged in a worthy philatelic public campaign. He offers a packet of stamps free to boys who will send in certain particulars as to age, number of stamps in collection, etc. The response has been very gratifying.

—The North Shore News, Chicago, Ill., runs a weekly feature "28 Years On Our North Shore," a series of prints from its issues at that time. The issue of June 5, 1896, Edward Bangs, its editor, who is a philatelist subscriber to MEKEEL'S, found the ginnings of a regular series of art on stamp talk conducted by an unsigned writer "Philateliu." This first article tells of a local dealer who had a box of ten cent 1870, U. S., on which faintest of grills were discernible three copies, while on the remaining specimens not the slightest indication even a point of a grill is to be found. This block, the writer said, forms an important link in the theory that grills used until they are worn away, were they are discarded. During 1895, column states, nearly two and a half billion stamps were printed and disposed of in the United States.

—Here is a conversation that is reported by one of our readers. First citizeness: "Say, what was that I heard Jim giving you about an album? Is he sticking pictures of movie stars in an album?"

Second citizeness: "No, he keeps a stamp album."

First: "Stamp! Stamp album? you say? What is the big idea? Can he get all he wants at the drug store?"

Second: "That is not the idea. He buys old ones—kinds you can't get at the post-office, maybe a hundred years old or something like that."

First: "Well, I don't see any kids that. He saves coins too, don't he?"

Second: "He has a bunch of coins, but this stamp business is the whole show with him. Now he gets a weekly magazine that tells him where to go and everything."

First: "Well there is some sense in this coin saving—coins are money, stamps! good night! I always did think he was nutty."

If Jim really takes the WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, we may be able to tell him further particulars of his critics.

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GOSSIP OF THE MONTH.

By CORNELIUS WRINKLE.

The Eleventh Congress.—It scarcely seems a year since London was invaded by hosts of philatelists and their ladies for the occasion of the Tenth Congress, and here we are about to witness the curtain ring up on the Eleventh Philatelic Congress of Great Britain at Glasgow, June 3rd to 6th. For some it has been a brisk scamper to get back from the International Philatelic Exhibition at Brussels and clear up matters that will accumulate at home on these occasions, and be ready for the road to Scotland—a fine road which the cynics say is better to contemplate from the other end.

The members of the inviting Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland may be counted upon to make all welcome in Glasgow, and have arranged a most attractive programme of entertainments and excursions, and it would not be a Scottish Congress if there is not some sound business accomplished during the sessions.

New Union Stamps.—South Africa is finding that postage stamps are not made satisfactorily on a large scale with quite the same facility that a printer can turn out ordinary printing jobs, and her recent attempts to print locally have been far from successful. It had been hoped to print the forthcoming new series in the prize competition designs in the Union, but the Postmaster-General has now declared that they cannot as yet be produced in South Africa, and so are being ordered from overseas—that is to say, in this case from London.

Among the designs promised in the new series the subjects include the head of a springbok, Van Riebeeck's ship, and the wildebeest of the Natal coat of arms.

Colonial Stamps at the Exhibition.—A correspondent of the "Daily Mail" suggested the other day that the stamps of the British Colonies represented at Wembley should be on sale in their respective pavilions. To this there could be little objection, although it is probably too late now to secure supplies from all the Colonies concerned. But when the same correspondent goes on to suggest that they should be overprinted "British Empire Exhibition," after the horrible example of the "Malaya-Borneo Exhibition," I feel like loading my gun.

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A Mob "On the Make."—I am afraid most of the crowd did not come to see the stamp display, but to avail themselves of a chance to turn over an easy profit on a specially-printed stamp of which the Post Office had prepared a limited edition of 50,000 small sheets of four. Everyone who paid for admission to the show obtained a voucher permitting him (or her—for many women joined the scrum) to buy one sheet of four of the special 5 francs stamp. I have often heard and read of the scrambles at Continental post-offices on the occasion of special issues. I saw one for the first time on May 24th, and it is sufficient here to say that it is better to watch from a distance than to take part in.

Old Friends.—One of the pleasantest features of the Exhibition was the bringing together once again of many of our old friends of last year, and many familiar friends of Continental and American philately. I encountered Mr. Alfred Lichtenstein, of the Collectors Club, New York, on the train from Victoria, and Mr. Herman Toaspen was also in Brussels. Among the Continental collectors it was a pleasure to renew old acquaintanceships with Baron de Reuter-skiold, Mr. Manus (of Amsterdam), Mr. Van der Schooren, M. Henri Bauer, M. Coyette, M. Maurice Langlois (the first French philatelist to be accorded the "Roll of Distinguished Philatelists"), M. Emile Fredrich, of Geneva; and, among dealers, M. M. Theodore Champion, Miguel Galvez, Kumin, Bianchi, Luder, Porignon, Waroquiers, Emin, Babaeff,

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A Shipload of Exhibits.—Mr. Godden had a trunk with him that nearly sunk the good ship "City of A—," and in the absence of taxis nearly terminated the miserable existence of a highly-sung landau and its unfortunate horse. The trunk contained a hundredweight or two of British exhibits which had been entrusted to Mr. Godden to deliver.

Galleries Galore.—"A great show," will be the verdict of the visitors to the Brussels Exhibition, which had still some days to run when these lines were penned. There was a series of halls, connected by corridors, and every available space had been utilised, so that about 1,100 square yards of exhibits were shown under glass. To economise space the stands, instead of being of the sloping pattern, as used in London, were vertical screens, such as one frequently finds in picture galleries.

A Vast Array of Stamps.—If there were not the surfeit of great rarities, there were sufficient. M. Champion showed the two Post Office Mauritius, the 2 cents circular British Guiana in pair on original, the 2 cents Hawaiian and other gems. Mr. Lichtenstein's Swiss, together with his wonderful collection of Capes, Mr. Warren's Dutch Colonies, Mr. Harvey's Victorias, Mr. Caroly's Belgium, are only a few of the great collections shown, the description of which takes 200 pages of the catalogue. The catalogue, by the way, was weighted down with a huge auction catalogue of many pages, doubling the bulk of the book and making it rather tiresome to carry about.

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A Seven a. m. Queue.—The Exhibition had its biggest day on Sunday, May 25th. The entrance fee was only 2 francs on this day (as against 5 francs on the opening day), and including the voucher entitling you to buy one sheet of four of the 5 francs stamp at face. Before seven o'clock in the morning the queue started to form, and there were crowds in the courtyard and half a mile along the street by opening time. But things were better arranged. Extra post-office counters and staff were on duty, barricades had been raised to keep the crowds in orderly array, and within the portals of the Palais the bargain hunters had to file through a Hampton Court maze of barriers to get to the post-office where the special sheets were on sale.

Burgomaster Max.—This effort to control the mob was, I gathered, the result of the vigorous action of the famous Burgomaster Max, who had himself been kept out in the rain in the midst of the surging mob for a long time the previous day when he was trying to get in to assist in the "opening" ceremony.

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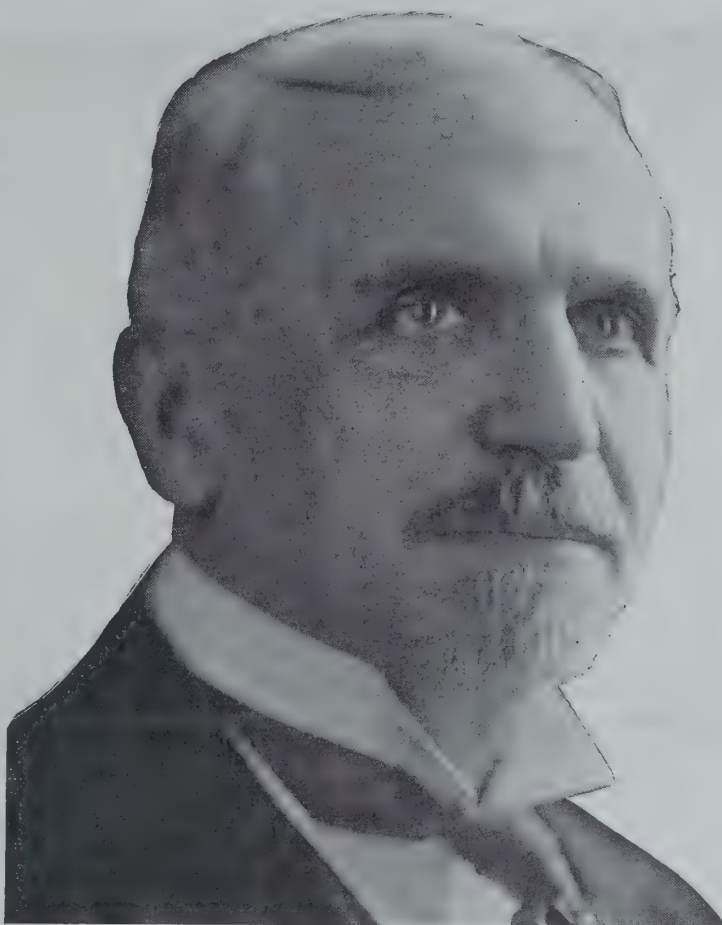
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30c, block of 4 and 30c no grille block of 4.
90c, block of 6.

A number of unused strips with imprints were shown.

In the Re-issues, the following were in blocks of four unused; 6c, 10c, 12c and 15c, and the 90c in a superb block of 12 with frame plate No. 22.

Two rare items were the 12c and 15c Type II with the word SPECIMEN hand stamped.

The pages of cancelled stamps were simply wonderful beyond words, page after page of black, red, blue, brown, magenta and postmarks. I note a few of the more uncommon varieties:—

Waterbury, Conn., a cover with three 1c with the famous "chicken" cancellation.

Also from Waterbury other stamps were cancelled "Old woman with bonnet," "Shoe," "Melon" and "Mortar and Pestle," "Shoo Fly."

Stamps from other districts were cancelled "Merry Widow hat," "Profile," "The World barred," "Bee," "Wash," "Padlock," etc., etc.

Mr. Ackermann has always had a great penchant for stamps on the original cover and there are several volumes of these in the collections. All the 1869 are shown on covers with the exception of the 90c which is not known in this form. Among the more interesting I noted 15c with 3c of 1870, 15c Types I and II, 2c + 3c + 10c, 3c with 12c of 1867, 10c + 10c 1870 National, 3c + 12c + 15c, 30c with red New York cancellation, 15c Type I + 30c, 10c strip of three, 10c + 10c France 1863-70, 15c + 10c France 1863-70, 24c two or three copies on cover, 30c + 10c.

The 1869 with dated postmarks showing the year date are rare but a number are in this collection with different town names.

A series is shown of Sub-Station postmarks with most of the distinguishing letters from A to T. A 30c was noted with the cancellation of the small anchor surrounded by dots used on a West Indies steamship.

Another interesting steamship cancellation, of which I do not know the meaning, consisted of the letters "M. O. B." in a large circle, on cover.

Interesting combinations on covers were:—1869, 10c + 1867, 12c + Hawaiian 5c 1866 dark blue. 1869 pair 10c + Hawaiian pair 5c 1866, dark blue. 1869, 10c + pair 3d blue British Columbia.

A number of interesting combinations on covers to Foreign Countries were shown:—1869, 12c + 30c National + 2c Continental used in 1875 to Peru. Pair of 10c used from Shanghai (probably from the U. S. Consulate).

A most interesting cover was one franked with U. S. stamps used from one foreign country to another foreign country, this was a pair of 1869 10c used from Japan to England via San Francisco and postmarked "Hiogo 18 Mch. 1871." Another cover had a pair of 30c

+ 24c used to India, and another one pair of 30c + 6c also used to India.

Used Patriotic Envelopes franked with stamps of 1869 seem very rare, only two such are in the collection.

In a second volume of the Re-issues I noted a few items of interest:

15c Imperf. horizontally. This has large margins top and bottom and other copies are known, but no pair has been seen to prove it beyond doubt.

In the 1880 Re-issue it was noted that there are two distinct issues of the 1c.

The 1c dark brown are all ungummed and were issued thus.

The 1c pale brown were all gummed.

Forged bisections were shown of three 3c and half of a 3c, and of a 3c and half of a 2c on cover.

Mr. Luff proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ackerman for showing his wonderful collection which was carried with acclamation.

VIVE LA ETHIQUE.

Dear Ed:

I see by MEKEEL'S where Vic Rotnem has a code of ethics for the precan fans. That would be fine stuff,—if it would work. Some of these fans need some of those ethics, in fact, I believe some of 'em are teetotally ethickless at present. At least this Harding stamp has been powerfully destructive of any ethics they may have had. Why, I've seen pre-cancelled Hardings from little podunk cross roads P. O.'s. out in the sagebrush 40 miles from a RR that couldn't scare up a hundred patrons if you counted all the jack rabbits. I suppose the P. M. has to use them to save time at Xmas so he won't get a window put thru him by one of the inhabs becau he has to wait for the other inhab to mail all his packages if you get me. And say, Ed, here is the best joke of all. One P. M. went to work and precancelled up a lot of Hardings ahead of time, so they would be handy when the rush came to mail Xmas photos, and when it come, he found he had precanned the imperf. Harding, and he'd have to lose all that time he'd saved, scissoring 'em up. (If you don't believe it, look it up in Rotnem's last list).

Now, I'd like to see this code go thru, only it can't,—not in 20th Cent. U. S. A. Not unless Vic works up some sort of test to tell the genuinely used precan from the one some guy has soaked the gum off of. Oh, yes, that straight-edge, rubbed, corner-gone copy has been used alright, but who wants it? Seems to me the "pre" fans will have to go to collectin' original covers only. Even that would have its drawbacks, for a precan has got nothing to "tie" it to the cover with, except the gum, and then these covers ain't always so neat and tidy and handy as they might be. I see where we'd have to fix up a room for our collection,—or maybe the whole house,—with glass cases and such.

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C. J. Hohenstein, Manitowac, Wis., brings up a question that has been asked several times before, what does the stitch watermark look like?

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erally speaking, the better the watermark will show up against a dark background and the thicker and softer the paper the better it will show when the stamp is held between the eye and the light.

As I have said it is very difficult for one to describe the stitch watermark in words. My advice is for the collector who really wants to know it when he sees one to write to one of the larger stamp companies and ask for a selection showing the stitch watermark on certain stamps that he may be interested in. Then, he will be morally obligated to buy one of the company that does him the favor, provided of course that they send him a copy the condition of which is suitable for his collection and that the price is not too high. In my own opinion the stitch watermark is one of the best investments for a collector. It exists on, or should exist on all of the stamps issued in this country before 1890 and on many stamps after that date. I am not sure just how late it may be found. Personally, I believe it is a most legitimate variety for the specialist and it is so pronounced a variety that the time will undoubtedly come when many general collectors of United States stamps will feel that they must duplicate their collection of ordinary copies of each stamp obtainable with copies showing the stitch watermark, even though it is not a watermark that was officially ordered by the government. The point is that it is a distinct variety and more and more are general collectors verging into the realms of specialization by adding here and there some such distinct minor varieties to their collection. Therefore, if this prediction is right, stitch watermarks will jump rapidly in value during the next five or ten years for, if they were at all generally sought after the Scott Specialized Catalogue valuations would be very low indeed. In my experience stitch watermarks are found in unpicked lots in the proportion of one to 1,000 or one to 2,000. Although I have never kept count, I have gone over so many hundreds of thousands of early low values that I have a fair idea of the proportion of stitch watermarks to be found in an unpicked lot.

In my own collection of three cent greens I collect not only the stitch watermark on the 1870-71 grilled, 1870-71 ungrilled, 1873, 1879, 1882 and three cent vermilion, but I also mount under each section the stitch watermark showing on various shades of the stamp, various papers, etc. For example, in 1873, I have the stitch watermark on the usual shade, on yellow green, on olive green (rare as the Hawaiian missionaries), etc., and also

variations in the form of the stitch. Without counting, I should say that I probably have fifteen or more stitch examples in my collection of this one stamp. It can therefore be seen that the specialists of the country alone will absorb large quantities of this variety in time.

In the same mail comes a letter from Burton Jerome Barnett, Chicago, Ill., who says he has found a copy of U. S., No. 210, showing a double stitch watermark. So far as I know this variety is not listed in any catalogue. I have had a copy which looks like a double stitch on the three cent green, 1873. The stitch apparently shows on both the right and left edges of the stamp. Yet I have hesitated to announce this discovery fearing that this copy, being 1873, might be a copy on the horizontal ribbed paper which, through some freakish circumstance, looked like a double stitch. However, this freak on No. 210, which is such a soft paper, if clearly shown, ought to prove the existence of the double stitch.

How could such a variety occur? The only way I can account for it is that the belt or blanket on which the pulp was poured in making the paper might have become torn an inch or so away from the line of stitching, which required that the tear be stitched up, and this would result in two lines of stitching showing on the one stamp. Not having seen Mr. Barnett's copy and being still suspicious of my own, I do not yet make the positive statement that this variety exists.

By the way, the stitch watermark rarely shows up in benzine and, in my opinion, it would be a waste of time to use the benzine cup in looking for it, as it can so readily be seen by the eye, something that cannot be said for the later legitimate watermarks on U. S. stamps.

Mr. Hohenstein also sends a three cent green with a very curious "geometric" cancellation. This cancellation shows a solid black square with arrow-shaped points at top and bottom and on both sides. On either side of these arrow-shaped protuberances are black dots. Inside the square of solid black are crossed colorless oblong figures. This cancellation is difficult to describe without a drawing, but it is a very curious one.

One correspondent again mentions the need for a catalogue listing cancellations. No, there is no comprehensive catalogue of U. S. stamps listing cancellations. Some day some publisher will have the bright idea that such a catalogue is needed and whoever does may possibly make some money.

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PHILOTELY OR PHILATELY?

In November, 1864, a French paper *Le Collectionneur des Timbres Poste* (1) published an unsigned article under the title of "Baptême." This article was due to Mons. Herpin one of the most learned amateurs of his epoch who, proposed the term "Philately" for the Science dealing with stamps. This hobby was known up to that time under the names of "Timbrology" or "Timbrophily." Some people, even used to call it "Timbromania" being unable to explain otherwise the real mania with which the rare collectors of that time had for stamp collecting.

The term was constructed, as Mons. Herpin explained further, in about the same manner as the word "Numismatics" i.e., the Science dealing with the collection of coins. There is a difference, however, for, whereas the term "Numismatics" has been created from the Latin word "Numisma" (coin) the term "Philately" was constructed from the two Greek words "Philos" (friend) and "Ateleia" (enfranchisement, payment of postage duty) meaning thus the science dealing with the study of enfranchisement, of what proves the payment of the postage duty and consequently of the stamps.

It is evident from the above that notwithstanding his reputation as being a learned man the contributor was completely strange to the Greek language, since he used for the construction of the term, instead of the word "telos" (tax, duty) the word "ateleia" (exception from postage duty, "franchise postale" as say the French) which he thought meant "affranchisement," viz., enfranchisement, payment of postage duty!

Leaving aside the unhappy inspiration and the wrong etymology of the word, the term "Philately" was liked by most people, perhaps owing to its euphony, and soon became international. The word "Philately" and its derivatives "Philatelist," "Philatelic," etc., became current in all languages.

Nearly all authors who subsequently occupied themselves with the study of the origin of Stamp Collecting, and have touched the etymology of the word "Philately," have repeated without further examining the version exposed by Mons. Herpin, considering the question as settled and needing no further discussion.

(1) This Journal was first issued in 1864 by A. Maury and continues being published, being thus 60 years of age. The firm A. Maury is the publisher of the universally known French Stamp Catalogue. "Maury" which is a popular Stamp Catalogue.

For curiosity's sake only, we mention hereafter another version on the etymology of the word "Philately" which was published anonymously in the year 1908 in the American journal *MEKEEL'S WEEKLY* in the shape of a letter to the editor. We think it needless to say that we do not share the writer's opinion, which is mentioned in this article only as a curiosity.

The letter in question read as follows:—"In a recent article published in your paper, the author repeats the opinions of all special writers on the origin of the word 'Philately,' viz., that this word is derived from two Greek words, the one meaning 'friend' and the other 'enfranchisement.'"

As for me I have formed a quite different opinion on the origin of the word. Here it is.

In 1773 a society was founded in Paris, the members of which called themselves 'Philalèthes' or 'Seekers of the Truth.' The founder was a certain Savalette de Langres, Royal Treasurer. This society was really a branch of the Masonic Loge 'Les Amis Réunis.' The members of this group were also called 'The Friends of the Truth.'

However, the name of 'Philalèthes' or 'Seekers of the Truth' was applied to the principal members only, and finally became the main name of all members.

Thanks to the quality and good standing of most of the members, this society played an important part in the Parisian Society in the beginning of XIX Century.

It is quite natural to believe that when the hobby of Stamp Collecting began to spread, the necessity of defining the new mania by a special name was presented. The persons charged with this task thought to get inspired from the old famous name of 'Philalèthes' and give their hobby an appropriated and original name.

Indeed a small modification was enough to transform 'Philalèthe' into 'Philatelist.'

The Seekers of the Truth, became thus, thanks to the Greek 'Etymology' the 'Seekers of Tax,' in other words the Postage Stamp Collector. I am convinced that this is the true origin of the word 'Philately.'

We must repeat that we mention the above for curiosity's sake only, for, nobody having the most elementary knowledge of Linguistics can seriously support that the word 'Philalèthe' can ever be changed in 'Philatelist' even in the mouth of a 'non Greek.'

Notwithstanding the wrong basis from the Linguistic point of view (for nobody being really conversant with the

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Greek language could ever call a "Stamp Collector," "Lover of the Tax," considering the broad meaning of the word "tax" as well as from grammatical side, as long as the word was constructed from "Philos" and "Ateleia," the word "Philately" as stated above, has got the upper hand to the point of discarding every thought of changing it. If, however, the change is impossible, we think that there is no reason for not correcting the term so that it may express the right grammatical meaning. With this line of thought we addressed the following letter, a year ago, to the French paper *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* Amiens, proposing to correct the term "Philately" to "Philately" so that it may mean "the lover of the postage duty" and not the "Lover of the.....excepted from the postage duty!"

This letter published in No. 627 of the 15th February, 1922, of the *Echo de la Timbrologie* (1) reads as follows:—"Dear Editor,

For a long time I have been entertaining doubts regarding the correctness of the origin of the word 'Philately.' When turning over the pages of a set of the French Philatelic journal *Le Timbre Poste* of late, I read that for constructing the word, the contributor has used the Greek words 'Philos' (friend) and 'Ateleia' (.....enfranchisement, payment of postage duty)!

From the explanation given above, one can easily understand that the contributor did not know Greek. The meaning of the word 'Ateleia' in Greek, is entirely different from enfranchisement and means 'Exception of postage duty'.

The only origin of the word 'Philately' is its derivation from the Greek word

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hilos' (friend) and 'Telos' (tax) and therefore, the correct form should be, grammatically, speaking 'Philately' and not 'Philately'.

Are you not of opinion, that our science which ordinarily is so particular for the most trifling matters, should now decide to correct its own error?"

The publication of this letter was accompanied by following comments by the Editor of the journal:

"This letter brings to our memory the time at which the Horokilometrical measures of carriages were introduced, when the word 'taxametre' was invented to denote these apparatus. A Hellenist then marked in the *Figaro* that the Greek etymology imposed to say 'Taximetre' and not 'taxametre' and this form was adopted. 'Taxamatre' did not last more than one month.

But 'Philately'! This term is now universally adopted. It is introduced in European and Oriental languages! Universal agreement of all the people required for changing the a into o. It is impossible to think of it even!

Notwithstanding the wise letter of Mr. Macrymichalos, it is very probable that we will never become 'Philatelists' and the *Echo* will never publish 'Philatipigrams' (2).

We must confess that we are not con- ceded by the single argument above cited for maintaining the wrong and meaningless term "Philately." The "uni- sal agreement of all the people" as the *Echo* in a rather exaggerated way is the 'Philatelists of the world, can- nily be accomplished by a little good- ly, especially from the part of the philatelic Press. It is sufficient that all philatelic papers avoid using the old long term and we are certain that the philatelic world will accept with pleasure the use of the new term which although differing slightly from the old one, is grammatically right, and what is more important, has a correct meaning, whereas the old one is absolutely mean- ingless.

With this persuasion we are appealing to the Philatelic Press of the whole world, asking it to contribute by a quick adoption of the new term to the success of spreading a new term "Philately." They might be assured that they are tendering a service to our hobby which, although no way less important to their sister sciences, we must confess it cannot be considered as a serious one as long as it is defined by a wrong and defective term.

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A joint meeting of the officers and directors of the Collectors Club and Association for Stamp Exhibitions was held late in May, and the meeting adjourned to Wednesday June 11th, at which time the same officers and boards met and gave the matter further consideration.

At this meeting, it was unanimously decided that an international exhibition would be held on a large scale in New York during October, 1926, under the auspices of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions. At this meeting Mr. J. C. Morgenthau, the President of the Association presided, with John A. Klemann as Secretary. Mr. Morgenthau appointed a committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Charles J. Phillips, Theodore E. Steinway, J. M. Bartels, John A. Klemann and Philip H. Ward, Jr., to consider the exhibition in all its aspects, and to make recommendations as to nominations for officers and committees, as well as report a scheme for the holding of such an exhibition.

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—The Collectors Club of Southern California, Branch No. 58, Los Angeles, California, has sent out a circular asking that Los Angeles be placed in nomination for the 1925 convention. We quote, "A. P. S. recruits have been coming thick and fast from California. We have been granted our charter, and we are all A. P. S. boosters." W. C. Henry is president of the branch and J. D. Fisher is secretary. The letter says that the last time the convention was held on the Coast was during the Panama-Pacific exhibition of 1915.

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making an impression on the public, and
the fact that it is mentioned that the dis-
play has received the commendation of
philatelists abroad is apt to drive the
stamp theme home in the minds of those
who see the frame.

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the summer months, even though there
may be some restriction in the actual
physical part of stamp-handling by col-
lectors during hot weather. Abroad
philatelic activity has been marked. The
numerous exhibitions in Europe have
taken us well into the summer. The
philatelic congress of Great Britain has
been most interesting, and now that that
is off the books, we are beginning to look
forward to the great convention at De-
troit in August. There are indications
that the A. P. S. convention will mark an
important step in the progress of phi-
latelically in this country. While it is
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bering into the hundreds and a financial
position that is impregnable, the A. P.
S. has become a factor in which every
member may take pride. No limit need
be set for the growth of the national
body, and if testimony were needed to
show that stamp collecting is in its hey-
day, the numerical increase of the A.
P. S. is ample proof of the well-being
of our pursuit. Now that it is so large,
the A. P. S. has become an influential
aggregation that is truly reflective of the
status of American philately.

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The new issues that are coming so
plenteously, month after month, are
making it necessary to realign the col-
lecting methods. It has come to the
point where no one except the beginner
may collect generally. The fact that
10,000 varieties nowadays may be had
for less than \$200, is proof that a col-
lection to be kept within bounds must be
more or less specialistic. The somewhat
advanced general collector finds it almost
impossible to keep current with all the is-
sues, new and old, of the world. Here-
tofore, the tendency has been to collect
according to some geographical restric-

tion, but latterly we find that as a conse-
quence of recent remarks upon the sub-
ject of chronological collecting, there is
a wish to make collecting divisions ac-
cording to years. While in this way the
collector of old issues would not have
the satisfaction of adding the newer
stamps to his album, yet it seems that
there is a growing number of collectors
who are willing to make the year rather
than the country the object of their
wishes. It is all right for chronological
collecting to give another string to the
philatelic bow, and it is a good idea to
expand as far as possible collecting com-
binations because we do not wish the
time to come when the stamps of any
one country will be ignored, be they new
or old issues. As specialism increases,
there will be more varieties of collecting;
and all progress of the kind should be
encouraged. It has long been the boast
of collectors that they might collect any-
thing they cared to without giving ac-
count to any other collector; and we
should be careful not to become narrow
in our outlook upon the activities of
others who may branch out in fields that
are not as much trod as the recognized
ones. So long as the stamps themselves
are the objects of pursuit the ultimate
gain to philately must be admitted even
though the variations in collecting be-
come more numerous than they have been.
It is a fine thing for the "regular" col-
lector to be tolerant of the collector who
departs from what is considered conven-
tional collecting because the collector
who goes far afield is certainly part of
the fabric of philately as much as the
one who collects according to what may
be considered the best form.

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The present is an auspicious time in
which to speak of local philatelic orga-
nizations. The occasional paragraph in
the WEEKLY telling of the organization
of a new stamp club in this or that city
is always a bit of news that sets well in
our columns. Usually, sooner or later,
some reference is made to a fledgling
organization in our news section, but
here and there societies are started with-
out attracting any notice. We are con-
vinced that the more local stamp societies
there are, the more assurance is given
that philately is on a permanent basis.
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well as the man who lives there; and
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the time is ripe to band together, the
home-folks have an object lesson of the
potency of philately. One of the les-
sons that reaches us most often is that
of the solitary collector who year after
year sees no fellow who has a liking for
stamps. Now and then he is so fortun-
ate as to make a collector, and in con-
sequence his loneliness is relieved, but
throughout this broad land there are
many collectors who sit alone and amon-
no particularly congenial surrounding.
The local organization is recently fall-
ing on happy days. The number attend-
ing meetings, we know from personal ob-
servation and from reports, is greater
than it has ever been before. The aver-
age attendance latterly has been dou-
ble that of previous years, broadly speak-
ing in the case of the old, established orga-
nizations; and as for the new societies, it
is known that those who attend are
sufficient number to ensure variety in
the proceedings of the meetings. Where-
ever there is a local organization there
is some publicity for collecting. The lo-
cal organization starts interest in stamp
among the members whose example
is likely to be copied, and then there is
possibility of publicity in the local press
for the society that should not be over-
looked. Sometimes the mere mention
of the existence of a society of collectors
gives impetus to outsiders to search for
stamps in the hope of uncovering spe-
cial specimens that will have a market value
and we have known of "finds" direct-
ly attributable to this publicity gained
through the home stamp society. I be-
lieve that the one who is responsible
for the creation of a stamp club is doing
a service not alone for himself but for
all those who are concerned with stamp-
ing. It is sometimes rather hard to get the
co-operation that one would think would
be forthcoming from neighborhood col-
lectors, but persistence sweeps away a
minor obstacles, and if the truth be
known, some of these societies that are
practically unsung in the smaller places
have meetings at which the enthusiasm
and earnestness of members run high.
If there could be some concerted move-
ment that would lead collectors in cities
where there are at least a few known
philatelists to organize stamp clubs,
distinct advantage would be gained.
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results of this association would be
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ectors will be benefited through organization, yet those who do the actual work of organization will find that there are rewards that are sweet even though they may not always be of a substantial nature.

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We believe that a sort of central committee of philately should be established to undertake advisory and constructive work in the interests of philately. This is a sort of central headquarters for the hobby under the auspices of a powerful body such as the A. P. S. is one that should be acted upon soon. It would be the duty of this central committee to those who have opportunities to work on philately material which would be acceptable to known philatelic hearers. Then other explanations could be made of most points in reference to philately work; and the man who proposes to organize a new society should be met with prompt recognition in that a philatelist telling just how to proceed in the furtherance of his object would be well supplied by this central committee. Such a headquarters would be a boon as well as an advantage in strengthening the hobby in a public sense. Furthermore, it could include among its duties, that of refuting erroneous statements and statements given in the public print. There are other duties of a minor nature perhaps, but in the aggregate of considerable importance that should come under its ken. We cannot but feel that philately is particularly fortunate in being under the dominion of progressive leaders, but nevertheless, we feel that though they may not initiate movements, they should not hesitate to assist those that are being tried out successfully in similar pursuits. Sooner or later the ordinary accessories of philately must be adopted by us, and we do not believe that the task of buckling up to work in this regard will be any easier by reason of any delay.

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"Race," Wm. McFee's latest book, published by Page & Company, publishers, we find on page 137, a sophisticated reference to stamp collecting. Francis and Louis were this day beginning a career in an engineering office; Swayne went to luncheon and returning, met Mr. Bustillo.

Meet Mr. Bustillo, you fellows," said Swayne, and he introduced them. "Mr. Bustillo is secretary to the Commissioner of Works for Costaragua, on our second floor."

As far as can be ascertained this was the first time either Francis or Louis had heard of Costaragua save as a country on stamps; highly coloured affairs never seemed to be used on letters were current only in collectors' albums and described as "Costaragua: centavos: unused." Had either of them been confronted with the necessity of expressing his conception of Costaragua in so many words he would have fallen back upon those stamps. A volcanic country where the inhabitants exported postage stamps and, somewhere in South America."

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CHAPTER II.

What Constitutes Stamp Collecting?

The earliest stamp collectors committed many crimes. Their knowledge of world geography was vague, and their idea of philately was often confused. And, they spoilt a large percentage of their specimens by pasting the stamps fast onto the pages of some homemade album in a more or less helter-skelter fashion.

But—to know is to forgive. Those philatelic pioneers lacked the aids, facilities and guidance that the present-day tyro enjoys.

The origin of stamp collecting may safely be ascribed to the inborn instinct to acquire and treasure things of beauty, variety and interest. Perhaps the early collectors were mainly young people who took to stamp gathering under the same impulse that led them to gather birds' eggs and bugs, beetles and butterflies, autographs and matchbox labels.

From that unorganized start, the hobby has developed rapidly into a world-wide enterprise, for rich and poor, affording pleasure and profit to thousands of mature grownup philatelists and providing the means of livelihood for hundreds of dealers and publishers, who, in their turn, have furnished employment to numerous assistants and clerks, as well as business for papermakers, printers, binderies, stationers, etc.

How important philately has become may be exemplified by simply pointing out that Washington has been operating a Philatelic Agency purely to serve stamp collectors, and Ottawa (Canada) also maintains a similar bureau. Many smaller countries' postal issues are sources of "clean profit" for the respective governments.

What, then, constitutes this beneficial universal hunt for old and new, used and unused postage stamps?

Through usage the word PHILATELY has come to mean the art of stamp

collecting, and PHILATELIST to signify a person engaged in the pursuit of that art. A Philatelist and a mere stamp collector belong, both of them, to the same family, but the former is never in the same class as the latter.

The philatelist collects stamps in a systematic manner, aiming at a definite goal. He is represented everywhere by the maturer (not necessarily older) hobbyist who has advanced from the chrysalis stage of the haphazard undeveloped stamp-gatherer.

A stamp collection is an assemblage of postage stamps issued for postal purposes. Stamp collecting, therefore, is the getting together of genuine specimens of genuine issues. A Philatelist aims to obtain as complete an array as possible. The example of philately, as a science, brought to its highest pitch, is seen in the collection, worth over a million dollars belonging to the late Ferrary. It is said he devoted a whole hotel suite to house his albums.

Again it may be asked: What constitutes stamp collecting? It is methodical aggregating of stamps in prepared albums, for the purpose of displaying as complete and valuable a representation as possible. King George V, of England, has a marvelous collection of the issues of the British Empire. King Albert of Belgium, King Alfonso of Spain, and King Emmanuel of Italy are known to be specializing in the issues of their own countries and colonies. In the footsteps of these royal personages are innumerable philatelists in all walks of life. They are to be found in every county of our forty-eight states, in faraway Australia, tumultuous South America, quaint Japan, torrid Africa, picturesque Switzerland, sunny Portugal, unquiet Mexico, slow-moving China, turbaned India—in fact, every political or geographical unit of our spinning planet.

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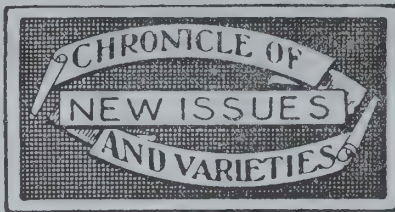
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United States.**Special Air Mail Cancellation.**

In my recent notes mention was made of the Transcontinental Air Mail Service, which will be inaugurated on July 1st, and I am glad to be able to inform our readers at this time that the postmasters at the several offices receiving and sending letters by the air route will use a special cancellation.

Mr. J. W. Sutherin, Acting General Superintendent of the Division of Air Mail Service, writes me under date of June 16th, that in addition to the special cancelling stamp to be used on the various fields, the postmasters on the Air Mail Route will have a rubber stamp stating that the letter was carried by the Air Mail on the first trip of the transcontinental through service.

2c Harding, Imperforated Vertically.

In MEKEEL'S for June 9th there was reproduced a clipping from a Newark paper, which was copied quite extensively by the press relative to the finding of the block of forty of this stamp imperforated vertically and perforated horizontally. The general story was in accordance with facts, but the figures were possibly guessed at by some one, who was not posted as to his statements.

It is odd that after the finding of this variety, one of our eastern dealers evidently desired to discredit the variety, for he came out in a circular bulletin, quoting the clipping from the Newark *Evening News* in full, and then ended up by offering a block "imperforate vertically"—"same thing sold recently for \$3,000" at 15c for a block of four. Naturally quite a few wrote for the block and found that it was not only imperforated vertically, but was also imperforated horizontally. In addition, he had

applied private perforations to the outer right and left edges. Only the one block of forty is known to date, and why a dealer would take such steps to either increase his sales or else discredit something that he was unable to buy, I cannot say.

The Federal Tax Law of 1924.

The recent tax law enacted by Congress and signed by the President called for changes in the Stamp Taxes, that will necessitate at least one new Revenue stamp, and possibly more, in addition to a change in the quantities used of the current series. The tax on playing cards has been advanced from 8c to 10c, and a plate is in course of preparation at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for a new 10c stamp, which will be of the same size as the current variety, but of a different design, and will be printed in blue.

Tax on drafts has been cancelled, as well as on notes, so that the Documentary stamps will not be used as frequently as heretofore. Future delivery rates have been somewhat changed so that the tax begins at 1c, which will possibly result in a 1c variety appearing. It is expected that sufficient stamps to take care of the new requirements will be ready when the act goes into effect early in July.

Universal Postal Union.

In a bulletin sent out by the Information Service of the Post Office Department under date of June 12th, much information of interest regarding the Universal Postal Union is given, and the facts will come as news to many. It seems that the United States Government in 1863 took the initiative, which finally resulted in the creation of this postal understanding between practically all civilized nations of the world, and it is especially fitting that the Union should celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on July 4th. The meeting will be held at Stockholm, Sweden, and the United States will be represented by Joseph Stewart, Chairman of the Delegation, and Executive Assistant to the Postmaster-General, E. R. White, Special Assistant to the Second Assistant Postmaster-General, and Edwin Sands, Superintendent of Foreign Mail. The delegation sailed on the *Leviathan* on June 14th.

On August 4, 1862, Montgomery Blair, Postmaster-General, under President Lincoln, addressed a letter to the Secretary of State requesting him to invite a conference of the postal authorities of Europe and America to meet and

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recommend to their respective governments the adoption in international relations of a uniform standard weight, uniformity of rates and conditions, a uniform basis for sea and land transit charges, and, if practical, uniform registration and money order system.

The invitation was accepted by governments addressed and resulted a conference, which met in Paris on May 11, 1863, and was in session until July 9th of the same year. It was attended by the leading postal officials of not only this country but Austria, Belgium, Colombia, Denmark, Spain, France, Germany, Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Prussia, the Sandwich Islands, Switzerland and the Hanseatic Cities.

While this conference did not result in the establishment of a Universal Postal Union, the various nations participating adopted the suggestions made and were ready to ratify them at a later date. Owing to delays in negotiations it was not until September 15, 1874, that the first Postal Congress was opened in the Hall of the National Senate in Switzerland, attended by representatives of twenty-two countries and colonies. Joseph H. Blackfan, then Superintendent of Foreign Mails, who represented the United States, was welcomed by its president with the statement that it was the United States, which took the initiative in the postal reforms, pointed out by conference at Paris, and which Congress had at Berne was about to tempt to put into practical operation means of a general treaty binding upon all participating nations.

This Congress was in session until October 9th, when the first treaty concerning the creation of this union was signed by representatives of twenty nations. Two other nations signed a short time later. Its terms were put into operation on July 1, 1875, over territory having a population of 375,000,000 people. Today practically the entire world is covered by the Universal Postal Union. The exceptions are Afghanistan, Arabia, Baluchistan, Johore and Trengganu, the Malay States, Maldives Islands, Northern and Southern Nigeria, Nyland, Northern Rhodesia, Santa Cruz Islands, Pitcairn Islands, Russia, and Tonga Islands.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. Roberts advises of the following colors with the King George type: green, 1½d red, 2d russet, 3d blue and 4d bistre. All are single "A" and crown watermark and the 3d in the King head design for the first time.

GERMANY.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 10pf vermilion type of Renten Mark currency watermark chicken wire as before.

GILBERT & ELICE ISLANDS.—From R. Roberts comes the 1½d red sea watermark. Mr. Roberts adds that they are printed from plate 11 in sheets of 120.

Also the 10sh emerald all through script watermarked paper.

HOLLAND.—The 7½c stamp has up quite recently been obtainable in book form, but as the sale of these books has been discontinued, the remaining stock of these stamps printed in sheets specially for this purpose have been sent out to some of the Post Offices for sale. These sheets contain 180 stamps, which there are 20 vertical tête-bêche pairs. There was only a limited supply of the remaining stock of these sheets which were very quickly sold. There are two varieties of these sheets.

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stamps, one showing the tête of the stamp *se tenant* with the other, and the other shows the divisional blank between the two stamps.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin*.

MALTA.—A new issue of stamps is under consideration and the Treasurer of Malta has transmitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies a list of values and the designs suggested for same, which are as follows:—

The eight low values from ¼d to 1d, each with the King's head at the top right hand corner and the Malta coat of arms at the bottom left hand corner. The 1sh stamp, view of entrance to Grand Harbour. For the 2sh stamp, view of Notabile. For the 2s6d stamp, view of a boat. For the 5sh stamp, a view of the Megalithic remains of Hagar Qema. For the 10sh stamp, a picture of the Great Temple.

There is no truth in the statement published in some journals that there is to be a new printing of the provisionally issued ¼d and 2d stamps.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin*.

THE WEST PACIFIC ISLANDS.—Mr. Herbert sends for chronicle the 1d purple and 6d dull greyish blue of the 1923 setting in small sheets of 30.

POLAND.—Owing to the introduction of the gold standard, all Polish stamps of values in marks have been withdrawn from sale and are no longer available for postage. The stamps in the new currency have been issued and are of the following denominations:—1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 30 and 50 groszy. The groszy is the hundredth part of a zloty which is the standard of the new currency, the value being approximately equal to a penny, at which rate we are distributing the new stamps to our new subscribers.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin*.

IRELAND.—Owing to the 2d stamps being exhausted, some of the higher values have been surcharged "TWO PENCE" in small quantities:—480 sheets of 1d, 132 sheets of 7½d, 103 sheets of 1sh, 200 sheets of 2sh, 300 sheets of 2s6d and 300 sheets of 5sh; the sheet consists of 60 stamps.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin*.

THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Some considerable time has elapsed since we fore-mentioned new pictorial series for the African Union. The *Daily Mail* has published the following message from its own correspondent on Friday of last week:—

Postmaster-General states that he has now the Government approved designs of a pictorial description of the main denominations of Union postage stamps, and that these stamps, which

cannot as yet be produced in South Africa, are now under order from overseas. It is understood that among the designs that have found favour are the springbok head, Van Riebeck's ship, and the wildbeest of the Natal coat-of-arms.—*Stamp Collecting*.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—A notice has been received that the advance sheets of the 1925 edition of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue will be issued starting about July 21. It is mentioned that "many price changes will be in effect in the 1925 catalogue. Those subscribing for the advance proof sheets will receive them as issued from the printer."

—The New England Philatelic Association and the American Envelopes Society (Consolidated) held its annual meeting according to its program on June 14, 1924. According to the plans, dinner was served at the New Adams House, Boston, and a trolley ride from Lynn to Marblehead was a feature of the day. A. P. Brown is president and G. Carlton Russell is secretary of the combination.

—William Lycett, secretary of the Society of Philatelic Americans, has sent out the call for the convention of the Society at New York, Continental Hotel, on August 4-5 inclusive, convening at ten A. M., on August 4th. The official ballot discloses that there is no competition for office, the administration of V. W. Rotnem having been a singularly successful one. It is evident that the S. P. A. is overcoming many of the obstacles that have beset its path for some years past.

—We have received a communication from Mr. Edward S. Knapp of New York City who says that up to September 15, 1924, his address will be: % The Equitable Trust Co., 10 Moorgate St., London E. C., England. We hope that Mr. Knapp will have an enjoyable sojourn, and he carries with him the best wishes of our readers who will remember Mr. Knapp by reason of his contributions on Confederates in our columns. Upon his return we are promised further articles from his pen.

—The following notice has been sent us by a correspondent who asks that it be printed in order that the proper idea of postal rates from this country to Newfoundland be understood. Evidently it is a copy of a departmental order of the post-office.

"Owing to the general misunderstanding, mail for Newfoundland, which is a separate British colony, is frequently treated as if the mail were intended for Canada."

While the letter postage rate to Newfoundland is 2 cents an ounce or fraction of an ounce, the postage rates, conditions, and classifications applicable to other articles of mail are the same as for Postal Union countries. However, parcel post packages are acceptable at the postage rate of 12 cents a pound or fraction of a pound and must be accompanied by a customs declaration (Form 2966), to be secured at any United States post-office at the time of mailing."

ART'S STATUS IN PHILATELY.

The appearance of late years of so many inartistic productions in stamp issues makes one ask whether the accepted tenet, "Art is the materialized expression of a person's delight in beauty," can be said to hold good to any large extent in philately. If we go through the latest Gibbons' catalogues, the best illustrated and most informative of all published, the answer must be that, with some exceptions, artistic productions of stamps are in a decadent state; whether temporary or permanent we will not be able to say until the world re-assumes pre-war conditions.

However, in justice to present day's conditions, we should review the philatelic art since the first issue of adhesive stamps in 1840, and will no doubt meet

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the contentions of many on the existence of inartistic productions in early issues.

Philatelic art may be divided into (1) design, (2) engraving and (3) printing. The first is, of course, the leading factor in it; the second of little less importance, as it means bringing out the details of the designer to the best advantage possible, and the third is of great importance also, as, however fine the work of the engraver, if the paper and ink used is of inferior quality and the printing carelessly done, the design and engraving are shorn of more than half their value.

Designing can also be divided into expressive and decorative classes. By the former we mean the main features of the design (centre of stamp), and by the latter the frame to it. As we know, one can spoil the other, and we have several examples of this. It is like putting a good painting or etching into a tawdry frame, or a poor painting into a handsome frame. Neither appeals to the artistic sense.

Looking back into past history we find the work of some good designers; in portraiture, the head of Queen Victoria on Nova Scotia 1860-3, Queensland 1860, Van Dieman's Land, 1855, New South Wales 5d. of 1855, and one or two others in the British Empire. In foreign countries we can mention Bosnia and Herzegovina issue of 1906-7, Persia, 10c. of 1881 and 50k. of 1909; Austria-Hungary 10 and 20k. used during the war by the Field Army; first issue of Belgium, Chili issue of 1911, Hawaii, \$1 of 1882-5, and several others. In all those mentioned we find (in our opinion), a harmony between the design and the setting, and the artistic in these stamps is brought out by the excellence of the engraving, and good printing.

We did not make a special, but only a haphazard selection from the catalogue illustrations, and some of our readers may point to the 1840 Great Britain as a fine example, but here again we may ad-

vance an opinion, and it is that the central design overshadows the frame.

In pictorial designs (including allegorical) we do not find many artistic productions in the first half of our philatelic history (prior to 1882), certainly not many in the British Empire. The best are the 5sh St. Vincent, 1880, Virgin Islands 4d and 1sh of 1886, Barbados, 1852 issue, Newfoundland 2d, 1857, Nevis 1861 issue, and the Tasmanian Postal Fiscals of 1863 (used postally). In foreign countries the palm would have been given to the two values of the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. (Peru) of 1857, but the lettering in the central design spoils the latter. A better production is the first issue of Costa Rica. But beyond these two we cannot find any others that appeal to the artistic eye.

There are quite a number of handsome designs, well carried out, even to the printing, in the second period, but they are, nearly all of them, the work of designers of either Great Britain or the United States. And this brings us to the engravers, either on steel, copper, or stone. Here again we find the best work done by men in the two countries mentioned, especially on steel. In fact, these men were responsible for the finest stamps produced in the world.

There are, certainly, not many countries, if any, that have excelled the printing work of such firms as Perkins, Bacon & Co., De la Rue and Co., and Waterlow and Sons in England, and the American Bank Note Co., National Bank Note Co., and Continental Bank Note Co., of New York.

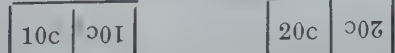
The above, summed up, means that while the second period has produced stamps as excellently produced—in design, engraving and printing—as in the first period, such production has been largely overshadowed by the great quantity of inartistic stamps that have come to the front since the war, and this must be the plea for our contention that philatelic art is on the decline.—*Scott's Monthly Journal*.

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THE PRECANCEL REVIEW.

Edited by FRED'K W. ALLEN,
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New Issue Notes—Cincinnati is awarded first place for precancelling the 30 cent (Great American Bison). The cancellation is the current U-3 type and reads down.

It is reported that Glens Falls, N. Y., has precancelled the 50 cent (Arlington Memorial), in the handstamped type similar to U-3, but I have not seen a copy.

The 12 cents, 2 and 5 dollars are yet to appear precancelled. All remaining denominations have been seen.

Errors—When overprints and surcharges are applied on postage stamps, errors in spelling and type setting frequently occur. Usually these are highly sought after and fetch good prices. In precancels we find the same situation as in regular postage, which enhances the interest quite materially.

For several years the Sears-Roebuck people in Chicago employed a rubber handstamp which had the "CA" transposed on some of the subjects. It was my fortune recently to view a fine block of six of the 2 cent 1914 issue that had three "CHICAGO" errors on the left and three of the correct settings on the right.

Fergus Falls, Minn., has a handstamp (similar to U-3) which reads "FERFUS FALLS" and another Minnesota town, Cloquet, has an error occurring four times to a sheet (25 at a time handstamp) which is "Cloquet" for Cloquet.

"CASTON" for "GASTON", Ind., occurs with the same frequency, and also "BACONNE" for "BAYONNE," New Jersey.

Two errors quite similar are Flint, "Wich" and "ELWIRA," New York. Both are handstamped types of the same general appearance.

Michigan City, Ind., has just begun to use the handstamped type known as U-6. There is an error on it to wit: the second "n" is inverted and raised so that it resembles a "u."

Sherrill, N. Y. (Type II) has a mistake in spelling. "Sherril" is of course incorrect. It is quite hard to find as one to twenty-five is the ratio of the error to the normal variety.

A case where one gets an error every time is with Tucson, Ariz., precancels. They are all spelled "Tuscon." Some one at Washington who made the handstamp for this office "pulled a flivver." The U. S. Official Postal Guide gives the correct spelling as "Tucson." How-

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ever, as most of these precancels are illegible it makes little difference how they are spelled.

Analogous to the "Chicaco" error is the "BALTIMOER." The due stamps are precancelled at Baltimore by a special plate which has very wide spacing between the words so that the central figures may stand out clearly. The reason for this is apparent to anyone who has handled quantities of these confusing dues. The error "BALTIMOER" is just one to ninety-nine of the others.

Huron, S. Dak., received a double dose of "d's" on one subject of her handstamp. If only, the error "D. DAK" was seen one might be puzzled as to in which of the Dakotas, Huron was located.

Federalburg, Md., in medium sized capitals (type set) may be picked up with the errors "FFEDERALSBURG" and "FEDERALSBUBG," but not easily.

An odd sort of a precancel is a Kansas City, Mo., multigraph production. In tall thin capitals K C MO appears in a single line. I am indebted to Mr. W. C. Black for the inspection of a pair of the 10 cent, 1923, series with this type upon it. The right stamp reads "K C MON" which is apparently a slip up.

Whether purposely created or not, I cannot say, is the well known "h" error on Northampton, Mass., precancelled stamps. They are fairly plentiful, although no longer current "Northampton" is quite different from "Northampton" and side by side in pairs with the regular variety presents a strange contrast. The vestigial "h" was dropped about a year ago so "Northampton" is the way they read at present.

A set of the figure "1" errors for the "I" of "OHIO" in the Akron, Ohio, electrotype precancels is not a very difficult one to procure on account of the large quantities used. The left vertical of ten subjects on this plate show the variety, so look for straight edges or sheet margins on the left when hunting for them.

The classical errors however, are the early 1898 and 1902 series—"S. Weymotuh" for "South Weymouth (Mass.); "Lockprot" and "Lockport" (N. Y.); "Becorah" (Iowa); "MEW YORK" (Binghamton) are most famous. Precancel collectors high prices for such of these items come on the market.

Mr. William Field, who now possesses the collection of U. S. precancelled stamps has written an article on "oddities in Precancels." This has been converted into pamphlet form together with a list of thirteen cent precancels compiled by Dr. G. Ward Disbrow. I gladly send this upon request, when turn postage is included.

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BERMUDA ("Ship" design).—1d green, 1d red.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—2c brown, 5c blue, 10c purple and green, 25c black on em-erald (first time Script watermark), 50c purple and blue on blue, \$2 green and brilliant rosa, \$5 purple and black on red, old CA wmk. (first time Nyasaland type).

CYPRUS (New issue combined postage and revenue series. Size and type as existing postage series).—½ pi grey and light brown (hitherto styled 10pa), ½ pi black (hitherto styled ½pi), ½ pi green (hitherto styled 30pa), 1pi purple and light brown, 1½pi orange and black, 2pi red and green (hitherto styled 2pi), 2½pi blue and purple, 4pi sage green and purple (hitherto styled 4pi), 4½pi black and orange on green (New duty), 6pi olive and green (hitherto styled 6pi), 9pi brown and purple, 12pi light brown and black, 18pi black and orange, 45pi purple and blue, 90pi green and red on yellow (hitherto styled 10s), £1 purple and black on red, old CA wmk.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—1c black, 2c brown, single working, Plates 3 and 4 (change of colour from green on white paper); 3c green; 5c purple on yellow; 50c black and orange, Plate 3; \$1 green and light green (first time Script wmk.).

GOLD COAST.—1d green, Plate 11; 1d brown, single working Plate; 1½d red, Plate 11; 3d blue, Plate 11; 6d purple and brilliant rosa, Plate 11; 1s black on emerald, Plate 11 (first time Script wmk.); 2s purple and blue on blue, Plate 11; 2s 6d black and red on blue, Plate 11 (first time Script wmk.); 5s green and red on yellow, Plate 11 (first time Script wmk.); 15s purple and green, Plate 11.

JOHORE.—\$1 green and brilliant rosa, 50c purple and red, 25c purple and green.
KENYA.—1c brown, 10c green (dis- patched), 20c orange, 50c grey, 75c ochre, 2s purple, 5s red, £1 black and orange.
MAURITIUS ("Arms of Mauritius" series).—2c brown, 4c green, 50r purple and green (New value, large size).
St. LUCIA.—1d green, Plate 11, 2d grey, Plate 3; 3d blue, Plate 11; 4d black and red on yellow, Plate 3 (first time Script wmk.); 6d purple and brilliant rosa, Plate 11; 1s light brown, Plate 11; 2s 6d black and red on blue, Plate 3 (first time Script wmk.).

St. VINCENT.—1d green, copperplate.

SIERRA LEONE.—1d blue-purple, Plate 11 (first time Script wmk. and colour changed from red on white paper); 1½d red, Plate 11 (first time Script wmk. and colour changed from orange and white paper).

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GRENADA.—1d brown, Plate 3; "Post- age due" 1½d black.

IRAQ.—1a brown, 3a blue, 8a yellow, 2a sage-green, 1a brown, 3a blue, 4a grey, 6a green (all single working steel plate); 1a, 1½a, 2a, 3a, 1 rupee. The official de- scription of the designs employed for these stamps has now been received. They are "Quffah scene" (previously erroneously described as Guffah scene); "Assyrian winged attendant deity," "As- syrian winged bull," "Ctesiphon arch," and "Assyrian Sacred Tree design." The official designations of the other val- ues were published in these pages some time ago.

KEDAH.—1c black, 3c green (change of colour from purple-brown on white), 30c black and red, 40c black and purple, 50c brown and blue, \$1 black and red on yellow (first time Script wmk.), \$2 green and brown, \$3 black and blue-purple on blue (all copperplate).

KELANTAN.—5c green and red on yellow, Plate 1.

MALTA.—3d white-blue, Plate 2; 6d olive and blue-purple, Plate 2.

MAURITIUS.—10c grey ("Arms of Mauritius" series); 20c blue ("Arms of Mauritius" series); 10r green and red on emerald, Plate 11 ("King's Head" series), (first time Script wmk.).

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21. No. 247 Philippines.
22. No. 16 Azerbaijani, Eastern part of Trans-Caucasia.
23. Nos. 25, 33, 38 Newfoundland.
24. Heligoland.
25. Nos. 367-8-9, 2c Lincoln 1909.
26. Penmarks.
27. Finland has a circle with dot in center.
28. William 3rd and Queen Wilhelmina.
29. Transvaal, Orange Free State, German S. W. Africa or Hejaz, Alaska, Hawaii or Tahiti, Siam, Indo-China. (Any three will answer.)
30. Edward 7th, Albert Edward; George 5th, George Frederick Ernest Albert; Queen Victoria, Victoria Alexandra.
31. Belgium, throwing discus, Chariot racing, running. Greece, wrestling, throwing discus, chariot racing, running.
32. Honduras, Nicaragua, Salvador.
33. China, Russia, Canada.
34. Palestine.
35. 1c and 2c Columbian, 1893.
36. To cut paper to better absorb the cancelling ink.
37. No. 1 Union of South Africa. 1910.
38. Black and blue.
39. Indian, No. 1901.
40. Engraved.
41. No. 1455, 10c Parcel Post.
42. No. It is shown from the East River, with a ship in the foreground too large to get into the East River.
43. Denmark.
44. South West Africa.
45. To show that postage is not fully paid and amount to be paid.
46. Eastern Roumelia on Turkey, No. 12.
47. To reseal letters damaged in the mail.
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When we talk of wonderful collections or accumulations of United States stamps, we naturally think of the east, but we find that Mr. B. K. Miller of Milwaukee has brought together one of the world's finest col-



lections of our issues. Insofar as the covering of the whole field is concerned, I know of no collection so comprehensive, for Mr. Miller, a real student of our stamps, not only collects the adhesive postage varieties, but collects the Departments, the Newspapers, Re-issues, Special Printings and all other oddities interesting to the advanced specialist. He desires unused specimens, blocks, covers and cancellations, and in the latter case he wants those varieties which prove the use of the postage stamp in certain

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Insofar as Department stamps are concerned, he counts among his treasures entire sheets of the \$10 and \$20 States.

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Mr. Miller, being of legal mind, has not only made a collection of stamps, but has untiringly acquired detailed and extensive facts and data regarding our issues, which he hopes to put in book form, so that it may be available to the many philatelists interested.

STAMP COLLECTING; A HOBBY OR AN INVESTMENT?

CLARENCE J. WEST, Washington, D. C.

The current philatelic press contains many articles on why one should collect stamps, each from its own point of view, each more or less convincing. Primarily I believe the true collector should and does view his collection from the standpoint of a hobby, a source of pleasure to himself and those of his friends whom he converts to the pleasure of the hobby by talking shop and exhibiting his treasures. He spends all he can afford (and how often it is more) in building up his collection, rejoices when an extra dollar

comes his way, and thinks not of whether his collection earns him six or sixty percent per year on the amount invested. That is the way I view my collection, which thus far includes only unused blocks of four of twentieth century United States and colonies.

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vestment values. Each year about this time we are reminded of this feature of stamp collecting, for dealers urge active buying, saying that a new catalog is soon due and prices will probably advance. Sometimes they do, sometimes they remain stationary, and then again they go the other way.

My brief study of the number and value of United States stamps finally led me to this question: Suppose that, in 1900, a collector had bought, at the regular catalogue prices, one copy each of all of the major varieties of the United States stamps, both used and unused, had held them until 1924, and then had disposed of them at the catalogue prices of that date, what would have been his net gain and his percentage gain? In answering this, we of course must forget any thought of the pleasure and recreation which such a collection would have brought, and consider purely the financial side.

The following table shows the catalogue values of a selected list of the stamps priced in the 1900, 1912 and 1924 catalogues, for the period 1847-1900. Many stamps are not included because they are not priced in one of these three catalogues. In general only major varieties are included.

Years Covered	Unused 1900	Used 1900	Unused 1912	Used 1912	Unused 1924	Used 1924
1847-1861	\$572.10	\$129.71	\$807.12	\$142.41	\$1,510.24	\$794.20
1861-1867	528.40	88.00	619.25	88.51	938.75	204.36
1869	98.00	28.54	103.35	32.20	178.00	63.21
1870-1880	306.65	59.02	320.35	60.01	495.15	101.47
1880-1893	33.35	19.90	43.41	26.62	72.05	47.29
1893-1900	31.28	16.42	56.72	24.54	104.19	61.15
	\$1,569.78	\$341.59	\$1,950.20	\$379.29	\$3,298.39	\$1,271.68
		\$1,911.37		\$2,329.49		\$4,570.07

A casual examination of this table reveals two rather interesting facts. One is the remarkable increase in value during the years 1912-1924, as compared with that during the period 1900-1912. The second, the greater total increase of the used as compared with the unused stamps. It is probable that a number of reasons might be suggested for both of these facts. For the first we will only suggest two: the increasing scarcity of stamps with the lapse of years and the decreased value of the dollar. For the second we will only suggest that the collectors of used stamps are more numerous than those of mint stamps and, therefore, the greater demands influence the price.

Now as to the investment feature. One dollar invested in 1900 in mint stamps became \$1.24 in 1912 and 2.11 in 1924. In the case of the used stamps one dollar invested in 1900 amounted to \$1.11 in 1912 and \$3.72 in 1924. One dollar at straight six percent interest for 12 years would amount to \$1.72, for 24 years to \$2.44. At compound interest the corresponding figures are \$2.01 and \$4.04. We therefore see that neither the mint nor the used stamps have increased in cata-

logue value during the past 24 years to represent an investment paying six percent compound interest. Taken together, the increase in value represents a little less than a straight six percent on the original value (calculated value in 1924 at 6% interest, \$46,663.78; actual catalogue value, \$4,570.07). Even the notable increase in the value of the used stamps does not represent a return of six percent compound interest (calculated value, \$1,380.02; actual value, \$1,271.68.)

It must be emphasized that the above figures consider all the stamps included in the summary. If we consider individual stamps, we find some that represent a much better investment than others. Thus No. 42 (1c type III, 1857-60), used, increased from .12 to .20 in 1912 and to \$45 in 1924; No. 48 (5c type II, 1857-60) increased in value from \$3 in 1900 to \$35 in 1924; No. 32 (1c type III, 1851-6) increased from \$10 to \$200; No. 30 (1c type I, 1851-6) from \$25 to \$225. Many others increased in value five times or even more. On the other hand, No. 43 (3c rose type I, 1857-60) decreased from \$12.50 in 1900 to \$12 in 1924; and No. 147 (3c green, 1870-1) from \$2.50 to \$2.00. Many of the cheaper and very common stamps have remained stationary for the 24 years, and really

play no real part in this study.

As far as United States stamps are concerned, we must conclude that mint stamps are not a real investment; that a general collection cannot be considered a profitable investment; that used stamps are more profitable than mint stamps; and finally that the real excuse for a stamp collection of any kind is the joy it brings its possessor.

NOTE.—After writing the above, I happened across an article by A. Crippa, entitled "Philately and Finance" reproduced from *Stamp Collecting* in the *Weekly Philatelic Gossip* for April 26, 1924. It is rather interesting to note the following paragraphs:

"Is anyone here optimistic enough to predict that stamps on the whole will rise in the ratio of from £10 to £22 10s in the next ten years? I say emphatically, no! bearing in mind that as time goes on any tendency to rise on account of diminishing supply will be counteracted by the rise in the value of the £1."

"* * * To sum up, 'stamps as an investment' is a myth and propaganda on these lines almost amounts to false pretenses. However, long live stamp collecting as a hobby."

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from L. E. Patterson of Ithaca, N.

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nce, R. I., and has been a subscriber

WEEKLY during practically its ex-

istence.

on the following day two more of

subscribers, F. L. Kennedy of Cam-

bridge, Mass., and Henry W. Stintz,

Overlea, Md., took out memberships in

Five Year Honor Club and both

received as if it were a matter-of-

course to send in five-year sub-

scription renewals.

rough Mr. Severn at our Chicago

we have received an application for

membership in our Honor Club from

Mr. B. Martin, cashier of the First

National Bank of Forestville, N. Y. Mr.

is an officer and director in vari-

ous corporations, but is especially in-

terested in historical matters of all

pertaining to Chautauqua Co. In

re is the president of the Chautauqua

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PHILATELIC CONDITIONS AS I FOUND THEM IN RUSSIA.

By EDWARD STERN (Proprietor Economist Stamp Co.)

Having read various articles on the
Russian situation appearing in philatelic
papers in which the facts have been more
or less misquoted and the deductions
mostly personal suppositions, I will try
in the following article to tell what I
actually found out to be the true state
of affairs.

It has always been the general opinion
that the Philatelic Department of the
Soviet Government was organized for
the purpose of putting out unnecessary
issues, and reprinting obsolete issues of
Russian stamps to supply the stamp
world. The fact that the control of the
sale of all stamps from this Department
was given to a single individual made
this impression.

Making a specialty of all new issues,
I was particularly interested and ven-
tured the trip to Russia where I had
every opportunity to investigate true con-
ditions. First of all, all mail matter is
censored to prevent stamps, currency or
any articles of value from leaving the
country. It is not generally known, but
it is with the greatest difficulty only that
an individual can obtain a visa to leave
Russia, and in some cases it takes a num-
ber of years to get one. And even then,
such an individual is compelled to leave
everything of value behind him, no mat-
ter how large a fortune he has accumu-
lated, with the exception of \$100.00.
This is the limit. That this rule is strictly
observed was proved by my witnessing
some sad incidents while crossing the
Russian Frontier.

In order to circulate and distribute the
new issues of Russia, this Philatelic
Agency was established with representa-
tives in the various countries, of course
including one in the United States.
Otherwise it would be almost impossible
to obtain any of the issues.

As stated above, private individuals
are not permitted to send any stamps out
of the country except through this De-
partment, and then only for exchange
purposes with collectors in other
countries.

I made special effort to look into the
actual supplies on hand of the recent
Soviet issues and found it possible to
procure but very few of those which
have always been scarce; and in many
cases the supply consisted of only a few
sets, contrary to the rumors that had
gone about of finding unlimited quanti-
ties of obsolete issues.

It is interesting to know that the Phil-
atelic Department has issued a catalogue

and price-list of all legitimate issues in-
cluding those of their former territories
of Far East, South Russia, Ukraine,
Siberia, etc., from which has been elimi-
nated all that were speculative or pri-
vately issued. It is surprising to see how
many of these eliminations are now listed
in Scott's catalogue. A list has been
prepared of all unnecessary and specula-
tive issues which will be published
shortly.

When this department was organized,
all post-offices throughout Soviet Russia
were ordered to discontinue the sale of
provisional issues and a permanent one
took their place. All obsolete stamps
were turned over to the department, and
through careful investigations the un-
authorized issues were detected and
destroyed.

The above has given a fairly accurate
idea of the conditions pertaining to the
recent issues, and as far as collections
and accumulations of old stamps are
concerned, I found to my great disap-
pointment, that extremely little of this
material was to be obtained.

It has been understood that before the
Revolution, there were a great many
valuable collections somewhere in Russia,
and it appears that before this depart-
ment came into being, almost all these
collections were somehow or other trans-
ferred or disposed of to Neutral coun-
tries, or possibly lost or destroyed. But
the entire supply of old issues now in
their possession is of very little con-
sequence. I went there supplied with ex-
tensive funds to purchase these sup-
posedly well-known large collections, but
they were nowhere to be seen.

The stamps on sale at the Russian
Philatelic Bureau are by no means stolen
property. The actual origin of all the
stamps I am unable to state, but this I
know: If a Russian has a stamp collec-
tion for sale he can either sell it to or
leave it with the Bureau which charges
a commission when sold. Several such
collections I saw while there and pur-
chased some of them.

One particular event that should be
recorded occurred while I was in
Moscow. Four men were to be tried
for counterfeiting surcharges on Batum,
Far East, South Russia, and Siberia
stamps. I was invited to attend this
trial which was admirably conducted.
Verdict and sentence were rendered and
imposed by three working men, who sat
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the fact that the Russian Philatelic
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After considerable deliberation I de-
cided to take this Russian trip and find
out the real conditions. (I am the first
American Stamp Dealer to cover this
territory.) I was accompanied by Mr.
Maurice Sherman, the American Repre-
sentative of the Russian Philatelic De-
partment. It would have been impossi-
ble for me to even get into Russia with-
out such a representative, and although
the venture was not very profitable from
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—"Victoria," the latest work of Charles Lathrop Pack was awarded a silver-gilt medal at the recent Brussels International Exhibition. A silver medal was awarded to Mr. M. Cutler for his display of United States, while a bronze medal was given to Mr. Adutt for his Confederates.

—The London *Daily Express* is going to make a feature in its issue for the last Thursday of each month of a half page devoted to philately. This recognition from so influential a news source is certainly significant, and it would seem that the English collectors are alert to ask consideration for their pursuit in the best of public prints.

—The tenth sale of the stamps from the Ferrari collection took place last week at the Hotel Drouot, Paris, as usual. The stamps included in this sale covered a considerable surface of the world, and the collection of locals of the United States was also disposed of in this sale.

—Walter J. Rozmin sends us a cartoon from the Chicago *Evening Post*, of June 12. It deals with the Republican convention at Cleveland and one of the features represents Charles Lathrop Pack in the act of planting a tree "in the heart of the Republican Party."

—Eddie Cantor in the New York *Telegram*, of June 10, in his department "Round the Town" has a short article on "Possessing a Hobby" in which he pays a fine tribute to stamp collecting. We are unable to reprint the article in full as it is copyrighted. Thanks are due E. W. Goldthorpe for submission.

—C. E. D. Egerton of Rockingham, N. C., in renewing his subscription encloses for our inspection the wrapper used in mailing the WEEKLY of August 18, 1923. It is interesting from the fact that it bears the postmark "Anchorage, Alaska, Dec. 10, 1923." Mr. Egerton received the paper at Rockingham, Jan. 2, 1924, but the thing that interests him is where the paper spent the five months that it was on the way from Portland to Anchorage. This cover will go into Mr. Egerton's collection of curios.

—Elsewhere in this issue will be found an advertisement from Joseph Gallant, Hempstead, N. Y., in which he advertises a vacation packet of one hundred stamps, catalog value \$14 for \$1.55. This is an excellent packet and a marvel of cheapness. We can vouch for the fact that the packet measures up to the claims made in the advertisement.

—The Chattanooga, Tenn., *Times* of June 15, contained a page advertisement of the firm of D. B. Loveman Co. a great department store of that city. One feature of the advertisement was an announcement of "Postage Stamps for Collectors" quoting a large number of packets, albums, etc.

—Owing to the fact that I have been ill in hospital for over a month, I will be somewhat delayed in replying to my

correspondents. In this connection, I now understand that the new issue, Canal Zone surcharged on U. S., will be placed on sale July 1 next in the following denominations: 1, 2, 3, 10, 12, 15, 30, 50, \$1.00, envelopes, post cards and 1, 2, 10 dues.—EMIL J. RALL.

—The Junior American Philatelic Society announces the appointment of Carl O. Selander, Box D, Edgewater, Colo., as manager of its large and growing exchange department. The J. A. P. S. also announces the perfecting of arrangements with various philatelic societies whereby exchange books will be interrupted.

—The following editorial appeared in the Philadelphia *Ledger*, of June 21; "Stamp collecting is not to be classed as child's play. In many countries the philatelic passion is a main-stay of the struggling national treasury, and Europe is littered with offices where stamps are sold. A great sale now in progress in Paris stirs the cupidity of specialists the world over. They know the rare specimens as connoisseurs know old violins. New South Wales stamps of 1850 are changing hands for prices that would have bought a whole sheep ranch at the time they were issued." While this is not so bad, yet it is scarcely worthy a paper of the prominence of the *Ledger*. This editorial appears as if it were something written in the day's work and does not show that insight into the heart of philately that might be expected from so worthy a source.

Now let us go to the New York *Times* and see how it handles an auction sale recently held in New York City. The following description of the sale is readable "stuff," and others than the philatelist would find that unconsciously they would read through the account to the end. We exult every time we think of the New York *Times* as the mouth-piece of philately in a news sense in this country, and we ask that all collectors show that they are appreciative of the favor that is shown them. The article is headed: "Curious stamps bring high prices," and the text is as follows:

"An example of the increasing tendency among collectors of United States stamps to pay fancy prices for early issues of the more common varieties having curious cancellations was shown last week at the sale conducted by J. M. Bartels & Co. at 116 Nassau Street. The ordinary 3-cent 1861-66 issue, of which good used copies may be purchased for a few cents, was represented by an exceptional number with strange postmarks and these aroused keen bidding. One with a bluebird postmark sold for \$30; another with a deer, cancelled at Deerfield, Mass., brought \$21; one marked with a skull and bones sold for \$11; one with a green cancellation, showing the letters "U. S." in a heart, went for \$8.25, and another with a Chicago "Supplementary Mail" cancellation sold for \$16. A 3-cent stamp of the same issue on the original envelope with an Irishman and hat cancellation sold for \$20.50.

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Many copies of the 5 and 10 cent Government issue, 1847, sold for more than standard catalogue prices. A 5-cent in the red-brown shade, bearing a gridiron postmark from New Orleans brought \$14.25, and a beautiful 10-cent copy on an envelope postmarked in New Orleans sold for \$70. Another show a double transfer went for \$59 and with the top line recut brought \$41. Fine single copies of the 5-cent stamp brought \$17.75 and \$16.50, respectively in the dark brown shade, the latter having a blue "Paid" cancellation.

A block of five 3-cent stamps, 1851, on an envelope to Paris with the Supplementary Mail cancellation, sold for \$58 and two copies of the same value on an envelope, one stamp being of cracked plate variety, brought \$53. An envelope addressed to China having a pair of 24-cent, 1861, with a 3-cent stamp sold for \$26 and another envelope to China with single copies of the 3 and 30-cent stamps of the same issue sold for \$23.50. A superb single copy of the 12-cent, 1857, with the Supplementary Mail cancellation brought \$62, paying \$42 more than the catalogue rate for an average copy.

A 3-cent copy of the 1851 issue on an envelope bearing a Christmas tree cancellation with twelve branches, sold for \$26, another copy bearing a steam cancellation from New Orleans brought \$16.25, and one with an Express Mail cancellation, New York, sold for \$10. A fine copy of the 3-cent, 1857, known as the Type I variety, with recut line brought \$37, and a good copy of the 90-cent, 1869, sold for \$21.

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 er accounting with the International
 rrespondence Schools of Scranton, Pa.
 lesson I am studying to-day is
 ed "Special Accounting Examina-
 ns and Reports," and they use as an
 mple "The Standard Stamp Co.,
 ders in Rare Postage Stamps." The
 rager of the company, Mr. Sharp,
 ited to have some idea of his pros-
 s for a normal summer season and
 ed in an accountant to prepare a
 cast of future business on the basis
 the business done during the past ten
 rs. He classes as abnormal all sales
 ounting to from \$5.00 to \$50,000. He
 it into great detail, dividing the busi-
 s into four classes—Loose Stamps,
 kets, Sets and Approval Sheets. You
 imagine how much more interesting
 lesson was to me on account of the
 oduction of philately. The point I
 it to stress is the fact that we are
 gnized as a worth-while enterprise.

TULANCINGO OVERPRINTS.
 By **W. T. WILSON.**

was much interested in Mr. Phillips
 s on Mr. A. O. Schenck's Mexican
 ection and the many fine pieces
 ein and I hope I may see them at
 e exhibition. One statement, how-
 r, I must take exception to, viz.:—
 the only genuine obliteration on the
 ancingo Overprints of 1856 and 1861
 the Eagle Postmark. During the
 35 years I have made tracings of and
 tographed every available postmark
 his country, having had at least three
 erent Tulancingo beginning with the
 st, viz.:—

**TULAN-
CINGO.**

o far as my memory goes the Eagle
 mark was only applied to the 1861
 e, which rarely had the name over-
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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

NEW BARBADOS, POSTAGE AND REVENUE, 1925.

By **HARRY E. HUBER.**

In the 1923 session of the Legislative Assembly the question was raised of combining the two series of stamps for the collection of postage and fiscal charges, but favorable action was not taken until the Assembly of 1924. The Crown Agents have been asked to submit designs for a new series of stamps, inscribed Postage & Revenue, in which the present 3s limitation will be greatly exceeded; it is quite probable that one of £5 denomination will be included. The highest Postage & Revenue value in the British West Indies series at present is £1. As it is extremely unlikely that the new stamps can be in readiness much before January 1, 1925, further supplies of several values in the small Seal type (issued Nov. 14, 1921), much in demand, and which are running low, have been cabled for.

The stamps issued by Barbados for the last 25 years have been very attractive, and while keyplate printing has been resorted to at times, the designs have been distinctive, and at no time has use been made of the mediocre De La Rue general keyplates, utilised by so many Colonies financially able to incur the expense of special dies, plates, etc. From the standpoint of investment, the catalogue values indicate that the stamps of Barbados are most desirable. They are postage stamps, and have not been used for the dual purpose of postage and revenue, as in many Colonies, and for the higher values the demand has been very limited, as is shown by the tabulation below of stamp sales for the years 1917 to 1920 inclusive.

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
1/4d.	196,974	203,886	214,260	404,768
1/2d.	320,532	279,948	377,340	644,687
1d.	867,416	839,824	893,820	1,013,283
2d.	8,386	8,824	12,330	28,445
2 1/2d.	37,720	37,440	46,812	80,798
3d.	7,278	8,452	12,350	27,755
4d.	7,538	37,647	6,345	27,587
6d.	4,812	7,334	8,329	29,543
1s.	4,938	3,931	5,931	20,504
2s.	2,540	4,150	3,915	12,146
3s.	1,581	5,234	1,990	9,753

The Post Office revenue, expenditure, value of stamps sold, and the cost of manufacture of stamps, in the respective years, was as follows:—

	Post Office	
	Revenue.	Expenditure.
1917,	£6785.19.9	£7804.16.9 1/2
1918,	7565.16.3	9073.16.9 1/2
1919,	18375.11.2 1/2	9667.5.3
1920,	21899.10. 1/2	12896.15.4
	Value of stamps sold. Cost of manufacture.	
1917,	£6310.16.5	£154.4.1
1918,	7257.5.6 1/2	484.0.9
1919,	6958.16.9	88.4.1
1920	12482.15.2	1339.11.4

In the respective years stamps to the following value were sent to collectors

and dealers abroad:—

1917,	£711.14.10
1918,	1538.12. 4 1/2
1919,	508.13. 0
1920,	2991.16. 1 1/2

The increased sale of 4d and 3s stamps in 1918, was due to the issue on Feb. 18, 1918, of these two values, bi-colored, with the vignette re-engraved, and the circular border line omitted—a change which did little to improve the appearance of the stamps.

In 1919 there were no new stamp varieties, but on Sept. 9, 1920, the bi-colored Victory series was issued. These new issues explain the increased cost of manufacture of stamps in the respective years.

On October 10, 1917, the 1d War Tax stamp (overprinted on the 1d of 1912 series) was issued, this tax on letters was effective from October 15, 1917, until March 31, 1920. The revenue from the sale of these stamps was not credited to the Post Office account, but to a special account for war purposes. The value of War Tax stamps sold during the period the tax was in force, was as follows:—

1917 (from October 15),	£503.18. 5
1918,	1407.19. 1
1919,	1232. 2. 1
1920 (to March 31st),	373.19.11

The sale of War Tax stamps ceased on March 31, 1920, but they were still allowed to be used as postage stamps.

Barbados, it may be news to some, does not subscribe to the Crown Agents' scheme of selling current stamps in London, and although philatelic press reports would indicate the contrary, none of the Victory or small Seal type stamps were sold by the Crown Agents. In some cases, they did, however, book orders and send out with the cash to the Colony, but the stamps were all supplied by the G. P. O. at Bridgetown. Bahamas, Bermuda, British Honduras and Barbados are practically the only British Colonies in the Western Hemisphere prohibiting the sale of their stamps by the Crown Agents.

Bardados is about 21 miles long by 14 wide, and contains approximately 166 square miles, with a population (according to the census of April 24, 1921), of 156,312, which was 15,671 less than in 1911. Of this total, 10429 were white, 111,677 black and 34,216 mixed.

The island is said to have been first visited by some Portuguese about 1536, and to have been named by them Los Barbados, after the bearded fig trees found there. In 1605 it was nominally taken possession of by the crew of the English ship "Olive Blossom." The island was granted to the Earl of Marlborough by King James I, and in 1626 Sir William Courteen, a London merchant, commenced to colonise the island. Some forty settlers from the "William

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The G. P. O. is at Bridgetown, the capital, on the southwest coast, and there are ten district Post Offices. A daily house to house delivery is maintained in the country districts, and four deliveries in the capital.

The following from the report of the Colonial Postmaster (H. W. Collymore) for the year 1922, is interesting as showing the amount of mail handled by the G. P. O. at Bridgetown during the Christmas rush season.

"There was a glut in the office at Christmas on account of the large number of mails received during the week previously. No mail was received in the office during the period 7th to 13th December; this was a peculiar coincidence, but from the 14th they began to come in and it may be of interest if I mention here what was received from that date up to the 23rd December.

"On the 14th 85 bags were received; on the 15th, 104; on the 17th, 15; on the 18th, 323; on the 20th, 47, and on the 23rd, 350 bags. Altogether we received 924 bags of mail in those ten days. The consequence was the Parcel Post rooms were filled to overflowing and we could open no more bags of parcels. There was no delay in the sortment of the letter and newspaper mail. I reported the condition of the office to the Executive with the result that another room was added to the Parcel Post Department, and this I trust will meet the requirements for some time."

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ing Editor at Beverly.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

We have been informed that the Col-
lectors Club has voted to hold a big in-
ternational exhibition in New York, in
1926, and that a committee with Mr. C. J.
Phillips as chairman has been appointed
to prepare a working program. With
this bare announcement we shall await
details, as with half an eye we can see
that the forthcoming event will be one
that will be tremendously influential for
good. The supposition is that this ex-
hibition will not affect any small exhibit
to be held during the convention of the
A. P. S., at Philadelphia, in the same
year. It is a satisfaction to know that
from now on we shall have every reason
to bend to the effort to make the exhibi-
tions successful, and if there is one rea-
son for a feeling of confidence that all
will be well with the great Collectors
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give an understanding of the conditions
under which the new service will be
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the mail. The airplane postage charged
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the air mail route as well as the trans-
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will be carried by airplane, including
sealed parcels not exceeding 50 lbs. in
weight and not exceeding 84 inches in
length and girth combined, with postage
at the rate of 8c per ounce or fraction
thereof for each zone or zones in which
mail is carried by plane. Special air-
plane stamps are issued, but any stamps
good for postage may be used provided
the envelope is plainly marked *via air-
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post-office department and rating of post-
age is divided into three zones: One,
New York to Chicago; Two, Chicago to
Cheyenne; Three, Cheyenne to San
Francisco. A rate of 8c for each ounce
or part of an ounce makes the cost of
postage for each ounce or fraction there-
of, for example, from New York to
Chicago 8c, New York to Cheyenne 16c,
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rates is given in a table prepared by the
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livery service may be had by the neces-
sary additional payments. This route
marks an important advance in aerial
postal transportation, as it is to be a
permanent route that is transcontinental
in scope. We suppose that first flight
covers will be one of the attractive
memorials of this new route.

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We have been harping on the radio
possibilities for philately, and we intend
to continue to indicate how necessary it
is that we take advantage of every op-
portunity to enlist the radio in our cause.
We have seen enough of the benefits that
come through philatelic broad-casting to
make us an ardent partisan of this form
of publicity. It is known that the vari-
ous stations are opposed to advertising
or propaganda in any form, and it be-
hooves us to be regardless of the restric-

tions that are imposed in this relation.
We have reason to think that as the
popularity of radio increases, there will
be greater demand for speakers on topics
of interest to the general public. Now
that the radio entertainment has become
a staple part of daily existence, there is
beginning to be a call for speakers who
have subjects that are of some novelty
to hearers. We feel that we have ac-
complished something in having one man
say that he suggested to his nearest
broad-casting station that they allow him
to give a short talk on philately, and he
said that they responded favorably to
his request asking that he make his talk
brief but they did not try to edit his
subject. Perhaps there are several doz-
ens of our readers who are in a position
to emulate the example of this man. We
are sure that any of them is intelligent
enough to condense into a five or six
minute talk about all the essentials of
philately. Of course, it is difficult to
observe a sense of proportion in trying
to compress a subject that is so embrac-
ive into comparatively few words, but
the trick is to give an idea of the range
of philately by citing the number of col-
lectors as estimated; the number of
stamps available for collecting and by
giving briefly an account of the rarest
stamps and dwelling rather impressively
upon the American stamps from first to
last, especially those having a novel or
historical cast. We now hail the radio
as our friend and as the talk on stamp
collecting becomes a feature at times of
many of the stations, we shall see the
effect of this word-of-mouth advertising.
An enthusiasm for stamps is one of the
requirements for the making of a suc-
cessful collector, and we think that any-
one who believes in stamps for their
collecting virtues is brave enough to
want to tell what he knows of the de-
lights of collecting by means of the radio.
We suppose that we could start a radio
department judging from the number of
our readers who are interested in radio
and who wish to develop the proposition
as affecting philately to the greatest de-
gree of usefulness. The radio enthusi-
asts must keep us informed of their
activities as we wish to place on record
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400, 1,000
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Jugo, 1d/10, 1d/15, 1d/25, 3d/15, 3d/15,
5d/8d set, new
Netherlands, 2.50 on 10g, No. 118, scarce
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of the reader as given is not without its points of interest, and it is submitted in the hope that an idea or two may be gained from it.

The receipt of a letter from Mr. Willis Kerr of Emporia, Kansas, speaking of having obtained the postmark of a Kansas office discontinued many years ago on an original cover gives us the idea to ask if other collectors who give special attention to the postmarks of discontinued offices in their own state in consideration of the historical suggestions that the covers convey, will place them on record with us. We think that "aside" is certainly one that may be used to advantage. The tendency to keep attention to the early history of the states is encouraged by the example of the state historical societies. Nothing could more fittingly convey some of the changes in the state than the marks of offices that are no longer ant. The collector who has a good representation of covers of the kind is contributing real information, even though may be somewhat humble, to the archives of the state, in the forms of marks. Lists of covers bearing the names of discontinued offices are interesting, and we should be glad to hear from collectors who are giving attention to this division of collecting; for instance, our Rattle-Snake, California, mark on a 10c green stamped envelope of 1855, has an appeal that we think a good many collectors can appreciate.

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AKRON MAIL CARRIER, C. A. TOWNSEND.

There appeared recently in the Akron, Ohio, *Beacon-Journal* an article featuring Charles A. Townsend, who is not only well known as a local mail carrier but even more widely as a stamp dealer. Through the courtesy of this paper we are able to reproduce Mr. Townsend's picture which accompanies the article. In addition to the excerpt here given were some observations by Mr. Townsend connected



CHARLES A. TOWNSEND.

with his experiences as a stamp dealer, but we do not have the space at our command to use the entire article. Our readers will recall the many advertisements that have appeared in this paper and we take pleasure in presenting the following:

"Stamps one cent each and a thousand a day" is the slogan of Charles A. Townsend, 848 W. Market St., Akron's veteran stamp collector and seller who is internationally known among stamp collectors. A coincidence is that

Townsend handles stamps in one form or another during most of the 24 hours of the day. He is a mail carrier, and will soon complete 30 years' service and retire.

Mr. Townsend began collecting stamps in 1870 and for nine years did nothing but buy rare stamps from all over the world. In 1879, he came to the conclusion that he might collect a better assortment by dealing in stamps and consequently sent out his first list of offerings that year.

As Mr. Townsend admits, he had more or less success in this venture for the next 30 years, but became disgusted about 1900 and decided to sell out his entire collection and quit. As is the custom of most dealers, he made up a list of his possessions and offered them to other collectors at one cent each.

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list of many thousands of collectors in all parts of the world, not many more than 500 are listed as active and receive his regular catalogs. Practically all are in the United States, as Mr. Townsend says that he prefers not to sell outside the country for several reasons, but chiefly because of the long time necessary to get returns and receive orders.

Contrary to the ideas of many that it would be an easy matter to collect stamps by working around a post-office and having opportunities to see and collect from this source, Mr. Townsend says that it's very seldom that he bothers asking for a stamp even on letters he delivers on his regular route.

Mr. Townsend says that many collectors and offices advertise stamps at a cent, but after a collector is started, the prices are raised and his interest begins to lag.

DEATH OF E. H. GAMMANS.

We are informed by Philip H. Ward, Jr., that E. H. Gammans, a former New York stamp dealer, died Sunday, June 1, of Bright's disease. Mr. Gammans will be remembered by readers of the WEEKLY as a regular user of space in our publication and he had built up quite a business. In recent years, due to poor health, he had taken up his residence at Middle Grove, N. Y., and gave less attention to the stamp business.

MR. HIND IN EUROPE.

Stamp Collecting informs us that Mr. Arthur Hind of Utica, N. Y., has recently paid a visit to the Wembley Stamp Exhibit. We also learn that at the continuation sale of the famous Ferrary stamp collection the highest price paid was \$3,000 for a block of six 8d 1850 New South Wales. It was bought by a London dealer for Mr. Hind. The aggregate sales on June 19 were nearly \$40,000.

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HAYTI

A very fine lot of almost entirely the head issues including over 100 copies of the imperf. varieties. There are blocks of the 1c and 2c, a strip of three of the 5c in magnificent used condition, as well as a superb canceled pair of the 20c. Some of the perforated head issues are represented in blocks. There are some interesting inverted surcharges and the like in the late issues, as well as a complete set of the scarce 1898 series, Nos. 46 to 51. This collection will be sold intact or will separate the head issues from the balance.

PERU

An unusually attractive assortment of the early imperforated varieties only, including steamship and other cancellations. There are several pairs and strips, and several of the pairs show the paper joints, well known to specialists of these issues. I also note a couple very fine double prints. This collection will possibly catalog \$700 to \$800.

The above will be gladly submitted to interested parties. If not known to me, kindly furnish commercial references.

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United States.

Transcontinental Air Mail Service

In the Postal "Bulletin" of June 20th, the Second Assistant Postmaster-General calls attention to the Transcontinental Air Mail Service, which will be inaugurated on July 1st, and further repeats the information in the edition of the following day. In these bulletins we are told that the planes stop at thirteen cities between New York and San Francisco going west and at the same cities coming east. Starting from New York, these cities are Bellefonte, Pa.; Cleveland, Ohio; Bryan, Ohio; Chicago, Ill.; Iowa City, Iowa; Omaha, Neb.; North Platte, Neb.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Rawlins, Wyo.; Rock Springs, Wyo.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Elco, Nevada; Reno, Nevada and San Francisco. The route is divided into three zones, and the rate of postage is 8c for one zone, 16c for the second zone and 24c for the third zone. New York to Chicago constitutes the first zone, and a letter going to any place within this zone from some other city within the same zone takes an 8c rate. The second zone is from Chicago to Cheyenne, and the rate within the zone is 8c, but there is a charge of 16c from any place within this zone to either the first or second zone. The third zone is from Cheyenne to San Francisco, and the rate within this zone is 8c, with a charge of 16c to a city within the second zone, or 24c to the first zone. Any mailable matter will be carried by airplane, including sealed parcels not exceeding fifty pounds in weight, and not exceeding eighty-four inches in length and girth combined, with postage at the rate of 8c an ounce or fraction thereof, for each zone or part of zone in which the mail is carried by plane. The special Air Mail Stamps issued last

August are available for this purpose, but any stamps good for postage may be used, provided the envelope is plainly marked "Via Air Mail." Letters may also be registered as well as sent by Special Delivery. The post-offices named above show the line of flight but other offices not on the route may dispatch airplane mail to the nearest point, where most advantageous connections will be made with the air mail schedule.

It may interest our readers to know that it takes just exactly 210 covers in order to have a first day mailing from every city on the route to every other city, and the postage on these providing you pay the scheduled amount, amounts to \$30.88. I have spent the better part of a couple of days preparing one set for mailing, and here's hoping that they all come back. I have just been wondering if any one else has taken the trouble to go after such a souvenir of this history making occasion.

1924, 2c Rotary Print, Perforated 10.

Mr. Ralph Psotta kindly sends a block of four of the recently issued 2c perforated 10, printed from the rotary press, wherein the plate has been badly smeared and the plate being new shows steel crevices which constant use will eliminate. The 1c of the previous design was noted in similar condition some little time back.

2c Harding, Minor Varieties.

The plates for the Harding stamps were turned out so quickly, that if anyone will take the opportunity of studying almost any of them carefully, numerous flaws and imperfections will be noted. In a number of the early plates, I found the horizontal guide lines very distinct passing across the entire sheet. Constant use of the plates generally wears these light lines away, but early impressions from the plate often show them distinctly. Mr. Le Grand Payne has just called my attention to distinct vertical guide lines on plates Nos. 14856, 14884 and 14890.

Mr. Frank Reeder, Jr., writes that the stamp immediately under plate No. 15165 from the upper right pane shows a shift. In the upper left pane of plate No. 15163, No. 10 shows a shift, as well as Nos. 80, 90 and 100. Mr. Reeder states that there are several other shifts on the same pane but these are not so distinct.

In the case of the upper right pane of plate No. 15158, the stamp immediately to the left of the plate number has a distinct dot under the "D" of "Harding," which he states can be seen without a glass. If anyone is interested in these

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AUSTRALIA.—We have received from R. Roberts the following new items this country: 4½d violet, 2sh maroon and the one pound in grey. 4½d is in the King George type and others of the Kangaroo design.

BOLIVIA.—The *Philatelic Maga* chronicles the 22c of the 1921 issue the surcharge "Habilitate 15c."

FIJI.—Double impression. White King have found a pair of the current stamps, in which one stamp show distinct double impression on the right hand side of the stamp, so that the "and Revenue," the scroll at the bottom of the stamp, and the right-hand part of the outline is double.—*Phila Magazine*.

GREAT BRITAIN.—We have received following from Messrs. Bright & S

"We do not think that it has 1 recorded that there are two plates of 1d Wembley Exhibition stamp. On p 1, the last stamp but one on the top 1 No. 5 in the sheet, has a long tail at foot of the left stroke of the "N" "Exhibition." This is found on the printing without sheet numbers, and on the first printing with sheet num 1 to 999. In plate 2, this tail of the is missing, this is on the second prin without sheet numbers."

GREECE.—Our first examples of two Byron commemoratives reached last week on a registered envelope marked Athens, April 20, 1924. They were sent by our Special Correspondent in Athens, Mr. P. J. Drossos, who forms us that these notable center vignettes were issued on April 16th, actual date on which the Byron activities began in Athens. As the stamps were ordered only a short time. Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., printed them, have so far been able forward only a very small supply, that reason not more than one pair each was sold to each person applying the P. O.—and that only to mail let with.

The whole of the order from London will be available in a few days (it has not already arrived), and will once then be put on sale everywhere the public. It is to be noted that the first Greek stamp on which any v has been printed in a foreign language. The quantity to be issued, if not large, will be quite sufficient, and there is no fear that the stamps might be bought up by speculative postal offices as was the case when the Revolution appeared in June last.

Our correspondent sends us a photograph of the queue outside the Athen P. O., waiting for the stamp counter to open at 9 a.m. on the 16th.

1924. April 16th. Engraved and printed by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., London. Perf. 14. 801 blue. Portrait of Lord Byron. 2dr purple and grey-black (transverse oblong format). Byron's rival at Missolonghi.

—Stamp Collectin

HEDJAZ.—The current ¼, ½, 1, 2 and 5 guerche have been overprinted commemorate the Khalifate. Mr. Cha Julien Hunt, of Cairo, shows us a of one of these stamps. The overprint in thick gold characters in three 1 reading: (1st line) "SOUVENIR KHALIFATE"; (2nd line) "SH. BAN"; (3rd line) "1342." Shaaba

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LA CAU.—The Ceres series has received a new issue of stamps the color of a deep green shade having been added: 1½ avos, yellow-green, 2 avos saffron, 4 avos, violet, 32 avos, brown, 58 avos claret, 3 patacas, pale blue, 5 patacas carmine, says *Der Philatelist*.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

NEW HEBRIDES.—From a Fiji correspondent Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., receive "the horrid news that 1d, 3d and provisional are being produced at a loss, for New Hebridean consumption."—*Stamp Collecting*.

PARAGUAY.—Mr. Gilbert G. Medina issues of a new issue of stamps the color of a deep green shade having been added. At the top is the name of the country with the "1524" at the left and "1870" at the right. In the center is a portrait of Francisco Hernandez de Soto with the words "Fundador de la Y de Granada" in a curved frame above the portrait. The stamp bears the name of the American Bank Note Co.

PORTUGAL.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the escudo in a dull purple shade perfect.

ROMANIA.—We learn from Messrs. Field King & Co. that the 3 and 6 Postage Dues which we chronicled weeks ago were almost immediately withdrawn from circulation, the numbers being 116,400 of 3 lei and 116,200 of 6 lei, the remainders being destroyed. No reason is given for the withdrawal—presumably it was on account of changes in the rates of postage. Stamps are now at a considerable premium.—*Stamp Collecting*.

SPANISH MOROCCO.—The following additions to the current series overprinted for use in the Spanish zone have now appeared: 5c lilac, 20c violet, 40c blue, 60c claret; Express Stamp, 20c, with black overprint.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

THE RONDOUT HOLDUP.

Information is at hand indicating that retail dealers were stung badly in the holdup at Rondout, Ill. It was recalled that some \$3,000,000 was reported in the rake-off of the bandits. Cortlandt Stamp Co. announces loss of stamps to the value of \$300, which was addressed to Minneapolis. There were 140 stamps ranging from 10c to \$1.00 and including Trinidad single CA and Trinidad multiple CA crown. We are informed that M. J. Fenster and J. M. Bartels Co. also suffered losses. Unless destroyed these stamps will probably be offered for sale in Chicago, St. Louis or Cincinnati and dealers are directed to be upon the lookout for this property.

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Place, Cleveland.

Time, Tuesday-Thursday, June 10-12.

A huge hall seating 15,000 is filled to overflowing. There are several thousand more on the outside waiting either for news or some chance to get by the doorkeepers. A brass band is booming and a huge organ spells the bandsmen when their supply of wind runs out; there is a system of colored lighting that produces weird but fine effects; a six armed amplifier is suspended over the speaker's desk; there is the din and tumult of the multitude and a single voice seeking to be heard—this the setting of the colorful Cleveland Republican National convention!

Among the notables are scores of U. S. senators, representatives, governors of states and army and navy officers. The press table notables are Wm. Jennings Bryan and Will Rogers. Will described the convention as having 8,000 badges. I sat down alongside of a man and, after a few side-long glances, I opened up:—"I guess you like the game of politics?" (this was a very smart remark, but it served my purpose).

"Yes, I do. I think every man should have one, such as politics, or postage stamps or golf."

"Well," I replied, "all three are hobbies of mine."

With that, my friend opened his pocket card case and flashed before me an A. P. S. card with the name L. A. Hanford. We met at the Columbus, O., convention of the A. P. S., years and years ago. A very pleasant conversation resulted from our chance meeting.

The orator of the convention was Prof. Burton of Michigan University. He talked one hour, had no notes, brushed aside all applause and a torrent of words swept over the convention hall in recurring tidal waves—it was the address in which president Coolidge was nominated.

The platform is a big cumbersome affair. When will politicians learn the fine art of making a document that can be read in a few moments? Like the ancient Mother Hubbards it covers everything and touches nothing. I honor Cooper of Wisconsin for his single-handed fight with the platform committee and the convention itself. While I am not in sympathy with his platform, it is at least reduced to understandable terms.

The greatest fact about the Cleveland convention is that women have risen to their political privileges. When the roll of the new national committee was called it was a 50-50 split. I was a little suspicious

of Mrs. Mary Booze until I learned that she came from Mississippi.

Mr. Hanford very kindly hunted up W. W. MacLaren and a very pleasant hour was passed in the office of Alvin Good, talking over A. P. S. and kindred matters.

Place, Toronto, Rotary Convention.

Time, Tuesday-Friday, June 17-20.

Next to Washington and Beverly, and the place where you reside, Toronto certainly takes its place among the great cities of the continent, 700,000 population, 63% of homes owned by occupants, 3,400 factories, of which 206 are U. S., 360 churches and a group of exhibition buildings in a class by themselves. Only one fault to find and that the fact that nothing stronger than 2½ per cent was available unless—unless I could develop a cough when the doctor would give me a prescription good for a quart of the real article.

The tocsin of the Rotary meeting was "honest business methods" though international peace played an important part in the program especially in a peace pageant and military tattoo held June 16 at the exhibition grounds.

Ten groups representing the armed forces of the U. S. and Gt. Britain from 1776 to the World War accompanied by bands marched in upon the turfed stage, attired in the dress of their respective periods. "Yankee Doodle," "Dixie" and other marching music worked the audience of 25,000 to a wild pitch of enthusiasm.

I spent one evening at Sunnyside Beach with 39,999 other people and no doubt many of the multitude thought that my presence was not really essential to the evening's enjoyment. There were 9,200 Rotarian registrations and the entire bunch was entertained as never before in the life of Rotary. Indeed I could not find an hour to get out to Spadina Ave., and had only a telephone chat with Mr. Davenport of the Marks firm.

During the entire convention I found only one stamp collector, Joseph E. Nute of Fall River, Mass. He is just as much Rotarian as he is a collector and that is saying a good deal.

Two great conventions!

"PHILATELY" OR "PHILOTELY"?

By DR. ST. J. MACRYMICHALOS.

It is only today that I came across the item of Mr. Rich published in M. W. S. N. No. 1 of Jan. 1st, and although a little bit late I hasten to answer same.

First of all I wish humbly to assure Mr. Rich that I know a little more Philology than he does, at least as far as Greek language is concerned. The way in which this gentleman attempts to translate my name in English (I must confess that although a Greek I did not know up to now that Macrymichalos means (?) Big Mike!) also the derivation he gives of the word "Philately" show most evidently that Mr. Rich is completely strange to the Greek language.

My article "Philately" or "Philotely"?

published in English in the first number of my paper *Philotelia* gives in extenso the history of the creation of the word and I should be very happy to send gratis a copy of same to Mr. Rich, also to anybody else who will apply for it. As stated in this article, Mr. Herpin constructed the word "Philately" from the two Greek words "Philos" (fond of) and "Ateleia" thinking that the latter word means "enfranchisement," "payment of postage duty," whilst its real meaning is "exemption from postage duty" *franchise postale* as say the French.

Let me now confess that I cannot understand the line of thought adopted by Mr. Rich in his communication to justify the construction of the word from "Philos," "a" and "telos," when a letter is stamped this cannot but mean that it *pays* the postage duty and not that "there is nothing to be paid" as Mr. Rich pretends. The use therefore of the word "ateleia" (from "a" and "telos") meaning "exemption from postage duty" is more than erroneous and the word "Philately" derived therefrom and meaning "being fond of the exemption from the postage duty" is purely comical.

It is just for this reason that I am proposing the adoption of the word "Philotely" (from "philos" fond of, and "telos" tax, postage duty) which besides from being right from the grammatical side means "being fond of postage duty," the latter being represented by the stamp.

A MATTER OF CURIOSITY.

REV. G. W. WELSH.

Sometime ago there was an occasion to send a consignment of stamps to a customer. After a short time they were returned with the comment that there was nothing in the lot to interest the customer as he had practically everything in U. S. up to a certain date and therefore these could not be used.

We did not doubt the comment of the customer, because we had no reason to do so. But the thought arose in our minds, "How much is involved in such a statement?" We turned to our Scott's 1924 and, using our adding machine, found this to be the answer. When you have all the unused U. S. that are priced in the catalog, counting only the major varieties, the figures in bold type, the value represented amounts to \$18,265. Turning to the used prices following the same rule, you had \$7,218. The official's unused reached \$1,116.80, and used they figure \$858.25. Special Delivery said \$6.10 unused and \$1.76 used. Postage Due totaled \$283.21 unused and \$16.71 used. Or if the customer was exact in his statements, when he had mounted his last Postage Due, he had an investment in unused and used of \$27,764.70 counting the odd pennies.

Then in order to further satisfy our curiosity we added the revenues of the first three issues, using the prices for the perforated copies on old paper, and we had, First issue, \$245.80; Second Issue, \$896.54; Inverts, \$1,530; Third issue, \$29.05, Inverts, \$2,026. Adding these to the former amounts we had a total of \$32,492.09. We did not proceed further for this amount was sufficient to increase our esteem for both the collection of our client and the little corner that is allotted in the catalog for good old United States.

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MAN'S OLDEST WRITINGS.

(In the New York Times for Sunday, June 22, appeared an article by Max Bosman entitled, "Man's Oldest Writing Pertains to Business." The article is very interesting, dealing with the ancient seals and tablets in the Morgan collection, where are recorded freight shipments, express deliveries and real estate transactions. This Morgan collection, after being housed in the J. Pierpont Morgan Library located on E. 36th St., is now in the Babylonian Seminary at Yale University, to which it has been loaned for study.)

Stamp collectors will be particularly interested in a section of Mr. Bosman's article dealing with pre-historic mail. The entire article is of great value.—W. O. W.)

Packages may have gone by parcel post in those days, for archaeologists have found ample proof of a postal delivery in ancient cities. "In 2000 B. C. there were in operation not only urban but interurban mails," is the claim of Professors Barton and Reisner, who found records years ago stating that the cost of an interurban post was "Shared by the different cities between which it operated." Proof, too, of a central Post Office and a dead-letter department has been unearthed in several buried cities in the number of unopened letters found on one spot, notably above the buried City of Larsa, the Biblical Ellasar.

Impressions of primitive seals alone appear on some of the bullae that have so far come to light, and the question arises: Did the ancients have shipping departments in their businesses and ship parcels with only a seal impression to denote the destination and the sender before the world possessed a proper chirography for addressing?

Dr. Albert T. Clay, head of the Babylonian Seminary at Yale, deciphered the legal and business tablets in the Morgan library and found that more than two-thirds of them (they were from Erech, about 1000 B. C.) had to do with personal contracts—land titles, mortgages, rentals of houses, sales of slaves, promissory notes, etc. The earliest transactions in the world were, without doubt, land ones; the realtor and the money lender were the fathers of business. And seals were their trade marks, from the beginning of time.

Besides the conch shell, a soft serpentine stone was used in early days for fashioning primitive cylindrical seals. Specimens have come to light in the valleys of the Nile, the Tigris and the Euphrates "among other relics of the beginnings of civilization," Dr. Ward wrote in his book on the Morgan Collection. "The cylindrical seal as the witness of personal proprietorship," he added, "goes back to the earliest period of history known to us as we pass out of the geological era, which possessed no writing by which history could be recorded and transmitted."

BEGINNING OF LETTERS.

Nothing but the crude arrangement of god and branch appeared on the earliest seals; later came doubtful hieroglyphics which no man has yet deciphered, and these were followed by characters that grow less and less obscure as the date of the seal approaches a time in which we know a written language had developed. Dr. Ward believed that "a history of the evolution of early chirography may yet be reconstructed from the cylindrical seals alone before they were supplanted by the scarab of Egypt in the sixth dynasty."

Neither the shell nor the serpentine seal demanded a tool for cutting. Nor did lapis lazuli, a material much valued as early as 3500 B. C. The Morgan collection contains a specimen of an ancient Babylonian seal of lapis lazuli with, perhaps, the earliest representation of the human figure clothed. The type multiplied and improved as the fashion "took." When the human figure on these seals is not nude it is clad in a short fringed skirt. The face shows in profile a nose like a bird's beak and a large round eye. The conception indicates a primitive notion of drawing, but business seems to have thrived without art.

About 3000 B. C. jasper and chalcedony had come in and seals were made

of those stones. A sharper tool was undoubtedly necessary for engraving, and the supposition is that a flake of corundum tipped the flint. With the advent of this sharper point more and more engraving was done on the seals. It was still free hand work and still crude, but a study of the seals from that date onward shows a gradual and unmistakable improvement.

From the time of Gudea and the later dynasty of Ur—a little before 2000 B. C., when some kind of a written language had already developed—the art of seals became more conventional and less original; they were being standardized. They were smaller and it was the custom to engrave on each the name of its owner and that of his father and the god whom he worshipped. The seals of this period are indeed valuable to the archaeologist, who reconstructs ancient history for us from just such meagre data as these. When, as sometimes happens, the seal has belonged to a local king and his titles and city are engraved on the clay, an important gap in history is filled.

By 1500 B. C. there are evidences of a revolving tool, and cornelian, agate, blue chalcedony, saphirine and jade were converted into seals. The Kassite period began about the time the revolving tool was introduced into Babylonia from Egypt, where it had obviously originated some little while before, and marks a radical change in the ornamentation of the seals. Now the surface was covered with prayers to the gods, and, says Dr. Ward, "there was usually but one figure of a god or a worshipper, or at most two figures, and several new symbols appeared, especially the encased Greek cross, which was the emblem of the sun and perhaps the origin of swastika."

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—A reader asks if it would be a good idea for us to advocate a "philatelic day" to be celebrated in some of the more populous philatelic counties. We suppose that there would be much interest attaching to a meeting of this kind, but we are none too hopeful that it could be carried out successfully. Much preliminary work would be necessary to ensure a good representation at the central point designated for the meeting, but if some brave soul wishes to attempt the plan, we shall be glad to give it publicity in our paper. However, more to the point, it would be advisable to advertise the "day" both in the reading and advertising columns of a good many newspapers in the county that is selected for the experiment.

—The recent Tongan provisionals are offered at fairly reasonable prices in Australia notwithstanding the fact that it is known that only a small supply of the stamps was available. The rarer surcharges on the 7½, 10 pence and 1 shilling king's head type are offered for 20 shillings for the three in Sydney.

—At a recent meeting of the Cambridge England Philatelic Society, Mr. A. Leon Adutt showed his prize winning collection of the Confederate stamps of America. Mr. Adutt accompanied his display with an interesting account of the proceedings leading up to the Civil War, these stamps themselves reflecting the developments. We quote: "The various political and war references on the envelopes demonstrate the bitterness which existed between the North and South. For instance, on an envelope bearing the portrait of president Lincoln the secessionists printed the words: 'The biggest traitor of them all.' A large collection of very fine engravings with various presidents, generals, and officers of the Federal army gave added interest to the lecture and display." We may add that Mr. Adutt was awarded the gold medal for his specialized collection of the stamps of the Confederate States of America at the Czecho-Slovak exhibition in 1923, but that up to the present time he has not received the evidence of his stamp superiority.

—The North Dakota Stamp Collectors Club was recently organized in Fargo with fifteen charter members. The meet-

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ing was held in the Fargo Y. M. C. A. and was followed with a banquet in the Gardner Hotel in the evening. Dr. T. L. Stangeby, New England, N. D., was elected president and Prof. A. F. Gamber of Fargo, secretary-treasurer. The next meeting will be held in Fargo, in 1925. A feature of the organization meeting was an exhibition of stamps. Eight cities were represented by delegates.

—A reader who is a thorough believer in the potency of philatelic publicity writes to object to the use of our overworked word "propaganda" in connection with the forward philatelic movement. While it is true that perhaps the word has none too engaging a sound to some of us, yet we are doubtful whether there are many of our readers who have so sensitive an ear as our friend.

—The Fifth International Congress of Stamp Dealers will take place during the latter part of August at Berne, Switzerland, and work is under way on a program that will appeal to dealers and others.

—The San Diego Stamp Club and the Collectors Club of Southern California, are both out with circulars urging the selection of Los Angeles for the 1925 convention of the A. P. S. The letter from the San Diego Club announces the fact that California has approximately 250 members of the society, while west of the Rocky Mountains there are approximately 450 members. Both clubs are positive that the ends of justice can only be served by meeting in the western city next year.

—We are advised by P. J. Drossos that an 80 lepta value has been added to the current postage due set of Greece. It is violet, exactly like the 50 lepta still in use.

—Mr. R. Goggs of Manila, P. I., sends in the following newspaper clipping from one of the local papers, evidently: "Tokio.—The great earthquake of last September has set stamp collectors to seeking specimens of certain postage stamps which were choice even before issued.

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The disaster caused a postponement of the wedding and the stamps were ordered returned to Tokyo. When the Imperial nuptials finally were celebrated the remaining stamps were issued, in denominations of 1½, 3, 8 and 20 sen. Philatelists all over the world are trying to secure them for their collections."

—The following description of stamp collecting according to a newspaper view of 1871 is submitted through the courtesy of a reader: "One of the strange phantasies that can be imagined is that which glorifies the useful stamp of commerce to a place upon the scale of objects according to a writer in a paper that caters to the queer genus of collectors of stamps. While the lowly stamp is well content with its place in our useful business world, it is not the best taste to try to claim for it qualities that by no means are possessed by it."

—We are along in the summer, but we find that subscriptions are coming very well; and it looks as though we shall go through the hot weather months with many more names on our roll than ever before. The 10,000 goal is in sight and we shall hold our ground during the summer months so as to be in position to achieve our ambition to have a round 10,000 names early next season. To those members who have sent in subscriptions in conformity to our suggestion some time ago, we give our hearty thanks.

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Under date of May 31, Dr. Hubert Lyman Clark writes us as follows from Brussels:—

"I was reading in MEKEEL's last evening about the distinguished Americans here in Brussels and I am glad to report that I had the pleasure of a nice visit with one (Mr. Lichtenstein) yesterday. The exhibition is far more extensive than I had expected and is indeed a wonderful sight for a stamp lover. I'm going up again this morning. I've seen several used blocks of four I'd like to own. The Cape triangles are perfectly wonderful. Early Belgium, France and Holland are naturally very strong. Brussels is a great town and the weather is perfect."

Greetings have also been received from F. E. Wilson of Birmingham, England. His card bears the Exhibition postmark.

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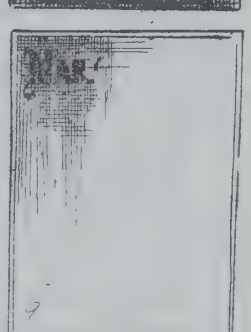
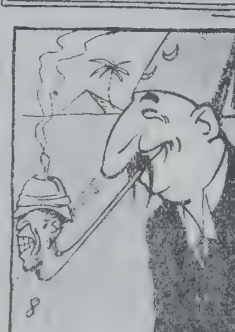
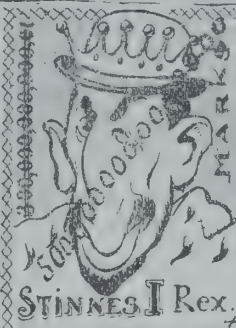
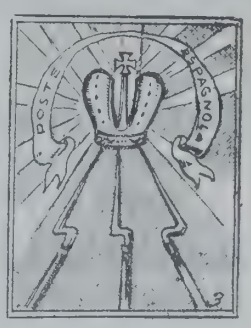
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Just off of San Fernando, Cal., boulevard and just this side of the Western boundary of Burbank, Cal., lives Rev. A. Bucci, retired Catholic priest, who has papered two large rooms with paper bought from Uncle Sam, in other words, postage stamps, all cancelled. All the walls and the ceiling are entirely covered with the exception of a few inches. And still further, the stamps have been arranged in beautiful designs. In the center of the ceiling of one room the American flag is designed, covering a space 3x4½ feet, and it is the showing of the white stripes in the flag, that there is the few inches of space that is not covered with stamps. There being no white stamps in the world, Rev. Bucci had to leave the white ceiling. The red stripes are shown by the common two cent stamp of the United States. The blue field in the corner of the flag is made of 520 blue stamps from Italy. Nor was the master satisfied with representing the flag, but he shows it on a staff, that being of brown, three cent Canadian stamps, while on the head of the staff is a poised eagle made of yellow stamps. Tied about the top of the staff in a double bow knot, with tassels on the ends, is a representation of a cord done in bright blue. Around this center design are narrow borders in set designs, while around them is a border about two feet wide, reaching from them to the walls. This is in a beautiful geometrical design and executed with the greatest precision.

2 CENT STAMP PREVAILS.

The predominating color in the walls is made by the United States two cent red stamp. The square diamond, something more than a foot square, with a smaller diamond in the center, is the design which features the walls in both rooms, but this is artistically broken by a drop border of more than a foot, from the ceiling down, while below this and reaching to the picture molding, a distance of four inches, is a border made of the round stamps cut from stamped envelopes.

To the center of the ceiling of the second room which is connected with the front one by a wide arch, is the Italian flag in its brilliant colors. This too, has a staff and cord, and around it are narrow borders and then a wide line which is in an even more elaborate and beautiful design than that in the front room. In a set-out along one side of this room, in the ceiling, Rev. Bucci spelled his name and the date of the work, in dark, Harding stamps.

BEAUTY INDESCRIBABLE.

There is no way to describe with words the beauty and the uniqueness of these rooms. Nothing but colored photography could do it. The priest began the collection of the stamps thirty years ago. The first of last September he began the task of pasting them onto the walls and ceiling, and it is just lately that he completed the work by varnishing over the entire walls and ceiling, which will serve to protect the stamps and gives them a rich sheen.

While the nearly one hundred and fifty thousand stamps that went into the covering of these walls and ceilings, seems a good many, Rev. Bucci says he has enough more to paper several rooms, all neatly tied up in tiny bundles. Every stamp he has is cancelled, and besides the regular stamps, he has the larger ones of special design, issued by this and other governments for certain purposes.

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In the vast array of stamps that decorates the rooms, are one hundred and six different kinds of stamps. Forty-four of these are United States while twenty-three kinds are from the Italian government. There are others from countries including the Argentine Republic, Western Australia, Bavaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Egypt, and Montenegro is represented by four stamps, this country having the fewest number of any. Of the United States stamps there are 116,507, while Italy comes second with 29,079. It is the plan of Rev. Bucci to take his work on the ceiling, to the next great exposition, and to make this possible and convenient, he pasted the stamps onto plaster board and screwed this into the ceiling. The rooms were finished and the stamps were pasted on after the wall board was in place. The designs were drawn on paper first, and then enlarged and drawn on the walls and ceilings.

BEAUTIFUL RESIDENCE.

The house in which are these two rooms, most uniquely papered of any in the world, is a new fourteen-room residence, modern and beautiful inside and outside. It is built of cobblestones set in black cement; is two story and surrounded by neat grounds, artistically laid out. A third room, rather unusual, is the priest's chapel which is provided with everything which could be required or desired in such a room. The priest's robes and habiliments sufficient for any ceremony of the church, are kept in this room.

Rev. Bucci is a native of Italy, but came to Los Angeles many years ago, where he remained for four years, going from there to San Luis Obispo and then Trespine and from there to his present place where he has been for nearly eleven years and where he owns a nice twenty acres set largely to peaches and apricots.

COMPLIMENT TO U. S. FLAG.

At a meeting of the city board of trustees, recently, Pietro Romeo, extended to the trustees, from Rev. Bucci, a special invitation to visit the stamp papered rooms, and Sunday morning Mayor Crawford and trustees Hams and Watson accompanied Mr. Romeo to the lovely home of Rev. Bucci. He knew they were coming, and as they entered the door, the thrilling strains of the "Star Spangled Banner" floated out to them. Hats came off and all stood

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THE SEAL OF BARBADOS.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

At the opening of the century, stamps printed from the typographed Seal key-plate (introduced in 1892), on Crown CA paper were being used by Barbados; the printings in 1905-06 were on paper watermarked multiple Crown CA; special issues followed—the Nelson Centenary (1906-07), the 1d Olive Blossom (Aug. 15, 1906), and the 2d "Kingston Relief Fund" (Jan. 25, 1907). In 1909-10 the typographed Seal stamps were printed in the new color scheme of the Crown Agents, and on August 14, 1912, the remainders of this series (¼d, ½d, 1d, 2½d, 1s and 2s6d) were burned.

Shortly after the coronation of King George there was issued (Aug. 13, 1912) a series in three designs embodying the Seal of the Colony and the head of King George in a medallion. The pence values were of conventional size (printed in sheets of 120, 2 panes of 60), and the shilling, in larger size (in sheets of 30). Although typographed, it is one of the most attractive series of the Georgian reign, and this combined "Seal and King's head" design has since been utilized by British Guiana, Montserrat, Antigua and British Virgin Islands. Between April 1 and June 22, 1916, large quantities of these stamps (excepting the ¼d and ½d) were overprinted "Revenue" pending receipt of the definite fiscal series issued June 22, 1916, which included the high duties of 10s, £1 and £5.

The superseding series, not so attractive, issued in June 1916, was line engraved, in large size (sheets of 60), with a representation of the Colonial Seal (not Arms). No grant of arms has ever been made to Barbados, but a design for a seal was authorized on 16th April, 1663, the obverse of which bears the Royal Arms and the Motto of the United Kingdom, and around the edge the inscription "Carolus II D. G. Mag. Britan. Fr. et Hib. Rex Dom. Barbadae et Insu. Carib." The reverse represents Charles II in royal robes and crown, seated in a shell-shaped chariot, driving two sea horses and holding a trident in his right hand. Around the edge of the seal is the legend "Et Penitus Toto Regnantes Orbe Britannos," an adaptation of Virgil Eclogue i. 67, by the substitution of Regnantes for Divisos.

In the time of William IV the seal bore a representation of that monarch in the chariot, which was changed to one representing Queen Victoria on her accession. This was not altered when Edward VII came to the throne, and the Barbados stamps issued during his reign from the typographed Seal keyplate design (1892) bore the representation of Queen Victoria, as did also the combined Seal and King George stamps of 1912. It was not until 1916 that the figure was changed to that of King George at the instigation of Sir Leslie Probyn, then

Governor of Barbados; a representation of the corrected seal was reproduced on the large Seal series stamps of 1916.

On February 18, 1918, the 4d and 3s were issued bicolored, with the vignette re-engraved, and the circular border line omitted, which gave the stamps rather an unfinished appearance.

The bi-colored Victory series, issued Sept. 9, 1920, was in two designs—the pence values showing the Winged Victory from the Louvre, Paris, and the shilling values, the surmounting figure of Victory from the Victoria Memorial outside Buckingham Palace, London.

These Victory stamps were very popular, and in the first six months following the issue, orders from abroad, amounting to over £3000 were filled. In that year (1920) stamps to the value of £12482.15.2 were sold, of which £2991.16.½ went to collectors and dealers. The cost of manufacture was very high as the stamps were printed from line engraved plates at two operations, and in large size.

£1339.11.4 was spent for postage stamps in 1920 as against £88.4.1, in the previous year, when no new dies or plates were required. A supply of 1d Victory ordered in April, 1921, was printed on script CA paper, and issued Aug. 22, 1921. In March, 1924, only the 3d, 4d and 3s Victory remained, and of these a very small quantity. Mr. W. Lambert C. Phillips, for many years Colonial Treasurer of Barbados, and designer of the Victory stamps died in April, 1924.

SMALL SEAL SERIES, 1921.

The large Seal series of 1916 had never been altogether satisfactory, and in the summer of 1920, the Crown Agents were asked to have a design prepared with the Seal reduced. By November this had been submitted and approved by the authorities, and work was in process on the die. The new stamps were announced in the April-June, 1921, bulletin of the Crown Agents, as having been printed.

It had been intended to delay issue of these stamps until April, 1922, so that the large Seal and Victory series might first be used up, and to this end, a re-printing of the 1d Victory was ordered in April, 1921, and in the following month, the large Seal remainders (¼d, ½d, 2½d, 4d and 6d) which had been withdrawn from sale when the Victory stamps appeared, were re-issued.

The new stamps, 18½ x 22½mm. in size, were copper plate printed at one operation, and the values and the colors were the same as those of the 1916 large Seal series. The Seal is without the motto at the top, and within a central medallion. BARBADOS (colorless) is in graduated letters at the bottom be-

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The stamps were in sheets of 120 (12 x10, undivided) with a double marginal line; the usual cross marks appear in all four margins, for aid in quartering and perforating. For the ¼d at least, two plates were used (numbered 1 and 2)—the numeral appearing outside the double marginal line at the left, opposite the 5th horizontal row, and usually cut off in trimming the sheets to size.

The first supply of these stamps was evidently very large, especially for the lower values, as it was not until the summer of 1923 that a reprinting was required of the ¼d, 1d, and 2d.

The stamp sales for the years 1920 to 1922 inclusive are tabulated below:

	1920.	1921.	1922.
¼d,	404,768	321,318	224,734
½d,	644,687	333,321	144,442
1d,	1,013,283	1,204,471	1,054,140
2d,	28,445	57,585	315,140
2½d,	80,798	63,507	46,189
3d,	27,755	18,847	17,428
4d,	27,587	18,206	19,239
6d,	29,543	18,966	18,206
1s,	20,504	13,141	11,610
2s,	12,146	6,801	5,383
3s,	9,753	5,875	4,123

The great increase in sale of 2d stamps was occasioned by the letter rate to the United Kingdom being raised from 1d to 2d in 1921, and being made effective to the U. S. A. in the following year.

The post-office revenue and expenditure, and cost of manufacture of stamps, in the respective years was as follows:

	Post Office Revenue.	Cost of Expenditure.	Manufacture.
1920,	£21889.10 ½	£12896.15 4	£1339.11 4
1921	19333.	12793.	919.
1922,	13035.	10917.	329.

In both 1920 and 1921, the cost of manufacture of stamps was a high figure, due to the fact that the Victory series was produced in the former year, and the small Seal series in 1921. There were no new varieties issued in 1922.

Nov. 14, 1921, Seal of the Colony (small size, 18½x22½ mm.) Line engraved and printed by De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London. Perf. comb 14. Watermarked multiple Crown CA (3d, 4d, 1s) other values, script CA.

- ¼d brown (plates 1 and 2).
- ½d green.
- 1d scarlet.
- 2d gray.
- 2½d ultramarine.
- 3d violet on yellow.
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2s purple on blue.

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Major C. H. Bonesteel, West Point, N. Y., has again shown his loyalty to the department by drawing us a sketch of a very interesting variety found on the three-cent War department. Two copies of the stamp are submitted, each showing three small dashes on the lower part of Washington's bust and extending downward out of the oval frame as low as the last "E" of "Three," as indicated in the cut. This is without doubt a damaged plate and a most legitimate plate variety. It would be interesting to determine just how this particular scratch or whatever it may be was brought about. Who knows? Major Bonesteel says that altogether he found six of these, four on hard paper and two on soft. In locating this variety, the Major went over 794 stamps on the hard paper to find four copies and 208 soft paper to find 2, a total of 1002 stamps for six copies of the variety, making the relative scarcity about one to 167.



The Editor of the department sent Major Bonesteel a one cent blue of the 1879 on cover showing a very pronounced shifted transfer. Major Bonesteel has illustrated the variety, cut printed herewith. He says that in illustrating this shift he has not tried to show every shifted line as this would only tend to confuse. Lines shown are slightly exaggerated to make them clear.

Mention should be made of credit to Mr. Willis H. Bardwell, No. 8 Winter Street, Room 909, for finding this particular shift on the one-cent blue, as it was from him that the editor of the department obtained his copy.

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—The Cortlandt Stamp Co. has located a portion of the stamps recently lost while in transit west. There remains only a small selection to be heard from and this is covered by registration insurance.

—We have received from P. J. Drosos a new 10 lepta Charity stamp of Greece, the design being a combination of the 1912 and 1922 designs. The stamps were printed by Aspioti Bros. of Corfu and for the "first time have a proper perforation." The 1922 5 lepta is very scarce as the issue was a small one and evidently no further supply will be printed.

—On July 1, 1924, the special air mail deposit slot at the Chicago post-office was open until 6 o'clock for the mail going west and 7 o'clock for the mail going east. A good number of collectors took advantage of the opportunity to secure first-trip letters. We understand that the special stamps for the impression of a distinctive first flight marking were distributed to the various offices along the transcontinental route. Several special mail boxes were placed in the down-town district for airmail matter sent by the public; these boxes are painted in red, white and blue.

—Recently we mentioned the flagrant case wherein the Wallon stamps on a registered letter from the Stamp Agency at Washington to a collector in Chicago were removed enroute. Mr. A. W. Whitten called the attention of the postal authorities to the breach and received the following letter from the Hon. W. Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster General, to whom philatelists are indebted for so many acts of consideration from their viewpoint: "My dear Sir: Your letter of May 24, enclosing the envelope used in mailing the postage stamps on your recent order to the Philatelic Agency, from which some of the stamps had been removed in transit, is received. It has been brought to the Department's attention on several occasions that stamps have been removed from letters and packages before the mail matter has reached the addressee and this is particularly annoying to stamp collectors who are desirous of receiving stamps of certain denominations with postmarks of different cities. For the purpose of discouraging this practice, a notice was recently published in the *Daily Postal Bulletin* warning postal employees against this offense which ap-

parently was unheeded in this instance. Ordinarily, it is extremely difficult to place the responsibility on any certain employee, but in view of the fact that this letter was registered, it may be practicable to determine who removed the stamps in transit and to take proper disciplinary action. To this end the case will be placed in the hands of the Chief Inspector at once for the necessary action which it is hoped will not only place the responsibility in this instance but lead to the adoption of further safeguarding methods. Sincerely yours, W. Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster General."

—At the Brussels Exhibition J. A. Klemann of New York City was awarded a silver-gilt medal for his Siam exhibit. Charles Lathrop Pack also received a diploma of a silver-gilt medal for his book on Victoria.

—We are pained to announce the death of an old subscriber, J. P. Coveleski, Mount Carmel, Pa. Mr. Coveleski died on June 13. He will be remembered especially because of his associations with the stamps of Canal Zone and Panama.

—W. W. Norton of Lakeville, Conn., died June 12. He was very much interested in philately and was at the time of his death secretary of the Robbins Burrall Trust Co. of that city.

—Roscoe B. Martin, MHC, Forestville, N. Y., sends us a clipping from the *Buffalo Sunday Express* entitled "Joy for the Collector." The editorial in question deals with several of the commemorative issues that have recently appeared.

—J. A. Urquhart of San Francisco sends us via air mail clippings from the *San Francisco Examiner* of Tuesday, June 24. They feature the trip of Lieut. Maughan, the aviator, in his sunrise to sunset race between New York and San Francisco June 23. The paper is filled with details of the story, whole pages being given to the particulars. Two letters were sent us by Mr. Urquhart, both leaving San Francisco at 2 P. M. June 24 and arriving in Beverly June 28, 4.30 P. M.

—From Mr. Henry B. Phillips, Berkeley, California, whose researches in general including philately, it is needless to say, have brought him no little renown we have received the following observations in regard to the words, "Philatelists" and "Philaethes." "The last mentioned word appears to be much the older of the two. Both meaning lovers of or searchers of. I leave it to the cloistered scholars to tell us just why stamp collectors adopted in effect this old word, which 400 years ago was defined as a searcher for Truth. I enclose a photograph copy of an engraving showing a Philaethes discovering Truth. She is personified as an Angel having her body completely covered with a growth of white fur (ermine). This print is found in a volume by M. Vegius and printed at Basel, Suisse, in 1492; the year that Columbus sailed the ocean blue."

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THE PRECANCEL REVIEW.

Edited by FRED'K W. ALLEN,
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New Issue Notes—The 8, 9, 30 and 50 cent precancels are becoming quite plentiful. Mr. Albert E. Wellman, Postmaster at Torrington, Conn., informs me that his office precancelled the 30 cent value as early as Feb. 29, which establishes a claim of priority over the Cincinnati and Chicago offices in precancelling this stamp. Some of the varieties of the "Buffalos," which have come to hand are Boston up and down; Chicago up and down in the new type; Kansas City down; Endicott, N. Y., down; Glens Falls, N. Y., down; Fresno, Calif., up and down; Lexington, Ky., down; Pittsburgh up; San Francisco, up and down; Cincinnati up and down, North Portland, Oreg., up, and others. New York does not appear to be precancelling this stamp or the 25 cent as yet.

Mr. James Goldsmith reports all of the new issue precancelled Kansas City except the three dollar values. I have not yet seen the 12 cent from Kansas City, but the others have passed through my hands.

Glens Falls, N. Y., was perhaps the first to use the 12 cent. These come handstamped in the U-21 type. Mr. H. A. Whipple of that city submits for inspection one of them, as well as the 9 cent inverted and 50 cent down.

The one dollar Lincoln Memorial was first precanceled by Chicago in the U-1 type. Chicago has since used the new electrotype plate on this stamp. Overprints read both up and down and double. Jefferson City, Mo., sends a great deal of mail matter to the Pacific coast and from a California correspondent I learn of the new dollar stamp with the Jefferson City precancellation (U-5) reading up. Mr. E. J. Newcomer submits this value with a handstamped precancellation reading down, used at North Portland, Oregon.

St. Louis, Chicago, Rochester and Manitowoc, Wis., are using quantities of the fifties, which denomination is slowly attaining circulation. Hugh C. Priddy and Jack Struve have shown me copies of the Manitowoc.

Certain post-offices are being furnished with handstamps of uniform style, by the Bureau at Washington. The majority of these are of twenty or twenty-five subjects. The general style is two lines of medium-sized plain capitals between bars. Tucson, Ariz., Conway, Ark., Newton, Kans., Galva, Sterling, Kewanee, Rochelle and Zion, Ill., Dover, Medina, Oberlin, and Warren, Ohio, are examples.

The electrotype plate similar in style to Rochester, N. Y., and Lincoln, Neb., which we call U-18, is most attractive. The neatness of the overprint adds to its popularity. Hardly a week passes without one noticing that several offices have joined the list of possessors of these plates. Hartford, Wis., Springfield, Mo., Bayonne, N. J., Nappanee, Ind., Salisbury, Md., Tulsa, Okla., and Youngstown, Ohio, are the latest I have run across. On the Youngtowns one may find a period after "OHIO" as well as a "no period" variety. It was especially gratifying to learn of Tulsa's plate because this post-office has been producing some of the most atrocious samples of illegible handstamped cancellations that one would wish to see.

Eagle Pass, Texas.—A handstamped precancellation in the U-6 type on the 50 cent was my first discovery from this town. Since then I was agreeably surprised to view some of the scarce green and black, bi-colored \$5.00 stamps with the same cancellation reading down. A correspondent informs me that these have stopped coming and as he holds only a small quantity, believes they will be very scarce and desirable items. I quite agree and with a great deal of satisfaction, place a copy in my collection alongside of my hitherto lone copy of

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Chicago, Ill.—Mr. Roy Curran submits for my inspection a 2 cent booklet pane precancelled with the Se Roebuck handstamp. This piece unique, I believe, and worthy of any collection. It is easy to account for as the Sears Roebuck house in Chicago has, for a considerable span of years had a permit to precancel all stamps received as remittances, with a handstamp. This discussion recalls an interesting variety which slipped by the "watch eyes of several clerks in Uncle Sam's service. Mr. Donald H. Graham Grants Pass, Oreg., picked up a carded wrapper from a Sears Roebuck package and was astounded to perceive a Philippine Island special delivery stamp with this rubber overprint. It is a "freak" of course and must have come as a remittance to Sears Roebuck which firm precancelled it believing to be the regular "special."

Ridgely, Md.—Mr. Buell A. French forwards several denominations, including the 20, 30, and 50 cent, which have the regular handstamped precancellation of the U-23 type in purple ink.

Perryville, O.—To Mr. French I also indebted for showing me the 8 and 20 cent. The type is handstamped "PERRYVILLE, OHIO" in two of serif letters between lines.

Conshohocken, Pa.—S. D. Arnett informs me with a 1 cent 1917 issue precancelled with a new type "electro"—"Conshohocken, Pa.", in condensed type between thin bars. This stamp will undoubtedly be soon superseded by the series one cent, and it is advisable to secure one for your collection before it becomes obsolete.

Conclusion.—I am indebted to Messrs. J. A. Stallings, Joel H. DuBose, Edward Pleva, Walter L. Gates, S. J. Perry Wood and Ray H. Zorn for stamps of interest.

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of receipt. James A. Urquhart of San
Francisco has favored us with some let-
ters sent by means of the newly estab-
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—Mr. Wilbur F. Cannon of Daven-
port, Iowa, says that recently the local
society there was instrumental in secur-
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department store of that city for a stamp
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As well, Mr. Cannon informs us that
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Over a year ago an effort was made by
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plan. During the past winter regular
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lectors were held and the Tucson Stamp
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Club are also A. P. S. members, appli-
cation for a Branch charter has been
made. Visiting collectors will naturally
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past winter, one of the members of the
Club having a mandate to guide its des-
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The fact that so many collectors find much interest in collecting stamps on the original covers allows us to give a brief account of the growth in popularity of this form of collecting. Even in the earliest days it was advised by those in authority that it was preferable to retain stamps such as the United States and Confederate locals on the original envelopes as much for the reason of at- testing to the genuineness of the stamps, as for the desirability of having the complete story at hand, as shown by the im- pressions and further details to be found on the covers. So, it is to be said that almost from the earliest times the value of these particular stamps was enhanced when they were on the letters on which they paid postage. About the middle of the '80's covers were shown by collectors here and there bearing stamps that showed forth more advantageously on the covers than otherwise, and among these were the Hawaiian and U. S. stamps used together on letters sent from the old Sandwich Islands. About this time it was generally known, for instance, that an Ionian stamp on the original envelope was a desirable piece in view of the fact that there was so great a disparity between the catalogue of the used stamps and the unused remainders. As the years went on, the example of Mr. John F. Seybold and a few others, in collecting the earlier stamps on the envelopes began to make an impression on the general body of collectors and it was not long before there was an idea that it was wise to retain many of the specimens on the covers, all things being equal. About twenty years ago, while a cover collection, as such, was some- what out of the ordinary, yet these col- lections did exist in sufficient number to entail consideration on the part of all collectors; consequently, it was but a step to a realization by collectors gener- ally that it was worth while to regard the cover as a valuable concomitant of the stamp. What may be called the stamp sense of collectors led them to prefer the stamps on the cover, in many cases. With the increasing number of collectors who give attention to the de- tails of the envelopes carrying the stamps, the general knowledge prevailed that the covers were of a worthy col- lecting class, and nowadays, it is fair to say that in the case of the earlier or unusual issues, the stamp on the cover has an added attraction to a considerable number of collectors. The postal in-

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A letter has been received from a reader in which he laments the lack of standards for pricing stamps in their varying conditions. He says that for a good many years, now, the buyer has had no real guide for estimating the worth of a stamp according to condition. He thinks that collectors would feel on safer ground if they had some rule for measuring the value of the stamp in a condition ranging from superb down to poor, and he professes to see no means of relief from the perplexing circum- stances. This correspondent is right in saying that the means that have been suggested up to this time for correct ap- praisal of stamp values based on their condition has not found any general favor. Some ideas that have been worked out cleverly and with no little pains have been read with interest but no action has been taken to enforce the reg- ulations that have been suggested. We think the condition proposition is one that does not loan itself to an easy solu- tion. It would be desirable if there was an unrelaxing rule whereby the value of a stamp could be estimated mathemati- cally by some condition calculator, but there seems to be nothing on the horizon that will carry us by storm. So it seems that we shall have to proceed as we are now doing and measure condition by our individual methods, depending upon our judgment for a correct weighing of the stamps. So long as these ideas are in force, there will be no little difference of opinion as to value, in the light of varying degrees of condition, but it is something to know that the man who really studies his stamps and has an ex- perience covering a number of years has a guide in setting valuations on the dif- ferent stamps. One may hope that there will be some mechanical means for arriv- ing at a solution of the problem, but in the meantime we should endeavor to perfect ourselves in discriminating be- tween the conditions, as we understand them, of the different stamps.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Alfred E. Fritz, we have been shown the stamp that has furnished the subject of the following letter from the Third Assist- ant Postmaster General at Washington, dated February 4, 1895, and addressed to Mr. P. Kuhn of Alton, Illinois. Mr. Kuhn was a collector, and if we are not mistaken, postmaster at Alton at the time and the letter was one that followed his, upon submitting the stamp for inspec- tion to Washington. "The two cent stamps submitted by you to this office on the 17th ult., one of which is imperfect, are returned herewith. The attention of the chief of the bureau of engraving and printing has been called to the matter, and he explains that the plate from which it was printed had received an injury, but that as soon as the blemish was dis- covered, the difficulty was remedied. Very respectfully, Madison Davis, (Act- ing) Third Assistant Postmaster Gen- eral." The stamps were a block of four of the two cent of the 1894 issue, one stamp of which showed a flaw consist- ing of an uninked blotch about the size of a large pinhead, on the head of Wash- ington.

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No doubt our readers have noticed that we have been alert always to reproduce in our columns any references to stamps that are found in the newer books in particular. It is noticed that latterly there are many allusions to stamps in the volumes of the present day, and this mention of collecting shows that philately is within the pale of admittedly ac- cepted pursuits. It is quite remarkable that some of the latest books are handling the stamp theme in a way to show that it has reason for existence. It is a very clever treatment of the subject that Mr. H. G. Wells gives in "The Dream," The MacMillan Company, 1924. The young man has an appointment with Mr. Chees- man in a publishing house—he encounters the girl in a glass cage: "She had a round face and a bright red button of a nose. She was engaged, I realised slowly, in removing a foreign stamp from a fragment of envelope by licking the back of the paper. She did not desist from this occupation, but mutely asked my business with her eyes.

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rough the courtesy of Mr. Meyer cy, we are enabled to report a sign- int indication of the philatelic trend e times. Mr. Gursky says that the 'son High School located in Chicago outh Marshall Boulevard has an prizing stamp club, and that its ties recently took the pleasing and cal form of an exhibit consisting number of frames, including the os appropriate to illustrate a history e World War. Further, there were s posted at the exhibition held in orridors of the beautiful building ag students to join the stamp club, i several ways it was apparent that i membership drive for this active elic body was on. It is but fitting e record the fact that the work of ing stamp collecting to the fore is gnored by the high school students in the rush of the busy study season. h "summer school" is now on, the s still remain in place, a standing e to the fact that hot weather does holly melt away the interest in s.

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HARRY HOYT AND HIS STAMPS.

(The Los Angeles "Times" of June 8 is responsible for the below clipping. It will be of special interest to those stamp collectors who are also movie fans. Note that the "Times" is well enough posted to designate stamp collectors by their scientific name, "philatelists." A large double column halftone shows Mr. Hoyt lifting a stamp for inspection, using his stamp tongs as any "real" philatelist does.—W. O. W.)

Director Harry O. Hoyt is a philatelist. No, Geraldine, that isn't a harsh name. Fact is that the popular First National director, who guided the destinies of "The Woman on the Jury," and later took up the reins on "Sundown," when Larry Trimble had to give up the megaphone on account of sickness, collects

postage stamps for a hobby.

Most picture celebrities find relaxation in more strenuous fields, but not so Hoyt, who declares that he can gain more genuine mental relaxation and exercise poring over a postage stamp album than by any other means.

Famous in the industry for the many pictures that he has given the screen, Hoyt is equally famous among stamp collectors as a connoisseur of rare stamps. He specializes on issues of the Argentine Republic and has one of the most valuable collections in the world of stamps issued by that country.

Adolphe Menjou and Jean Hersholt, motion picture players, also are philatelists.

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(The following despatch from Moscow, sent by Walter Duranty to the New York "Times", appeared recently. The cable message was copyrighted and we are able to publish it by courtesy of the New York Times Co. The developments in connection with this new organization will be followed with a great deal of interest by philatelists the world over. Stamp collectors may well consider the feasibility of devoting some of their spare time, if they have any, to the study of Esperanto. Clipping from Dr. L. C. LeRoy.—W. O. W.)

Moscow, June 22.—The "Philintern," Russia's new international for stamp collectors, was founded today at a meeting attended by representatives of eighteen countries and some fifty delegates of the philatelic societies of Russia.

M. Chuchin, head of the Soviet Philatelic Department, was elected President, with the following Executive Committee: Sherman of America, Gluck of Germany, Kasakof of France, Korovayef of Poland, Gotman of Esthonia and Solomonson of Latvia. Sub-committees have been appointed to draw up a constitution for the new organization, verify the credentials of delegates, arrange further connections abroad, etc.

M. Chuchin made a short speech, referring to the recent rapid growth of the philatelic movement in Russia—the principal Moscow society now has more than 2,000 members—and emphasizing the "non-party" character of the Philintern, which includes collectors of all countries and of all social positions. King George of England, he said, might join it if he wished to do so, no less than the son of a Russian peasant or an American worker. Its aims, he continued, were wholly educational, of general interest and non-political, although the encouragement of foreign interest in Russia could not fail to have the political effect of promoting peace and a better understanding among the nations.

Although the literature sent to members abroad will be for the present in English, French and German, the official language of the Philintern will be Esperanto, and two members of the Russian Esperanto League will be appointed to the Committee of Publications. Encouraged by this distinction, one of these worthies promptly arose and read a long speech in Esperanto, to the dismay of all present save his fellow-Esperantist.

M. Chuchin suggested that for the time being it would be wiser to speak Russian, but the enthusiast replied vigorously—in Esperanto—that henceforth he would never speak anything else at the Philintern meetings, and that the best thing the members could do was immediately to learn "the wonderful new language one day to be used by the workers of the Soviet World Federation."

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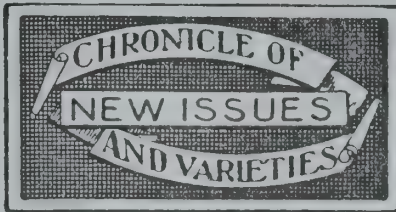
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The most noticeable changes in the
design are a row of pearls under
large corner character and that the
portion around the same is much
thinner than in the earlier type. Other
changes will be readily noticed by col-
lectors. In the junk design the top
ornamentation has been changed to a
definite design while the border on
left and right sides is narrower and
the solid than the etching in the series
withdrawn. The whole stamp, in fact,
consists of many minor but easily
noticed alterations. There is some
reference, too, in the shades.



Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.

Transcontinental Air Mail Service.

Under date of July 1st, the Philadelphia Public Ledger editorially remarks as follows:

"Today marks the passing of the transcontinental air mail service from the experimental to the practical stage. Gaps in operation and schedule have been closed up. The service has been systemized, rates fixed, time-tables and routes definitely laid out. With the great demand in business for the saving of time that means the saving of money, it would be surprising if, within a short period, expansion of the present facilities should not be necessary. It is the object to make this new service pay for itself, but too much stress should not at present be laid upon this point. The Government should lead the way in the development of this new means of transportation which is capable of such large possibilities, and all the people should be willing to foot part of the bill, even though there should be no immediate return upon the investment. The expansion of aerial travel and commerce will benefit the whole nation, and we have been slower than others in starting. Inauguration of a regular air mail service is by way of being an epochal event, though it only dimly foreshadows future developments along the same line."

There is not the slightest doubt but what a very good portion of the mail carried on the first day will finally reach a resting place in the stamp collection, and such a souvenir will always be of interest not only to the philatelists, but to the non-collector as well. A few months of operation will possibly find the service in as smooth working order as the present service from New York to Chicago. It is to be hoped that the Department will continue to use a Special Air Mail cancellation for all mail carried in the transcontinental service, but as far as I know at present, the special cancellation will be used on first day only.

There has been such a demand for the stamps that the 8c denomination at the Philadelphia office became exhausted before July 1st, and the 16c was running low. It seems that a great many people have used the service just as a curiosity, and the local post-office has placed two special mail boxes painted red, white and blue to receive letters for this service. One of these boxes has been located in the center of the city at the intersection of our two most important streets, and the second box in a large department store opposite the post-office. By the time these notes appear in print, many of our readers will have had the pleasure of receiving a cover.

1922, 6c Orange, Garfield, Double Trans-fer.

In this column a number of months back, attention was called to the fact that two stamps near the right plate number from the lower right pane of plate 14169 of the 6c orange, Garfield, showed very distinct double transfers. The Bureau's attention was called to these defects, and from information received from Mr. Louis G. Barrett which has been confirmed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, shows that the corrected stamps still have slight traces of the original transfer. I am informed officially under date of June 16th that these defects were repaired without the use of the transfer roll. In other words, these stamps become "retouched" varieties. Mr. Barrett describes the re-

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touched stamps as follows: "The curved lines of color in the inner white oval frames and through the top of the letters of STATES have been entirely removed; as well as the horizontal line through tops of right spandrel ornaments; but most of the similar line across the left ornaments still remains; and evidently the conspicuous doubling of the circles in the upper corners was overlooked, as they are clearly the same as before the retouching.

Furthermore, on both of the affected stamps, the fluted border at the top where it is interrupted by the oval, has been so cut away on both sides immediately above the TA and ES of STATES that even to the naked eye, whitish spaces are noted at these places, in comparison with the appearance of the normal adjoining stamps.

These hazy spots on the design in connection with the doubled circles in upper corners are then the identifying marks of the retouched plate. It should be mentioned also that the color of these second printings from the retouched plate is a much lighter orange than that used for the earlier ones.

Our collection then of the current series has been increased by still another noteworthy variety, and it remains to be seen whether a further or second retouching will be resorted to, to eliminate the remaining lines, which have been overlooked in the first alterations."

The 1879-1888, 90c Carmine and Purple.

Messrs. Burger & Company have called my attention to a plate variety which they have shown me on the 90c carmine, American print, and the exact variety on a copy within a large block of the 90c purple. This consists of a circular scratch in the plate through the figure "90" in the form of a "C." The scratch going through the entire figure. It is odd that such a variety which can be readily seen with the naked eye has not been noted heretofore.

Precanceled Varieties.

Mr. Albert W. Draves sends for inspection a current 1c wrapper sent out by Gimbel Brothers, precanceled in two lines, "Milwaukee, Wis."

He also sends for inspection an oddity in the shape of a precanceled copy of our first postal card. The cancellation which is printed in black ink consists of bars to obliterate the stamp, and the postmark is in the form of three concentric circles. Within the two larger circles, we find "Post Office at Linton, Jefferson County, Ohio." Within the next two circles, "Groff's Publication Office, Linton J. Groff, P. M.," and in the center circle the date "Mar 2 1881."

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Mr. Frank Prescott sends for inspection a private coil variety, which I have not seen heretofore, and can tell nothing about it other than Mr. Prescott's remarks. It seems that it was

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* \$5 (480), mint	5.75
* \$5 (480), mint	5.75
*1912, Par. Post set & Dues 1c-1, o. g.	5.65

DEPARTMENTS

*Agriculture, 1c o. g. (1500)	2.50
o 24c (1507), v. fine	3.35
*Executive, 6c o. g. Very fine (1512)	16.00
oJustice, 2c (1525), fine ring can.	3.50
o 24c (1526), slightly rubbed	3.00
o 30c, somewhat rubbed	4.30
o 90c, magnificent copy	30.00
*Navy, 1, 2, 3, 6c (1534-7)	4.00
* 10c (1539)	50.00
*2c Navy error (1545), green	2.50
*State, 12c o. g. (1552)	3.65
* 30c (1565)	5.00
*War, 1c hard (1582)	1.25
*War, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 15, 24, 90c	1.25

INDIA PROOFS

CLEAR AND BRILLIANT

Agriculture, 1-90 complete	4.10
Interior, 1-90 complete	4.10
Post Office, 1-90 complete	4.10
Treasury, 1-90 complete	4.10
War, 1-90 complete	4.10
Card Proofs 1861, 1-90 complete	4.00
1871-82, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90	5.00
1890, 1-90 complete	5.00
1893, 1c-5c complete	3.00
Navy, 1-90c complete	3.00
State, 1-90 complete	3.00
State, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20	5.00
Treasury, 1-90c	3.00
News 1875, 1c-50c complete	5.00
2c-50c in brn. or red compl.	3.50

FOREIGN STAMPS 19TH CENTURY

	Cat.	Net
oArgentina 1862, 10c (6)	12.00	5.00
o 1864-6, 15c (13)	10.00	5.00
oBuenos Ayres 1858, 2p (2)	50.00	20.00
o 1860 (10)	6.00	2.00
*Corrientes (4, 5, 7, 8)	12.00	5.00
oAzores 1868, 50r (4)	16.00	6.50
o 1868, 100r (6)	6.00	2.40
*1868-70, 120r (14)	20.00	6.00
oBremen 1861-3, 5gr (6)	8.50	3.50
* 1866, 3gr (10)	10.00	3.30
* 2gr (11)	10.00	3.30
* 10gr (14)	15.00	6.00
oCanada 1852, 3d (4)	3.50	2.40
* 1897, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 50c	7.25	3.00
* 1/2c-1 (50-61), mint.	12.50	6.00
oCaroline I. 1900, 2M (17)	6.00	4.00
oCeylon 1857, 1sh (11)	20.00	8.00
o 1863, 1sh (43)	20.00	7.30
o 1861, 10d (33)	20.00	6.00
o 1888, 2c on 4c (139)	6.00	2.50
*Curacao 1899, 1.50 on 2g50 (28)	10.00	5.00
oDan. W. Indies 1873, 14c (12)	35.00	10.00
oDenmark Off'l 1871, 16s (303)	5.00	2.50
oFernando Po 1900, 1 peso (84)	7.00	3.00
oFinland 1856, 10k (2a) pen c.	7.50	3.00
oFrance 1870, 80c (407)	7.00	3.50
* Alsace & L. 2c (49)	12.50	4.60
* 4c (410)	7.50	3.00
o 20c (413)	8.00	3.00
*French Cols. 1877, 15c (33)	12.00	5.00
o Offices in China, 75c (8)	6.00	2.35
* Vathy 1900, 2frs (8)	4.50	1.85
oFr. Guiana 1892, 1c-1fr (32-44)	7.14	3.00
oGabon 1888, 5c (8)	8.00	3.60
*Gambia 1866-7, 6d (18, 18a, 18b),	8.75	4.00
o T. & T., N. Dist., 1/2sg (2)	6.00	2.00
*Greece 1861, 2l (9)	25.00	10.00
o 10l (7)	13.50	6.00
o 20l (12)	6.00	2.40
o 40l (13)	6.00	2.40
* 1882, 20l (51)	1.75	.60
*Gold Coast 1876-9, 4d (7), mint.	10.00	5.00
oHamburg 1859, 1/2g (1)	20.00	7.00
o 2g (3)	7.50	3.00
* 3g (4a)	12.00	4.00

oHamburg 1864, 1 1/2s (10), Pair.	12.00	6.00
* 1/2s black (13)	1.00	.50
* 1s brown (14)	1.50	.75
o 9s yellow (23) O. K'd	60.00	24.00
oHawaii 1855, 5c (8)	25.00	5.00
o 1859-63, 1c (15)	20.00	5.00
o 1c (19)	40.00	10.00
o 5c (21)	20.00	5.00
* 1893, 12c (63)	4.00	1.80
oHong Kong 1863-7, 96c bistre (17)	12.00	5.00
oIndia 1854, 4a (6)	12.50	5.00
o 1860-4, 8p (18c)	7.00	2.75
o 1865-7, 8a (25)	5.00	2.50
*Labuan 1855, 2 on 8c (23), mint	6.00	2.20
oLagos 1875, 1sh (12)	10.00	3.40
oLuxemburg 1852, 1sg red (2)	10.00	4.00
o 1859-63, 12 1/2c rose (8)	5.00	2.00
o 30c (10)	6.00	2.50
o 30c (10), Block of 4.	24.00	15.00
o 40c (12)	9.00	4.00
o 40c (12), Block of 4.	36.00	22.50
oMalta 1899, 10sh (18)	6.50	3.25
oMauritius 1859, 2d (14c)	40.00	12.50
o 1859, 1sh (19)	10.00	4.00
o 6d (20)	4.00	2.00
oMecklenburg 1856, 4-4s (1)	12.00	5.00
o 1856, 3s (2)	7.00	3.00
o 5sc (3)	15.00	6.00
o 1864, 4-4s (5)	4.00	1.60
*Meck.-Sirelitz 1864, 1-4sg (1)	6.00	2.00
oMexico, 4r (9)	4.00	2.00
o 1864, 8r (25)	7.50	2.70
oNatal 1869, 3d (19)	20.00	6.00
o 6d (20)	8.00	3.00
o 1d (34)	9.00	3.50
o 3d (35)	17.50	7.50
*Nevis 1861, 1d (5)	3.50	1.00
o 1867, 4d (10)	10.00	3.00
o 1882-3, 1d (22)	4.00	1.00
o 4d (24)	6.00	2.00
oNew Brunswick (1), 3d, v. fine	13.50	6.00
oNew Caledonia 1881, 25 on 75 (4)	6.00	2.40
oNewfoundland 1862, 2d (17)	17.50	5.00
oNew So. Wales 1851, 2d (13)	4.00	2.00
o 3d (14)	9.00	4.00
o 6d (16)	30.00	10.00
* 1864-5, 3d (25)	15.00	6.00
o 3d (25)	4.00	1.60
o 6d (27)	6.00	2.00
o 8d (30)	100.00	22.50
* 1862, 2d (49)	20.00	7.00
o Registration (304)	9.00	3.70
oNew Zealand 1862, 2d (19)	8.00	2.00
* 1862, 1d (18)	10.00	2.50
o 6d (21a)	6.00	2.00
*Niger Coast, 2d (10) o. g.	4.00	2.00
oNorway 1863, 2sk (6)	6.00	2.40
o 8sk (7)	10.00	5.00
oNova Scotia 1851, 1d (1)	30.00	18.50
N. B. If you want a nice shilling, "Why not write me?"		
* 3d blue (2)	22.50	12.25
oOldenburg 1852, 1-30th (1)	3.00	1.25
o 1-15th (2)	10.00	3.60
o 1858, 1gr (6)	7.00	3.00
o 2gr (7)	75.00	15.00
o 1860, 3gr (8)	60.00	15.00
* 1867, 1/2-3gr (21-25)	6.00	2.00
oOrange River 1877, 4 on 6d (5)	10.00	4.00
*Paraguay 1878, 5 on 2r (5), mint	30.00	15.00
oParma 1852, 40c (5)	9.00	3.75
o 1854, 5c (6)	17.50	8.00
oPeru, 1d blue (3)	3.00	1.50
o 1p rose (4)	15.00	6.00
o 1859, 1 pes (8)	7.00	3.50
o 1860, 1p (11)	6.00	2.00
* 1862-3, 1 pes (13)	10.00	4.00
oPhilippines 1871, 1rp (29)	6.50	2.50
* 1879, 25m (67) o. g.	7.50	3.00
o 100m (75)	6.00	2.60
* 1897, 15 on 15 (191) o. g.	5.00	2.00
* Dues (550-6) complete, o. g.	13.35	6.00
oPortugal 1897, Prayer, 20r (135)	8.00	3.50
*Porto Rico 1875, 1p (7), full o. g.	10.00	4.00
* 1890, 5m (80)	5.00	2.00
oPrussia 1857, 2gr blue (7)	5.00	2.00
oQueensland 1860, 6d (3)	85.00	27.50
o 6d (6)	7.00	3.00
* 1882-5, 5sh (76), o. g.	5.00	2.50
* 1886, 1 (83), mint	10.00	5.00
*Reunion 1892, 1, 2, 10c-1fr (34-5, 37-46)	8.89	3.50
*Rhodesia 1890-1, 5sh (10), mint	6.00	3.00
*Roumania 1862, 3pa orange (15a), mint block of four,		
a gem in all ways	net 25.00	
o 1865, 2c (26), Pair	15.00	10.00
* 1871, 5b (43)	3.50	1.50
oRussia 1858, 30k (4), a terrific ally rare stamp	30.00	11.00
* 1865, 5k (14)	3.00	1.50
* 1892-3, 7r (54), mint	4.00	2.00
o Wenden (Livonia) (402)	50.00	17.00
o Offices in Turkey		
o 1866, 20k (5)	8.00	3.00
o 1879, 7 on 10 (18)	6.00	2.40
*St. Christopher 1875-9, 1d (4)	6.00	2.45
o 1882, 1d (10)	10.00	4.00
*St. Helena 1856, 6d blue (1)	17.50	8.75
o 6d (1)	15.00	6.00
o 1865-8, 2d (7)	7.00	3.50
o 4d (17)	8.00	3.00
o 1882, 1d (21)	3.00	1.00
o 2d (29)	5.00	2.00
oSt. Lucia 1883-7, 1sh (32)	25.00	10.00
oSt. Pierre & Miquelon 1885, 5 on 35 (4)	5.00	2.00
o 1885, 5 on 75	10.00	5.00
o 1885, 5 on 4c (10)	17.50	6.00
oSt. Thomas & P. 1892, 2 1/2 on 5r (303)	9.00	3.00

oSt. Vincent 1862-6, 1sh (4)	17.50	6.00
o 1863-9, 4d (6)	15.00	5.00
o 6d (8)	12.50	5.00
* 1871-8, 1d black (5)	5.00	2.00
o 4d blue (16)	22.50	7.00
o 1sh (23)	8.00	2.15
o 1880-1, 4d (27)	15.00	5.50
*Salvador 1888, 1, 1, 10c (26, 28-9)	2.00	1.00
* Off'l 5c, 5c (752-3)	5.00	1.70
*Senegal 1892, 1c-1fr (35-47), two used	7.90	3.00
*Shanghai 1876, 12ca (67)	20.00	7.00
oSiam, 1 tical (9)	10.00	4.00
oSo. Australia 1855, 6d blue (3)	10.00	5.00
o 1859, 1sh orange (13)	6.00	2.50
o 1860, 1d green (14)	5.00	2.00
o 1860, 10d (22)	5.00	2.00
* 1sh (73)	5.00	2.00
* 1sh (73a), o. g.	5.00	2.00
oSpain 1853, 5rils (22)	8.00	3.50
o 1865, 19c (70) two defects	30.00	6.00
o 1868, 25c Habilitado (109)	15.00	6.00
*Stellaland 1884, 1, 3, 4, 6d (1-4)	7.50	3.50
*Sts. Sett'm'ts 1880, 10 on 30 (24)	7.00	3.00
o 1883, 2c on 32c (53)	7.00	3.00
o 1881, 5 on 4c (32)	15.00	5.00
o 1884, 4 on 5c (64)	12.00	5.00
oSurinam 1900, 50 on 2 1/2g (42)	9.00	4.00
oSweden 1855, 6sk (3), off center	20.00	4.60
oTasmania 1853, 4d (2), has tear	15.00	3.50
o 1855, 4d blue (6)	6.00	2.50
* 1864-69, 1sh (34), mint	5.00	2.35
* 1892-9, 1/2d-5sh (74-81), o. g.	8.20	3.85
* 10sh (82), o. g.	6.00	3.00
oTobago 1879, 1sh (4)	12.00	4.50
oTransvaal 1878, 1sh green (102)	6.00	2.25
o 1879-81, 1d on 6d (105)	5.00	2.00
o 1d on 6d (115)	7.50	3.00
*Trinidad 1851-3, 1d (1), o. g.	20.00	7.00

o	Trinidad	1861, 6d (36)	12.00
o		1863, 4d (40)	10.00
o		1sh (47)	12.00
o		1855, 1d blue (12)	25.00
*		1sh (17), o. g.	17.50
o	Turks Is.	1881, 4 on 6d (31)	40.00
o		1881, 4d (38)	5.00
o	Tuscany	1853, 9cr (23)	95.00
o		1860, 80c (29)	10.00
o	Uruguay	1859, 60c (7)	12.50
o		1859, 100c (9)	20.00
o		120c (10)	10.00
o		240c (12)	25.00
o		1860, 60c (13)	4.00
o		1864, 6c rose (18)	4.00
o		12c blue (23)	4.00
o	Venezuela	1879, 1, 3, 5v (36-7-8)	7.25
o		1880, 10bol (46)	2.50
o	Victoria	1850, 1d rose (2)	12.50
o		2d gray (6a)	25.00
o		2d (7a)	17.50
o		1854-8, 2sh (19)	25.00
o		1857-61, 1d green (31)	5.00
o		4d verm. (35)	10.00
o		1860-2, 4d wmk. 5sh (62)	5.00
*		1861-3, 6d (71)	9.00
*		1864-7, 8d (78)	10.00
o		6d (92), wmk. 4	10.00
o		1d (100), wmk. SIX	12.00
o		1870, 6d (109) wmk. FOUR	10.00
*		1867-78, 4d (115)	5.00
o		5sh (120)	40.00
*		5sh (122a) o. g.	25.00
o	W. Australia	1854-7, 2d (2) dgd.	60.00
o		1854-7, 4d, No. 3	8.00
o		4d (14)	5.00
o	Wurtemberg	1851-2, 18kr (6)	20.00
o		1863-4, 18kr (40)	15.00

No. 13 Dollar No. 13
We have made up fifty lots of O. G. British Colonials each containing three shillings face value, which we offer as our **LLAR No. 13. First Come First Served.** Fifty Lots at One Dollar Each.
(P. C. Smith)
LAS STAMP CO.
W. Somerville 44, Mass.

TRANSCONTINENTAL AIRMAIL COVERS

Whether you are a collector of airmail covers or not, you will possibly be interested in receiving a cover from this epochal art. I offer one showing the postmark only used from San Francisco at \$1.50, one from New York at the same figure. I also offer, subject to prior sale, one and one set only, consisting of 210 covers all different, mailed from each of the ten airmail stations to each of the other nine. The postage in every case is paid the proper amount of new airmail stamps. I doubt whether another set is in existence. Price on application. I can also furnish one of the transcontinental airmail covers, used during the experimental flight in August, 1923, showing New York and San Francisco postmark 10.00. These varieties are scarce.

LOCAL SHANGHAI OVERPRINTS,

SCOTT'S NOS. 3298-99.
offer these two varieties, a complete set, consisting of the 1c green engraved and 2c carmine surface print, overprinted locally at \$1.25 for the two stamps, or sets of each at \$5.00. Plate numbers can also be furnished—price on application. If you are interested in straight copies, I can furnish these at 25c each, 50c for the two.

PHILIP H. WARD, JR.,
Box 4216 Gtn. Phila., Pa.

him in July 1913 by Mr. H. L. Scherneck, who writes that the variety is a product of the International Commission and contains their perforation. It is a vertical perforation, gauging 10. He states that the Scherneck people took over this company, and cut their slots between the stamps, the falling over the perforations. These slots are of different size than turned out by the Scherneck people or their own machines, and I, therefore, am unable to account for such a variety. The stamps in question are in horizontal pair, and were made from sheet of the 2c imperforated issue of

Canal Zone Surcharged on United States.

A few weeks back I announced in my column that a series of postage stamps were about to be placed on sale in the Canal Zone, and that this series would consist of most of the denominations of the current United States issue printed "Canal Zone." These stamps should have been placed on sale May 1st, but it seems that there were difficulties arising because of existing treaties with Panama. These have evidently been straightened out for I am advised by a postmaster in the Canal Zone the series will be placed on sale on May 1st.

PANAMA.—Henry A. Kiehl of Hamilton, submits for our inspection a copy of the new business reply card. The card bears a 1c imprint, but the card is 1/2c in steel blue.

GERMANY.—We have received from R. Roberts the following values in Renten Mark Currency: 3pf brown, olive green, both in the ordinary paper. Also the 60pf claret and the 80pf in the "Anniversary of Postal Union" commemorative, and a 2mk blue showing the Koln Cathedral.

The Edward Ludwig Stamp Co. advertise the portrait on the 60 and 80pf of the German Postmaster General, who, as is well known, elaborated the plan and called the conference held at Geneva, 50 years ago, to the celebration of the World's Postal Union.

ATEMALA.—Mr. Alex A. Cohen writes of the 18th inst. last, sends us of two new surcharged stamps of about 200,000 of each have been printed. The 5 peso of the 1923 issue has been surcharged "1924 UN 25 Cents." in three lines while 50c of the 1921 type bears the over-surcharged "1924 UN PESO" in two lines. Both are in black.

GUAYMAS.—We learn from Mr. F. W. that the 1920 series of Scott's stamps of the 1c, 5c, 6c, 15c, and 20c have been overprinted in purple by a rubber stamp with a signature that seems to cover a half a dozen

Bertrand L. Drew's Clearance Sale

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COLLECTIONS—Continued

20 Jamaica	17.06	4.80	19 Re-Union	19.32	5.00
41 Japanese	55.56	14.00	13 Rhodesia	10.52	3.00
40 Labuan	15.96	4.00	22 Roman States	21.25	5.00
11 Lagos	18.28	4.00	108 Roumania	85.85	22.50
9 Leeward Is.	8.80	2.00	46 Russian	14.61	4.00
44 Liberia	25.86	7.60	9 St. Christopher	18.88	4.75
53 Luxembourg	45.71	11.75	9 St. Lucia	19.17	5.00
70 Macao	38.75	9.00	12 St. Pierre-Miquelon	45.49	12.50
17 Madagascar (French)	13.12	4.10	41 St. Thomas & Prince	23.93	6.00
17 Madeira	33.65	8.00	15 St. Vincent	24.15	6.00
35 Martinique	27.61	8.30	300 Salvador	53.52	12.50
35 Mauritius	25.84	6.45	30 Samoa	5.66	2.00
157 Mexico	102.63	26.00	25 San Marino	18.86	4.50
6 Modena	8.00	3.00	12 Sarawak	5.92	2.00
14 Monaco	3.72	1.10	17 Saxony	31.52	9.00
46 Montenegro	6.13	2.00	10 Schleswig-Holstein	38.00	9.50
42 Mozambique	25.35	7.20	30 Serbia	26.13	6.00
27 Mozambique Co.	5.58	1.80	14 Seychelles	13.70	4.00
17 Natal	24.54	6.35	63 Shanghai	74.10	20.00
60 Netherlands	35.01	9.30	26 Siam	15.61	4.25
4 New Brunswick	4.00	2.00	21 Sierra Leone	65.17	15.00
11 New Caledonia	10.20	3.00	7 Somali Coast	4.30	2.00
29 Newfoundland	31.97	9.40	40 So. Australia	83.90	20.00
3 New Republic	5.23	1.75	115 Spain	101.98	22.50
48 New So. Wales	43.43	10.00	37 Sts. Settlements	59.08	15.00
48 New Zealand	47.63	11.95	9 Johor, 6 N.-Sembilan	10.15	3.50
267 Nicaragua	49.74	12.00	24 Perak	14.93	4.00
9 Niger Coast	12.15	3.70	10 Selangor, 7 S. Ujong	9.68	3.00
20 No. Borneo	7.85	2.00	36 Surinam	19.62	5.70
39 Norway	16.22	5.00	41 Sweden	12.21	3.30
5 Nova Scotia	11.75	3.50	47 Switzerland	57.93	14.25
21 Orange River	19.20	5.45	9 Tahiti	32.70	10.00
6 Panama	2.64	1.00	15 Tasmania	21.55	6.00
25 Paraguay	8.32	2.20	56 Timor	34.93	10.00
9 Parma	42.50	12.50	8 Togo	7.72	2.50
107 Persia	42.54	12.00	45 Transvaal	13.91	3.60
91 Peru	65.78	11.45	21 Trinidad	42.97	10.00
11 Arequipa	15.35	4.00	18 Tunis	9.05	2.50
9 Other States	12.50	3.00	82 Turkey	51.17	12.75
100 Philippine Islds.	85.42	22.50	8 Tuscan	16.50	5.00
25 Ponta Delgada	8.72	2.25	10 Two Sicilies	12.40	3.50
115 Porto Rico	38.82	10.00	30 Uruguay	49.64	12.50
86 Portugal	93.72	22.50	70 Official	45.15	10.00
20 Ptg. Congo	11.56	3.50	70 Venezuela	31.68	8.50
45 Ptg. India	27.47	8.00	76 Victoria	110.16	25.00
22 Prussia	26.98	7.20	13 W. Australia	12.47	3.65
52 Queensland	84.59	20.00	60 Wurtemberg	69.68	17.50
			21 Zambesia	14.82	3.60
			10 Zululand	8.03	2.60

BERTRAND L. DREW

7 WATER ST., ROOM 605, BOSTON, MASS.
"When in Boston, Come in and Browse around"

stamps or more. This, he is informed, was placed upon the stamps by the General Fiscal Agent in order to prevent the use of a large number of these stamps stolen during the revolution. The 2c and 50c also exist.

He also sends a new series which has just been issued, although dated 1923. These are issued on a gold basis, where-in the Hondouron paso is valued at 50c. They are lithographed and show a bust on a pedestal of Dionosio de Herrera, and are in the following colors: 1c olive, 2c red, 6c violet, 10c blue, 20c bistre, 50c, red orange, and 1 paso bright green.

LIECHTENSTEIN.—The Edward Ludwig Stamp Co. report the first surcharged provisional under the Swiss administration has made its appearance. The 7 1/2 rappen, dark blue, being overprinted "5" in red directly over the old value.

SALVADOR.—A new series of postal adhesives is now in process of printing by a German firm, comprising the following values and subjects:—

- 1c violet. National Gymnasium, with inscription "Citius, Fortius, Justius."
- 2c deep red. Monument to Daniel Hernandez (Salvadorean schoolmaster).
- 5c light green. Beltranena: the conspiracy of 1811.
- 6c dark blue. Bridge over the River Lempa.
- 10c yellow. Map of Central America, showing the territory of Salvador.
- 20c. Branches of coffee flowers, forming a wreath.
- 25c grey. View of the ruins and volcano of Izalco, from a picture by Juan Jose Lainez.
- 70c rose. Reproduction of the paint-

ing by the artist Maso, in which Christopher Columbus explains his plans and theories to the Dominican monks.

It is stated that Christopher Columbus appears in the new issue at the request of the Pan-American Postal Congress at Buenos Aires.—*Stamp Collecting.*

FIVE-YEAR HONOR CLUB.

S. E. Moisant, Kankakee, Ill.
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There is going to be something doing and many surprises to attending ones, so we invite you to spend your vacation in Detroit, the fourth city of America with a population of over one million. Here you will meet again the old guard that usually attend, making new friends and meeting those you have had much correspondence with. These incidents will long be remembered after the convention. As a stamp centre it needs no introduction. The new year book of the A. P. S. shows that Detroit ranks third in membership list. Michigan has 135 members of which Detroit has 76.

There are many members who have fine collections, many specializing in United States, others in Revenues, covers, cancellations and foreign issues. Many of these will be on exhibition on Monday night at the Statler.

Last A. P. S. Convention held here in 1890 was the Silver Jubilee with many prominent collectors in attendance. H. M. Mudge was then President. Detroit Philatelic Society consisted of 43 members. Since then many have passed away to the great beyond, others moved away. There are still about 20 of the original left. Amongst the oldest is Brigadier-General C. A. Coolidge, his present number is 64, but originally in the twenties, before the A. P. S. was re-organized. It was through his effort that this city was put on the stamp map (thanks to him). By the way, the General was 80 years old on July 19.

There should be a good attendance at the Convention, as this city is centrally located, easily reached by rail or water. Those who wish to motor here will find splendid roads in Michigan. In a glance at the streets here one can see autos from every state in the Union, Canada and frequently Alaska. Fifty million dollars has been voted by the state for construction of good roads.

Many interesting side trips can be made here covering anywhere from 10 to 50 miles. One of the most beautiful is along the Lake Shores. Detroit is today recognized as one of the interesting cities of North America to visit. No delegations from foreign governments would think of visiting the United States without making Detroit the principal city on their tour.

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CONVENTION PROGRAMME.

Monday, August 11, 8 P. M.

A reception for the guests and an exhibition of stamps by members of Detroit Societies, consisting of specialized collections.

Tuesday, August 12, 9.30 A. M.

Opening business session.
1.30 P. M.
Boat ride to Bois Blanc. A delightful trip on the Detroit river to the mouth of Lake Erie, about 20 miles. This is on the Canadian side, returning about 6.30 P. M., in time for lunch and the auction sale. This sale at 8.15 will be conducted by Mr. Voorhees of Chicago. It will contain some 500 lots. At the same time there will be a special entertainment for the ladies attending the meet.

Wednesday, August 13.

A. M. Regular business session.
At 1.30 P. M. an automobile ride to the principal places of interest of the city. Belle Isle Park, Grosse Pointe and the Ford Factory, showing how autos are made.

7.30 P. M. Dealers' and Traders' Night is on the programme; bring along your duplicates, change them for real money, there will be a lot of buyers there or exchangers. For the ladies, another special entertainment will be given.

Thursday, August 14.

A. M. Business session.
Afternoon is a free for all, go as you please, sort of "learn to know each other more," tell your stamp experience to the other fellow. Go shopping, see Detroit's big stores.

5.30 P. M. The charter members are going to have a reception, the older members should attend this meeting; interesting things may be brought regarding early days of collecting and philatelic matters. Meet at Statler Hotel.

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THANKS.

We take this method of thanking those who were kind enough to send us examples of the opening flight of the transcontinental air mail and those covers that were sent us are certainly interesting memorials on first day's service. We wish each reader who had the kindness to remember us in this way to know that we appreciate his devotion, and it is a satisfaction to record that among the covers were several from esteemed contemporaries, namely, the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* of New York City, and the *Pan American Collector's Journal* of San Francisco, California. We make our acknowledgments to Mr. Bach in the east and Mr. Urquhart in the west, co-workers in the philatelic journalistic field, not to mention the others who favored us.

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BIRTHDAY OF GEN. C. A. COOLIDGE.

On Saturday, July 19, Gen. C. A. Coolidge of Detroit celebrated his 80th birthday, and he will certainly receive greetings from a very wide circle of friends and acquaintances. The WEEKLY and its entire mailing list congratulates our honored philatelist with the length of years accorded him and we wish him many happy returns of the day.

Those who attend the Detroit convention of the A. P. S. will find the General active in promoting the welfare and comfort of the attending delegates. His love for philately is sincere and a few words about his life may not be amiss.

At the age of 18 he enlisted in the 16th U. S. Infantry and served throughout the Civil War.

In 1864 he was promoted to lieutenant of the Seventh Infantry and while a member of this company was wounded in the Battle of the Big Hole, Montana, against the Nez Percés Indians.

He became captain of the Seventh in 1877 and it was at this time he started his first collection, a "general" collection (no harm intended).

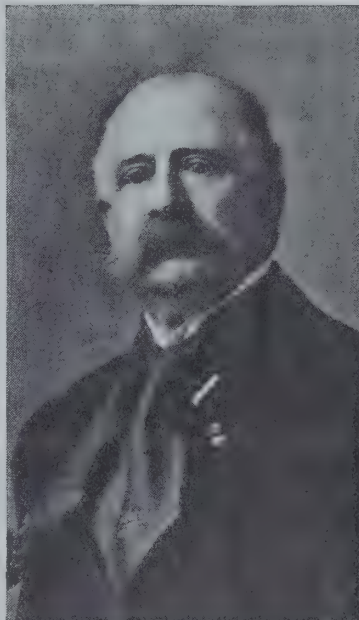
He enlisted in the A. P. S. on its organization and was an enthusiastic collector until 1894 when he disposed of his first collection.

Gen. Coolidge served in the Philippine campaign and in the Boxer campaign, about whose stamps he wrote articles in the WEEKLY. He was made Colonel in 1901 and Brigadier General in 1902, being retired in August of that year.

After his military ambition had been realized he once more turned his attention to stamp collecting and joined the San Francisco Society in 1903.

The earthquake, however, caused the General to retreat for the first time in his life and he moved to Detroit, "Where Life is Worth Living."

His efforts and those of Mr. Alan R. Fernald, the Detroit Society was formed and the General became its first president. It is such men as Gen. Coolidge that make philately world while and it's a treat to see the pleasure he takes in adding a well centered specimen to his collection of U. S. and colonies.



HARRIS & CO.'S JOURNAL.

The current number of the H. E. Harris & Company's *Bi-Monthly Journal* for July and August is a fine product. It appeared promptly July 1 and consists of no fewer than 36 pages with cover. As a literary feature it has a story of philatelic adventure by Stephen F. Harris entitled "Red Ink Melodrama." The strong feature of the publication is the well displayed Harrisco offerings scattered freely throughout its pages. There are single stamps at wholesale, packets of all kinds, and special combinations that must prove of interest to both dealer and collector. Two pages are given over to half-tones picturing the wholesale approval department with its force of eight employees. A wide range of philatelic supplies is also included in the firm's offerings. The magazine may be had for the asking upon application to the firm at 161 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, Mass.

THE BYRON STAMPS.

By GEO. S. MAVROCORDATO, Therapia, Turkey.

On the centenary of the death of Lord Byron, the Greek Government issued two commemorative stamps, one of two drachmes and the other of eighty leptas. The former one is a reproduction of an oil picture painted in London in 1861, by the Greek painter, Th. P. Vryzakis, and now in the possession of Mr. Tsouderos, Minister of Economy in Greece. It represents the landing of the great philhellene poet at Missolonghi, on the 7th Jan., 1824.

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—In a recent issue of the Chicago Journal an editorial appeared with the heading, "Old and New Mail-Carrying," from which we take the following quotation as of interest to collectors:

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There are industrious stamp collectors who have in their possession first-hand records of mail-carrying developments in all parts of the world. Some of the earlier postage stamps are now almost priceless."

—We imagine that all the returns are in in the discussion on the question of special stamp, and once more we wish to thank those who have favored us with their views on the subject and to say that the battle has been well fought to a draw.

—The July number of the *Collectors Club Philatelist* contains as its leading article a biographical sketch of Wm. R. Ricketts by Dr. J. Brace Chittenden, accompanied by a portrait of Mr. Ricketts, that is of unusual interest. Mr. Ricketts occupies a distinctive and honorable place in American philately and it is doubtful whether collectors generally know of the magnitude of Mr. Ricketts' studies, particularly in the field of indexing philatelic literature. Abroad Mr. Ricketts is acclaimed, deservedly, as one of America's foremost philatelists, and an appreciation of his work is generally held there. In the same issue Mr. Ricketts contributes some interesting notes on the better pieces in his library, and the list of noteworthy items is certainly a revelation of the exhaustive manner in

which Mr. Ricketts covers, particularly, the field of early literature. The further contents of this impressive quarterly are such as to commend themselves to the serious collector, and it is apparent that the Collectors Club is an institution that is most fittingly represented by its official journal.

—Detroit is prepared to entertain the delegates to the coming convention, and the president has named August 12, 1924, 10 A. M., as the time for the opening session. The familiar name of P. M. Wolsieffer is supplanted by that of Eugene Klein as chairman of the committee on credentials in view of Mr. Wolsieffer's candidacy for the presidency. The entertainment committee has presented a program that seems to be in keeping and visitors are justified in their anticipations of a pleasant time at the convention of the American Philatelic Society.

—The following quotation is taken from a letter that we received recently on the subject of the critical attitude of some collectors, as our correspondent has it: "It seems to me that collectors instead of concerning themselves so much with the proper classification of stamps in their collectibility could give more time to considering stamps that appeal to them and let the others go by default. I think that the suggestion of collecting according to chronology, making divisions according to the years, would eliminate the question of speculative stamps on one hand and of giving the greatest range on the other. The stamp is not to be regarded as something so highly sacred that it will be placed in a niche so far as governments are concerned. Collectors who give any thought to the suggestion certainly agree that such has been the case for a good many years. I doubt whether the old dogs will ever be taught new tricks, but collectors should worry as those who want to collect along formal lines can do so, and those that are more liberal in their exactions likewise have plenty of mate-

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EDITORIAL.

The opening of the transcontinental air mail service was an event that attracted great public attention, and the newspapers gave much space to the story of the first flight covering it by picture as well as by columns of text. The fact that the first flight was a successful one added to the interest shown by the public, and collectors, of course, took advantage of the opportunity to secure the first trip covers. In Chicago, for instance, there were several special red, white and blue mail boxes in the downtown district that were for air mail matter only, and in the general post-office there was a chute for the reception of matter for the first flight exclusively. The story of the installation of this new service, which is to be a permanent one, has been well told, and it is only necessary to speak of the philatelic phase of it here. In the large cities along the route letters that had come from local and outside points were taken on board, and at the different air mail fields celebrations were participated in by business men and others interested in the progress marked by the establishing of permanent service from coast to coast. A variety of markings were used on the first flight letters, and we assume that the special cancellations, showing the various air mail fields, will be in demand although covers without them but bearing the rubber stamped inscription in four lines: "Via air mail—On first trip of through schedule—involving night flights on Transcontinental Air Mail Route," will be acceptable. Letters sent from Chicago as well as from other points were stamped with the familiar general U. S. air mail stamp showing the two wings. Philatelists certainly added to the tolls of the department through their liberal patronage of this first thirty-four hour coast-to-coast trip, and they received in return souvenirs more or less satisfactory to them. In a practical way it is a comfort for all of us to feel that we are so closely in touch by air mail with the cities on the long route.

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We have received from Mr. Charles Horn of Monroeville, Ohio, a picture taken from a newspaper of the section showing the ruins of a home at Lorain, Ohio, and beneath this graphic portrayal of a scene of wreckage are the following lines: "While grown-ups in Lorain were searching the ruins of their homes

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An echo of the sale of the Rhodesian remainders is heard from Johannesburg, South Africa, where much concern naturally is shown at this portentous transaction. We assume that the protest is one that proceeds through a conviction that the best interests of philately are not conserved by the method of distributing the stamps, and in order that both sides of the question may be presented squarely before readers, we quote the following communication from the Hon. Secretary of the Johannesburg United Philatelic Society, dated June 4, 1924: "I have been instructed by my Committee to write to you with regard to the disposal of Rhodesian remainders to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Ltd., by the British South Africa Company, and shall be glad if you will publish this letter in your widely read paper. Collectors in South Africa protest in the strongest possible terms against the method adopted in cancelling these remainders with the original post cancelling stamps. Practically all the old post-cancelling stamps in Rhodesia have been collected and antedated to coincide with the date of issue—thus perpetrating a fraud on Collectors, as genuinely postally used specimens cannot now be detected from those cancelled in London. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' statement of the transaction is not at all satisfactory. Surely if they had the interests of Collectors at heart, and seeing that the stamps had to be sold, a distinguishing cancellation could have been used for the purpose, as was done in the cases of Labuan, North Borneo and St. Helena. Then again, there are many varieties of perforation, some of which are not even mentioned in Gibbons' statement, now being offered to Collectors at fabulous prices. We fail to see how

these can ever rank as postage stamps, as none were ever sold in any post-office in Rhodesia. Surely such scraps of paper as the so-called one-pound error of colour could have been relegated to the dust-bin, which is a fitting receptacle for them. The whole transaction, to our mind, is the biggest blot in the history of stamp collecting, and has done the hobby irreparable harm. The question now arises—what is going to be the ultimate fate of all the old plates used in the printing of the stamps of this new 'Seebeckized' Country? Are they also going to be offered to the highest bidder? It is to be hoped that some steps will be taken by philatelists throughout the British Empire to prevent such a sale. If not, we may expect a reprinting of all issues. We understand that the Rhodesian Philatelic Society attempted some years ago to secure the plates for the Bulawayo Museum, but without success. Could not steps be taken to persuade the B.S.A. Company to hand over these plates, duly defaced to the Rhodesian Society or the Rhodesia Museum in Bulawayo?" Looking at this problem as presented by the wholesaling of these stamps to a dealer, it would seem that the weakness that was developed was directly chargeable to the British South Africa Company in seeking a market for the stamps that they were bent upon selling. If the company had taken a high ethical stand the thought of marketing the stamps would not have been acted upon, at least, without proper restrictions in order that the remainders thus disposed of could be identified. It would be a happy finale of the case if the B.S.A. Company could be induced to present the plates to the stamp society or museum as suggested, but it would seem that much pressure would have to be brought to bear on the company which insisted upon the dubious transaction to make it to take such a course.

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The Air Mail Extension Committee, an organization in New York, has interested itself in the air mail service from New York to San Francisco and has issued a circular proclaiming the advantages of utilizing this rapid method of inter-communication. It is circulating information in the wish to encourage the use of the service and has issued labels to be used on air mail mat-

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In a list of autographs offered for sale, we find the following example attributed to "Mark Twain" Humor "Auto MS, 6pp, 8vo, signed twice. amusing article on the absurdities of the post-office. Last year in England people told me that the English postal system was so thorough that a misdirected letter would relentlessly chase a man and never give up till it found him or his corpse. Of course the American Eagle stirred within me and I said a postal system was just as thorough, etc.

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We have been very much interested in Dr. Botelho's work on philatelic instruction and also upon the comments of Mr. Rich on the first chapter of The Philatelic Instructor as contributed to the issue of June 23. We are pleased that the value of Dr. Botelho's treatises is generally seen, and we certainly wish to commend the interest that men of standing of these two show in this serial, if somewhat elementary work. Especially do we feel a sense of gratitude to Dr. Botelho for preparing the series of articles which we know was written in response to our wish expressed editorially for material from which a philatelist, who is willing to speak on occasion about the attractions of collecting could draw for presenting the theoretic and practical phases of our pursuit to an audience. Consequently, the publication in our paper of matter of the kind is a guide to those who are already philatelists but not necessarily equipped with information to talk comprehensively and use a proper sense of perspective to present

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collectors. The idea is to present elements that are of unacknowledged kind order that they may be assimilated by the outsiders to whom the appeal must be made. Dr. Rich makes the ingenious argument that "cultivation of orderliness continuity" does not necessarily follow the exercise of the qualities named in the stamp collection, in their application to outside details, but it is to say that the capacity for orderliness in one line of activity is possibly the beginning of a habit of carefulness may extend to other considerations, as dress, business, accounts and so on. By the same token the quality of perseverance that may be said to be required to reach a premeditated goal in stamp collecting involves the bringing into play of stick-to-it-iveness, a synonym for continuity, which, it is not reasonable to say, may extend to other lines of endeavor or interest. Dr. Botelwork certainly develops the subject of "it is intended to expand, i. e., the continuation in attractive form of the thing side of our pursuit which may be absorbed by those who wish to store and thoughts that loan themselves effectively to words before the audience of philatelists; and from indications are apparent, it is evident that the message that he is conveying are not ignored. We know of several readers to whom they have already provided material for the inspirational philatelic talk. The suggestion of Dr. Rich that certain philatelic studies, such as, Education and Philatelic Review, be asked to publish the articles is a good one, because of the admitted constructive value of these philatelic studies and of the refreshing quality that they possess as well.

MOST COSTLY MAIL ROUTE.

from Mr. C. F. Adams, Chicago, we have received an account of the longest and most costly mail route in the world which recently has had some celebrity in our own country in the state of Utah. A number of illustrations accompany this interesting newspaper item, and we take the liberty of making the following quotations from it: "Picture if you can a region into which road builders have not yet penetrated, a region dotted with small cities housing thousands of prosperous American farmers, and then visualize conditions which must necessarily be met by the government in its operation of what is believed to be the longest and most expensive star mail route in the world. Such a route furnishes the chief means of transportation and practically the only means of communication during the winter for the Uinta basin country in the northeast corner of Utah bordering on Colorado. This route is 100 miles long and traverses mountain peaks that at one point reach an altitude of 10,000 feet. No computation is available of the cost of transporting mail over the costliest of all routes, but a postal official conversant with the situation will tell you that every year's operation puts a string of red ink figures on the federal ledger at Washington to the tune of several hundred per cent in excess of the revenue derived.

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We are especially indebted to J. A. Urquhart for special courtesies extended. All three of our offices received covers from Mr. Urquhart and they show quite a variety in markings. A cancellation of ordinary character is used, but on each envelope may be found the following device:--

VIA AIR MAIL.
On first trip of through schedule involving night flying on Trans-Continental Air Mail Route.

The covers from San Francisco all seem to carry the above marking, but one mailed from Cheyenne has in addition a design consisting of the letters U. S. surrounded by two circles, the space between containing the words "Via Air Mail." The familiar two wings are a part of the design. At this writing we have not seen the markings used on mail despatched subsequent to July 1.

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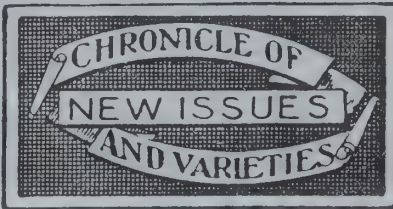
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United States.**Transcontinental Airmail Cancellations.**

Since my last notes, I have received letters mailed at the several stations from New York to San Francisco, cancelled on the first day, and it is interesting to note how each postmaster postmarked communications travelling via the air route. The Department had furnished each of the fifteen stations with a rubber stamp measuring $2\frac{3}{4} \times 15/16$ reading in four lines within a rectangle "Via Air Mail—on first trip of through schedule involving night flying on Transcontinental Air Mail Route," and this was used on July 1st, the first day. Some of the stations printed this in red—some in blue—some in purple, and others in black. If the first impression was not clear, quite often a second impression was used. In most of the larger cities the hand stamp cancellation was used to cancel the stamp while several of the

towns, such as Cheyenne, Rawlins, Elko, Reno, San Francisco and Bryan used the electric cancelling machines. Most of the cities used a further mark applied by rubber stamp, consisting of the air mail insignia, with wings. The color of this marking, I have found in every case to be the same as the rectangular mark.

North Platte, Nebraska, used a special field cancellation, reading within a circle, "Air Mail Field. North Platte, Nebr.—Jul 2 1924 3 A. M." They also used a special marking consisting of two wings and between these in two lines, "Via Aeroplane Mail."

Rock Springs also used a similar field mark and those that I have seen were applied in black. Some of the stations back stamped the envelopes whereas the bigger stations generally failed to do this unless the letter, was sent via Special Delivery.

I have further found that where letters were mailed from other cities than those on the route, that no special designating postmark was applied. I found this to be the case in an air mail letter kindly sent me by Mr. H. A. Thatcher from Sioux City, and also one from Mr. E. J. Newcomer of Yakima, Washington. I also wish to thank Mr. J. H. Brackett, Mr. R. H. Mowen and Mr. J. William Harmon for first day air mail covers.

I have further found that in returning the covers sent to the several stations that one of the postmasters failed to send me some of my covers, and sent me through error covers addressed to others. If any of our kind readers have received any of these covers addressed to me personally, I would thank them to be so good as to let me know.

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While on the subject of the air mail and the air mail stamps, it will be noted that the *Collectors Club Philatelist*, July, 1924, on page 90, endeavors to correct an error in their article relating first flights, which appeared in the April edition. In April, they stated that the 24c stamp was placed on sale on the afternoon of August 21st, too late to sold that day. They now say "In the interest of strict accuracy, we wish to state that these stamps were placed on sale the beginning of the afternoon of that date, but no one called for them before the close of the day." If they want to be strictly accurate, they will again correct this supposed correction, for the stamps were purchased by several people. I, personally, purchased several hundred and mailed possibly fifty on this first day. I know of at least a dozen others who likewise obtained these stamps the date of issue.

Overprinted Provisional Envelopes.

Mr. J. M. Bartels has recently shown me a number of oddities in the way of provisional surcharged envelopes with St. Louis overprint, which were without doubt made strictly to order. This consisted of the 2c on 5c oval die, the on 4c oval die, the two types, that is, type II and type III, both on the same 3c blue envelope. There were numerous other varieties, which I do not offhand recall. I do remember that the party in question kindly made the 2c on 2c amber, which has been the missing error heretofore.

While in Washington recently, I inquired to learn as to whether these overprinting dies had been returned, and find that all but three were received in Washington, and one of the three still out is in St. Louis, so that it is quite possible that these have recently been manufactured.

Rotary Print Stamps in Sheets.

The precancelling of stamps from the rotary press at the Bureau is meeting with such success, and there is such saving to the Department, that a 5 a 10c stamp, perforated 10, from the rotary press may be expected in short order. These no doubt will be followed by one or two other varieties, and it is quite likely that stamps without cancellation will be prepared for general use providing experiments for breaking the gum turn out satisfactorily.

Norwegian Commemorative Issue.

I am informed by the Department that during the last days of Congress, a bill was passed which has since been signed by the President, authorizing the issue next year of commemorative stamps to commemorate the landing of the Norwegians. I understand there will be two stamps, possibly a 1c and 2c, and they may later be increased to include a 5c. It seems that the issue was desired by Senators and Representatives from the northwestern states with large Norwegian populations. If the English and the French and the Germans and the Slavs, and the others who have political backing and votes get busy, we may have quite a few oddities. Surely the Irish deserve a stamp and if all of these events are of sufficient importance to warrant an issue, why should not philately have a stamp for its 1926 International Philatelic Exhibition? I am one of these poor deluded persons, who feel that every issue adds new recruits, for I can recall that it was the odd shape and interesting Columbian issue of 1893, that pulled me into the fold.

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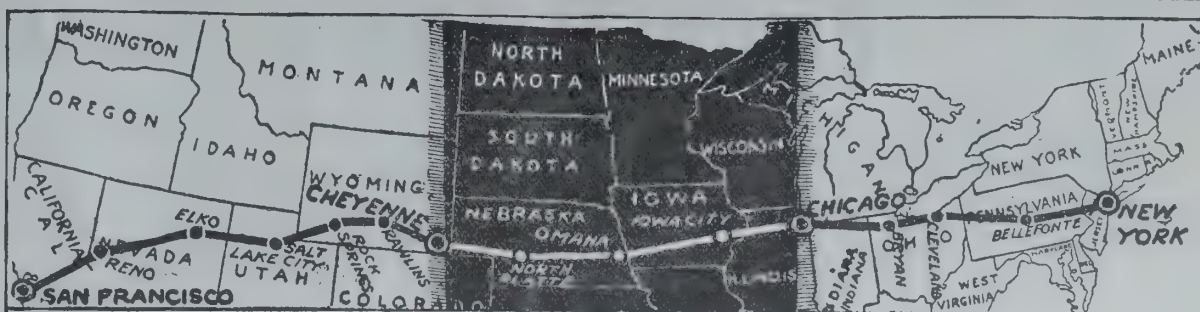
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The trip from New York to San Francisco will consume thirty-four hours and forty-five minutes. The eastward air voyage will require only thirty-two hours and five minutes, this route having the advantage of favorable air currents. Day and night flying will be the rule, but in the night flying a torrent of light flooding the skies from powerful beacons will rival the sun.

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Special postage stamps are provided for the service. There are three rate zones from coast to coast, the rate within each zone being eight cents. It will cost 24 cents to send a letter, via the air route, from New York to San Francisco; 16 cents to points between Chicago and Cheyenne, Wyo., and eight cents to points en route to Chicago.

A special delivery stamp, added to zone postage will insure delivery of mail on the date of receipt where the schedule indicates late arrival in certain cities. Otherwise delivery will not be made until the following morning. In figuring the total time between the departure of a letter and its delivery, allowance must be made for transportation of mail from the landing field to the central city post-office.

A letter leaving New York at 10 a. m., eastern time, will arrive in San Francisco at 5:45 o'clock on the following afternoon Pacific Time. The planes will

leave the Pacific Coast at 6 a. m. Pacific time, bringing mail into New York at 5:05 p. m. on the following day, eastern time. The scheduled stops are at Bellefonte, Cleveland, Bryan, Chicago, Iowa City, Omaha, North Platte, Cheyenne, Rawlins, Rock Springs, Salt Lake City, Elko and Reno.

LIGHTING SYSTEM PERFECTED.

In both eastbound and westbound trips the belt of night flying covers a stretch of 1,460 miles from Cleveland to Rock Springs, Wyo. The foremost electrical engineering organizations of the country were called into consultation by the Post Office Department to solve the lighting problem. As a result a total of 5,279,000,000 candlepower will illuminate the air paths from overlapping pools of light and beacons intercepting one another. Added to that the twenty airplanes in the service and in the reserve will carry a total of 10,000,000 candle power light with them, gleaming from every portion of the planes.

J. V. Magee, illuminating engineer for the service, has divided the belt into three units. That between Chicago and Cheyenne, measuring 885 miles, is to be lighted at once. The east and west wings, 335 miles from Cleveland to Chicago, and 240 miles from Cheyenne to Rock Springs, will be utilized as summer wanes and the days grow shorter. Main lighting stations in the central division are located at Chicago, Iowa City, Omaha, North Platte and Cheyenne.

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Each field for landing is to have its boundaries outlined with incandescent lamps or flashing acetylene gas beacons. All buildings and obstructions will be outlined with light, and the wind cone will be illuminated. In the center of each field there will be a brilliant red mushroom cluster, low enough for the wheels of the plane to pass over safely.

In addition, divisional fields are to be placed at intervals of twenty-two miles. Each of these thirty-four fields will have an eighteen-inch or a twenty-four inch 5,000,000 candle power incandescent beacon, as well as boundary limit acetylene flashes. Again, at every three miles there will be acetylene flashes on six-foot platforms. In other words, there is a landing field available every three miles of the route from Chicago to Cheyenne in case of emergency.

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PLANES ALSO WILL GLOW.

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Post-offices not located on the air mail route may dispatch by rail to connect with the route. Philadelphia, for example, may send its mail to New York or to Cleveland, and a letter addressed to Los Angeles would be transported by air to San Francisco and thence by rail to Los Angeles.—New York Herald.

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(larger) Up, 60; Down .75	GEORGIA	MARYLAND	ditto, Handstamp Nor. .55	Tonowanda (red)60	El Paso35
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By CHAS. G. WILSON.

On the One Ruble value of the Romanoff Centenary Issue of Russia of 1913 (Scott's No. A-29), there appears a picture of the Kremlin, one of the most picturesque and interesting bits of architecture in the world.

The Kremlin of Moscow, the acropolis of that ancient city, has for hundreds of years been the centre of the political and religious life of Russia. For long in the early period of Russian history it was the court of the Emperors, the seat of the nobility and the priesthood. To this day it is a much venerated shrine to the patriotic Russian, the sanctuary of the holy of holies of his country. The Kremlin is a city in itself, triangular in shape, surrounded by a wall surmounted by eighteen towers, and pierced by sixteen gates. The most famous of these gates is the Gate of the Redeemer. Above it is a huge ikon which is said to have frightened and dispersed the Tartar hordes, which centuries ago besieged the citadel. Through the Gate of the Redeemer have driven all the Czars of Russia since Ivan IV to be crowned in the Cathedral of the Assumption. For although Peter the Great abandoned Moscow in 1712, and set up his court in the newly-founded St. Petersburg on the Neva marshes, and there the Czars have ruled for more than 200 years, each has come in turn to the ancient cathedral of the Kremlin to receive anointment with the oil of consecration and the crown of kingship.

Within the Kremlin's walls are crowded palaces, courts, shrines, churches, museums, towers, domes, barracks and gardens—a riot of color and architecture. There are ten churches, scattered among which were (before the Bolshevik uprising) many holy and religious works of art. The Cathedral of St. Michael,

the Archangel, contains the bones of many of the Russian monarchs.

Not only was the Kremlin in ancient times the nucleus of the city of Moscow, it was more, it was "the village which expanded into an empire." Behind its walls the dukes of Moscow sheltered from the arrows of the Golden Horde; there Ivan the Terrible held sway over his barbaric Court; there the dynasty of the Romanoffs was founded; and there was born in 1682 Peter the Great, the father of modern Russia. It is the rock on which founded the ship of the Napoleonic Empire. From its towers the Man on Horseback watched the leaping flames sweep the city. Did he read defeat in the lurid skies? When the holocaust was spent the Grande Armée found itself, without food, 2,000 miles from Paris. They mined the ancient walls in a vain attempt to blow it up and

then began that long and cruel retreat which spelled death to the soldiers and ruin to an Emperor.

And still it stands, surrounded by its towering walls, slumbering and dreaming of its regal and splendid past, smiling at Lenine's pitiful dream of world dominion, patiently waiting, with the

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The first air post flight in Australia took place on July 16th-18th, 1914, when M. Guillaux flew from Melbourne to Sydney, a distance of 580 miles, in his Bleriot monoplane, thus establishing a long distance record. Official souvenir postcards were issued on this occasion and impressed on the back with an oval cachet in violet containing the inscription "AUSTRALIAN AERIAL MAIL—MELBOURNE, VIC. 16-Jul. 1914." Such cards are of considerable rarity.

The next event in the history of Australian air post was the arrival at Melbourne on February 26th, 1920, of Sir Ross Smith on the completion of his sensational world flight from England to Australia, carrying with him a mail of 321 letters. In addition to a receipt mark inscribed "First Aerial Mail—Great Britain to Australia—Received 26 Feb., 1920" each of these letters had affixed to it a souvenir stamp of special design showing the terrestrial globe with England and Australia in outline, a flaming torch between and an aeroplane flying over the top. The stamp was devoid of any indication of value and bore the inscription "FIRST AERIAL POST—ENGLAND & AUSTRALIA" together with the dates "12th Nov." (departure from Hounslow) and "Dec. 10th 1919" (arrived at Port Darwin, Northern Territory). Executed in large square format, they were printed singly on paper watermarked Crown over A and perforated 12. Letters bearing the special stamp and postmark were enclosed in official envelopes and forwarded under cover to the addressees. Very few of them appear to have been preserved so that Ross Smith covers are of the greatest rarity.

An attempt to inaugurate a regular air post service between the towns of Perth and Derby (West Australia) on December 4, 1921, ended disastrously with the crashing of the postal plane and the death of two airmen. Letters carried on the inaugural flight were postmarked with a special date stamp inscribed "PERTH DERBY Aerial Mail, 4/12

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES UNITED STATES.

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

Joe T. Lozier Collection.

Mr. Hugh M. Clark of the Scott's Stamp & Coin Company is certainly to be congratulated upon the acquisition by his company of the well-known Joe T. Lozier Collection of Unused United States Stamps. Mr. Lozier has been a collector of choice United States for upward of ten years, and during that time he has acquired one of the finest collections of blocks and singles ever gotten together. His activities were limited to the general issues from 1847 to 1890 inclusive, and he omitted those items, which were not regularly issued, such as certain values of the August, 1861, issue, the 3c scarlet, and the like.

As this collection will, no doubt, finally be broken up, I feel that a record should be made of the main items which it contained.

In the 1847 issue, there is a magnificent vertical strip of four of the 10c, with sheet margins at top and left. Many would no doubt consider this the choice item in the collection. It is in wonderful condition with full gum. Its rarity may be appreciated when it is realized that in unused condition I know of but one block of six and one block of four, that can compare with it. There is also a horizontal block of six of the 5c.

In the 1851 issue, there is a block of nine of the 1c, type II, a magnificent block of fifteen of the 3c, a pair of the 5c, and a horizontal strip of four of the 10c.

As for the 1857 issue, all denominations are represented in blocks of four or larger. One especially choice piece is a horizontal block of six of the 5c, type I, in brown. There is also a magnificent block of four of the 10c, type I. In the case of the 24c, there is a block of twelve with plate number and imprint at the left, the plate number reading "No. 1 P". There is also a block of six of the 30c, and four of the 90c.

In the 1861 series, the scarcer items are the 3c pink in block, the 12c black, a block of six of the 24c, which is exceedingly rare, as well as two blocks each of the 30c and 90c.

In the issue of the following year, we find a block of six of the 5c red brown, a block of four of the 5c black brown, as well as the 15c Lincoln. There is also an irregular block of twenty of the 24c.

In the grill issues there is a block of the 3c grided 13x16, and also of the 2c and 3c grided 12x14. The 2c is an exceedingly scarce item. All of the 11x13 are present in blocks of four or better, and in the case of the 12c, there is a block of nine with the "Z" grill. This is, no doubt, unique. All of the 9x13 issue are represented by blocks, with the exception of the 90c, which is represented by two horizontal pairs. The 24c is

present in a wonderful 5x3 block of fifteen, with full gum and well centered. The 30c is in a block of twelve, and as far as I know this is the largest block existing.

Of the 1869 issue, the Lozier collection contains possibly the largest blocks of certain denominations known. Most of these came from the Worthington collection, which was broken up in 1917. There is a block of thirty-two (8x4) of the 1c, and in the case of the 2c there is a block of nine, a block of eight and four blocks of four. The 6c is represented by a block of four, the 12c by a block of four and a block of nine. Of the rare 15c, there is a block of nine, which is possibly unique in this size. There is a plate number block of six of the 15c common type, a block of four, and a magnificent block of twenty (5x4). There is a block of nine of the 24c, which is the largest block known, and of the 90c there is a block of four. The 30c in unused condition must be exceedingly scarce in block form for it is missing. The collection contains perfection cancelled copies of the 15c, 24c and 30c, 1869, with inverted centers.

Of the grided 1870 issue, there are blocks of the 3c, 6c and 7c. The ungrided issue is represented by blocks of the 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 10c, 12c and 24c. The latter is a very unusual piece, which also came from the Worthington sale. The block of 12c is a block of eight, and in wonderful condition. The 7c, 30c and 90c are missing, and these by the way are all exceedingly scarce.

Of the 1873 Continental issue, everything is present in blocks, with the exception of the 30c. Of the 7c there is a magnificent vertical block of seven, a wonderful block of ten of the 10c, and a block of six of the 12c. The 90c is represented by a block of four and a block of twelve (4x3). The 2c and 5c 1875 are there, including a block of thirty-six (6x6) of the latter.

As for the 1879 American prints, there is a very unusual piece, viz., a block of twelve (6x2) of the 1c on the hard Continental paper, but with the American imprint. There are also blocks of four or better of all other denominations, including a block of twenty-four (6x4) of the 90c.

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At present, the Middle West Supply Company of Dayton, Ohio, has the contract for furnishing this stamped paper, and this concern has been turning out in the neighborhood of eleven million of such material every day. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, the Post Office Department spent \$4,902,581 in the purchase of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers. Of the 2,721,475,103 stamped envelopes and wrappers purchased by the Department during the fiscal year of 1923, there were 1,434,823,879 printed with special request return cards of 942,550 different forms.

The successful contractor will be expected to be ready to begin delivery of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers on January 1, 1925.

I understand that the envelope proposition has become so large, that at the present time there are few firms that are in a position to compete for such business, and it is quite possible that a number of the smaller firms will pool their bids and quote a lump sum figure. The envelope contract some years back was awarded on a similar basis.

Should the new contract be given to a new firm, or should the old firm receive it, there is not any likelihood at the present time of changing the envelope designs.

Canal Zone.

The Metropolitan Stamp Company kindly sends us for our inspection copies of the new Canal Zone stamps, which we listed some weeks back, consisting of the current United States 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 30c, 50c and \$1.00 surcharge in two lines in black "Canal Zone."

Mr. Gerald D. Bliss kindly sends us a copy of the Panama Star Herald of July 3rd from which we quote quite extensively, for the information is of interest to collectors:

"The Taft Agreement between the Republic of Panama and the United States was abrogated June 30, Dr. Eusebio A. Morales, acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs declared yesterday.

Certain reciprocal obligations between Panama and the United States have now ceased, Dr. Morales said, inasmuch as no new treaty has been signed.

Dr. Morales said that the abrogation of the Taft Agreement is the reason United States postage stamps are now sold at Canal Zone post-offices instead of Panamanian stamps with the words 'Canal Zone' printed upon the face of them as heretofore.

'Since last year,' Dr. Morales said, 'the President of the United States was authorized by Congress to abrogate the Taft Agreement and the State Depart-

ment advised the Government of Panama that the agreement would cease to be effective on April 30, this year.

Negotiations between the two Governments followed at Washington with an effort to find a basis for a new pact to replace the Taft Agreement and so settle other matters pending between the two nations.

On April 30 the new agreement had not yet been signed and President Coolidge agreed to postpone the abrogation until May 31. On May 29 the negotiations were still under way and President Coolidge issued an Executive Order making the abrogation of the Taft Agreement become effective June 30.

Dr. Morales would not comment further on the treaty negotiations.

The postage stamps of the Republic of Panama which have been used in the Zone post-offices for fifteen years or longer, have been superseded by a new issue of United States stamps. This action was announced yesterday in a circular issued by C. H. Calhoun, Director of Posts on the Zone.

This circular states that all Panama postage stamps and other stamped paper, surcharged 'Canal Zone' will be withdrawn from sale at the close of business on June 30 and no sales of such stamped paper will be made after that date.

To replace the present issue of postage stamps there has been issued to Zone postmasters, United States postage stamps, surcharged 'Canal Zone,' in denominations of 1, 2, 3, 10, 12, 15, 30 and 50 cents and \$1.00; postage due stamps in denominations of 1, 2 and 10 cents; 1 cent postal cards and stamped envelopes in denominations of 1 and 2 cents.

Though none of the old issue of stamps will be sold after June 30, they shall nevertheless be valid for postage until and including July 31. Stamps of the old issue in the hands of the public after July 1, and until August 1, may be either used for postage or exchanged for other stamps of the new issue but shall in no case be redeemed for cash. Stamped envelopes, unsoiled and in good condition which have not been specially printed by the purchaser, will be exchanged for an equal number of envelopes of the new issue or for postage stamps. If exchanged for postage stamps, only the face value of the stamps on the envelopes will be allowed in exchange. Likewise, postal cards of the old issue may be exchanged for new cards or postage stamps, provided the cards are unsoiled and in good condition. Stamped envelopes and postal cards which have been specially printed for the purchasers will be recognized as valid until the stocks thereof have been consumed, regardless of the date, but will not be redeemed or exchanged.

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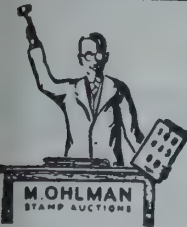
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CHAPTER III.

Starting a Stamp Collection.

Nothing worthwhile is ever accomplished without prior thought. This trite truism applies very particularly to stamp collecting. Gone are the days of haphazard gathering.

Whether you collect for pleasure or investment, or for both, it is essential that you decide, in advance, on a preconceived objective to be reached, as far as possible, through following out a definite, clearcut main program.

It is well to point out here that any stamp collection, even if begun and continued as a sparetime hobby for pleasure, will turn out eventually to be a good financial investment if slipshod execution be excluded.

To begin aright is to half win the game. But you cannot expect to begin aright without first knowing what the course of your game is going to be. Therefore, let us assume you are unfamiliar with the hobby and the aids available for the convert.

Your general object will be to collect stamps. Your immediate object, however, is to own and keep stamps according to the practice of intelligent Philatelists. As their usual method is to use prepared albums to hold the specimens forming their collections, it is wise that you do likewise.

A stamp album is a book, bound either permanently or by looseleaf arrangement, containing pages titled for separate groups of specimens. Of albums, a large variety is offered by dealers in philatelic supplies. If a novice, without previous knowledge of philately, you should choose a medium-sized album for a general collection, namely: a volume which provides ruled spaces for between

10,000 to 20,000 varieties, representing all known stamp-issuing countries and states.

The beginner is advised to start with a general collection, because he or she will find it affords more scope for self-instruction in the art and science of the hobby. Only after he or she has acquired experience and knowledge, should he or she enter upon the higher phases of the meritorious pastime, on the principle that one should learn to walk before attempting to run.

In these days when women are to be found in nearly all lines of activity hitherto considered reserved only for men, it is not surprising to find philately attracting many enthusiastic followers from among the fair sex. The feminine love of neatness, sense of color shades, capacity to take pains in producing a desired result, and appreciation of things artistic, as well as increasing capacity for research, all conduce to render stamp collecting fascinating to an augmenting number of women and girls. Nowadays, the well-informed girl should know geography, international politics, foreign currencies, and world events, and philately offers to her practical means to acquire information just as it liberally offers her brother. It is, therefore, not surprising that teachers and parents are suggesting stamp collecting to students of both sexes.

Besides a stamp album, the collector should have at least one standard stamp catalog of recent issue. There are several published (in America and Europe) by recognized philatelic houses. These publications are veritable mines of information, and, especially for the tyro, constitute unmatched guides for avoiding counterfeits, forgeries, spurious and similar undesirables. From any one of the

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MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS.

Malta.—Although the summer season is now in full swing, it is difficult to detect much slackening of enthusiasm. The demand for modern colonials continues apace, and there is no doubt the next catalogues will show many more increases. A few months ago the writer drew attention to the possibilities of Malta stamps, and since that was written a further sharp appreciation has taken place. It was mentioned that the 2s6d mult. CA of 1919 was priced at 175frs in Yvert-Tellier's Catalogue, and nearly full catalogue has been paid for this stamp in France, whilst over £1 is now obtained for it in London. At the beginning of the year it could probably be bought at 5sh. Another stamp which has shown a similar rise is the 10sh script wmk. stamp with "Self Government" overprinted, which was, until recently, regarded by many as the commonest of the St. Paul stamps, now fetches £3 at auction. It is now apparent that the 10sh stamp with CC watermark, which is priced higher than any in the catalogue, is in reality the commonest of the five. This is not surprising, when we consider it was in use for about twenty years, whilst all the other 10sh were in use for less than one year. The lower values have also increased and all the 2sh K.G. stamps are worth watching, with the 2sh "Self Gov." CA as the chief rarity. Malta, along with the other Mediterranean colonies of Gibraltar and Cyprus, are more in demand on the Continent, and the latter colony in particular is worth watching—the number of changes of late have been numerous, and some varieties have had a very short life, so that we may see some stately advances like in Malta.

German Colonials.—A correspondent recently asked "What are the financial prospects of German colonial issues?" This is really outside the scope of these notes, but if I may be permitted to digress, it is well known that these have advanced recently on strong German and other Continental buying, as presumably the Teutons, having lost their Colonial Empire, all wish to possess emblems of its former greatness. A few of the colonies, like Togo, Samoa and S.W. and East Africa, may quite legitimately be added to a British colonial collection, but used copies should be secured as far as possible—these are the most interesting and valuable, and the more certain to increase in value if bought at reasonable prices. The postal authorities in Berlin are still selling off, from time to time, parcels of the mint stamps. Some of the mark values on watermarked paper are varieties prepared for use (?) and never issued at all in the colonies.

There are some scarce varieties in the higher values of German East Africa, and the 60 heller appears a scarce duty in either state. The stamps of East Africa and Uganda so curiously overprinted "G.E.A." suffered somewhat from over-speculation, but it is quite likely that prices will rise again, as it is a set every colonial collector likes to show, and no Government remainders exist. The script watermark set is also likely to improve, having had a very short life. It is worth noting that these stamps were always sold at 2sh per rupee.

Detectorlators.—Some trenchant remarks have recently been published on

the subject of financial increment in philately, and that the increase in numbers of the "Delector" is tending to spoil or degrade our hobby. This may be to a certain extent true, as with certain ill-balanced persons who cannot consider the financial aspect of their hobby without becoming quite obsessed with that aspect alone and oblivious to all its other manifold charms.

It is difficult to see what effective steps can be taken to suppress the Delector and Speculator.

Part of the trouble is probably due to the difficulty many amateurs have of disposing of their duplicates or collections, at a satisfactory price. Of course, for rarities, important collections, or items of topical or popular demand, there is little trouble, but for ordinary small collections and duplicates, there has not, until recently at least, been any very satisfactory market. Many a dealer, unless they happen to be varieties he is short of or has a brisk demand for, will only offer a small fraction of their value. Most collectors, therefore, accumulate more and more duplicates until they are tempted to start dealing. Exchange pure and simple is unfortunately not in much favour in this country, and the exchanger is often left to the mercies of the foreign exchanger who is always willing to send parcels of common European stamps for "nice Colonial sets or rarities."

The "Script Blues."—Information is slowly filtering through as to the numbers issued of some of the Script 2½d blues. Many collectors have fancied the 2½d St. Kitts-Nevis as the best of the bunch, others, the 2½d Gibraltar; about neither of which any statistical information has been published. The 2½d Trinidad was very scarce in the Colony, and now we read that only a comparatively few thousand of the 2½d Antigua were printed in blue, a number of which were sold by the Crown Agents. As this is a stamp still obtainable quite cheaply, those looking for a little flutter in these popular issues might consider them as a very promising investment, which may easily show a 300% rise in a year or so.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

THE FERRARI STAMP AUCTION.

Spirited Bidding by Messrs. Theodore Champion, Hugo Griebert, T. Allen and Warren Colson.

FIRST DAY.—PARIS, 18th JUNE.

The auction sale of the great collection of M. Ferrari de la Renotiere was resumed at the Hotel Drouot this afternoon, this being the tenth sale already held in connection with the Ferrari collection. There did not seem to be quite so much public interest in the proceedings as on the occasion of the last auction in April, but the dealers and experts were well represented and there was again some brisk bidding. A total of 234 lots was offered today, and the amount realised for the day was 803,180 francs.

The greatest interest of the day was aroused by a very fine specimen of the British Guiana 2c. black on pink, of 1850, used with the initials J.B.S. across it, for which it quickly became evident that there was keen competition. The bidding was run up to 50,000 francs, at which price it was eventually knocked down to M. Champion (Paris).

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The next best price secured was an 1861 "wood-block" error Cape Good Hope, 4d. red, of which only perfect unused examples are known. It was sold eventually for 41,400 francs.

A 12d Canada black, 1851, mint, unusually fine specimen, attracted much attention, and after the bidding had run to 27,500 francs fell to Mr. Lichtstein (America).

M. Champion was also the purchaser of a British Guiana, 1850, 4c black yellow (papier pelure), cut square used. For this he paid 20,000 francs.

A square-cut British Guiana, 1850 black on orange, used, with the initials E.D.W., fetched 16,000 francs.

Another Cape of Good Hope, 1861, roneous 1d blue, used, an excellent example, sold for 13,300 francs; another British Guiana, 1851, 4c black blue, unused, was run up to 13,000 francs while a British Guiana, 1850, 12c black on light blue, fetched 12,500 francs. This last example was a fine specimen bearing the initials E.D.W., and with figure 2 inset.

A 4d deep blue Cape of Good Hope 1861, unused, sold for 11,300 francs.

Mr. T. Allen (Wanstead) was the purchaser of another British Guiana which aroused very spirited bidding. This was a 4c blue, of the 1853 issue, fine example, used, which ultimately went for 36,000 francs.

SECOND DAY.—19th JUNE.

When the sale was resumed today lots were on the whole less important than yesterday, and the total sum taken at close was 594,390 francs.

The biggest price of the day was 47,500 francs, paid by Mr. Hugo Griebert for a block of six 8d orange-yellow New South Wales of the 1851-54 issue, gummed and unused, a very fine set is understood that the purchaser was buying on behalf of the American collector, Mr. Arthur Hind.

Mr. Warren Colson, another American, paid 23,000 francs for a block of ten 1d carmine New South Wales of the 1851-54 issue, mint, a remarkably fine piece.

Some New Zealand stamps also fetched good prices, M. Champion, the expert, paying 18,000 francs for a fine example of the 3d lilac of the 1860 issue.

Among other outstanding prices of the day were:—

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THIRD DAY.—20th JUNE.
The third day of the Ferrari Sale was disappointing, and the total for day was only 488,700 fcs.—considerably the lowest of the three days.

The best price of today was paid by Lichtenstein (America), for a set in Zurich of the 1843 issue, 6rp black pink, horizontal lines, with framing delete at the base, the eighth stamp cancelled, unused. This was an unusually fine set and the price was run up to 21,000 francs before it fell to Mr. Lichtenstein.

The next highest price was secured for a single unused example of the Geneva black on green-yellow double 5c—an excellent specimen which fetched 10,000 francs.

The prices as a whole today ruled considerably lower, the best after these:

—Switzerland, 1860, One shilling orange, unused, 10,100 francs.
—Switzerland, 1857, One shilling version, unused, a particularly good specimen, 8,000 francs.

—Switzerland, 1850, a block of four 2½rp black red, apparently new but defective (cross not outlined), 8,400 francs.

The total taken during the three days of sale was 1,886,270 francs, and the final impression is that more had been expected. It was remarked that the interest in the sale appeared to be considerably less than on the occasion of the auction of April last, and on the last day in particular there was little of the spirited bidding which was observed in April. Unusual reticence was observed in regard to the names of successful purchasers, but it may be noted that the principal bidders on the closing day were Mr. Lichtenstein, Hampton, Mr. Griebert, Mr. Allen and Mr. Roberts.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

The *Australian Philatelist* says that a new one penny green Australian one-cent stamp has been issued on the paper. The explanation is that the authorities found a stock of the old one-cent paper and utilized it, but the printer says that he will continue to use the one penny value. Our temporary advisers collectors to watch their values very closely.

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Short reference list by names on various objects and hand-stamped designs and postal markings used for cancelling the U. S. mail from the time of the first stamps up to the abolition of all such cancellations at the beginning of this century. Very rare cancellations are found in the later part.
In our last articles we have been dealing mostly with cancellations more or less in accord with the special catalogue, but are now coming to the more interesting part, Part II, where we will try to list Postmasters, hand-stamped markings and designs by groups which so far have not been taken up by the special catalogues. Except for Mr. Ritchie's and other writers' efforts in the past, no serious attempt has been made to class this most interesting branch of postal markings.
We have placed the Gridiron cancellation in the first group. This cancellation being one of the very first used (and if we are not mistaken is of English origin). It was used on our first issue of stamps, the 5 and 10 cts. 1847, and continued to be used on all the different issues up to the present time and is now being used in a small uniform oval type, at 3rd and 4th class post-offices:—
Group
1. Gridirons.
2. Circles.
3. Squares.
4. Diamonds (playing card canc.).
5. Triangles.
6. Stars (and combined).
7. U. S. and U. S. Mail.
8. O. K.
9. Animals.
10. Shields.
11. Caricatures.
12. Pumpkin heads and Jack O'Lanterns.
13. Anchors.
14. Propellers and Turbines.
15. Year dated.
16. Skull and cross bones.
17. Fraternal Orders.
18. Wearing Apparel.
19. Liberty bells, Flag and Union.
20. Wheels.
21. Crosses.
22. Trees, leaves, plants, etc.
23. Hearts (playing card cancellation).
24. Tools and Implements.
25. Planetary (globes) crescents.
26. Fruits.
27. Geometrical.
28. Allegorical.
29. Arrows, spearheads, Bow and Arrow.
30. Targets.
31. Checkers.
32. Thumb and finger impressions (rare).
33. Balloons, kites.
34. Horizontal and vertical lines.
35. Scarifying Patent C.
36. Monograms.
37. Irregular cancellations.
38. Town cancellation in block and colorless letters (very rare).
39. Letters.
40. Numbers.
We have thus been able to distinguish and separate the various markings in a total of 40 different groups and will now take the reader through each group separately where he will have a chance to know each object in its special group by its own name, where and when it was used by naming the stamp on which it was used and, if possible, name of Post Office.

GROUP I—GRIDIRON.
This is a cancellation known to almost every collector of stamps except in rarer instances like: *Square, Triangles, Oblongs and Octagons and Combined form*. Suffice it to say that it was used at 90% of all Post Offices. Varieties: *Plain* from 3 to 30 bars, in *Circles, in Ovals, in Squares* with and without frame, in *triangles and in combination*, also a *special colorless* within frame (the rarest in this group is the triangle and the combined). About 200 varieties in all.
Some rare post-offices with gridiron cancellations: Bellevue, Idaho, green; Adin, Calif., magenta; Placerville, 1858; Galt, 1869; Petaluma, Alameda, 1887; San Jose, 1859 and Bachaco, Calif., 1868; Lock, Ohio; Mascoutah, Ill.; Homer, Ill.; Galesburg, Ill.; Bengon, Mich.; Coldwater, Mich.; Chase, Mich. (obsolete); Orwigsburg, Pa.; Virginia City, Mont.; Oxford, Ala.; Holden, Mo.; Auburn-dale, Mass.; Chenango Forks, N. Y.; Starkville, Miss.

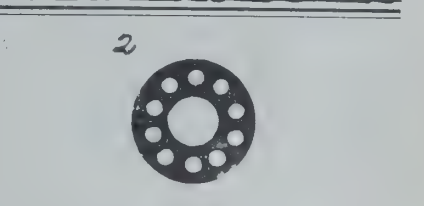
GROUP II—CIRCLES (Single).
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small block circle '61; 12 small block circle '61; 8 cubes, round hole in center of each forming circle; 8, the same, solid; another the same, divided in the center; 4, the same, broken circle; 4, the same, broken and a very small target in the center; another in circle and solid target; 16 small blocks and small broken circle in the center; 2 solid halves circle (blue) Havana, '67; N. Y. irregular circle and colorless geometrical figure in center; 16 objects forming a circle Tottenham, N. Y.; 13 oblong figures forming a circle, Louisville; 12, the same, Louisville, Ky.; 14, the same, Louisville, Ky.; 8 objects with colorless circle in center of each '61 (blue circle); 7, the same, solid '61; 8, the same, solid '61; large, heavy circle, 10mm thick and 35mm in diameter; another, 30mm; another, 30mm with colorless spaces in circle; 11 small objects in circle, small target, all within outer circle; 5 large blocks forming circle; Newhaven, Ind.; circle with long block in the center, Center Valley, Calif.; 6 oblongs in circle, heavy circle in center (red C); blocks forming a large circle, smaller solid circle and target in the center (violet).

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EDITORIAL.

For a good many years a thought has
been expressed at different times that
there might be some danger in handling
mixed quantities of stamps that may
come to the dealer. In fact, occasionally
a note of alarm was sounded in the col-
umns of the lay press that danger lurked
in old stamps from different countries,
and while we always combatted any ex-
pression of fear of the kind, we felt that
it would have been better had we been
able to have floored the ghost for all
time. Now, however, we are gratified
to see that the redoubtable Dr. Evans in
his column in the Chicago Tribune comes
out flat-footedly in favor of immunity
for the postage stamp on the score of
disease-carrying capacity and in large,
bold letters reassures a dealer's wife in
the following words: "No Danger From
Stamps. Mrs. F. J. writes: 'My husband
is a dealer in old stamps and, as such,
handles them continually. Is there any
danger of contracting any diseases such
as tuberculosis, or anything else that the
person who originally used the stamps
might have had?' Reply: No."

Thus the fangs of the ferocious germ
are filed and he must admit that stamps
are his Waterloo.

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In trying to promote philatelic amity
among all classes of collectors we some-
times encounter some odd opinions in re-
spect to the different representatives
from the beginner to the advanced col-
lector. For instance, we have had a let-
ter from a collector who has had a rep-
utation for studious philatelic research
and we are surprised to learn that he
says that the day of the intensive student
of philately is done. He recalls that ten
or more years ago the WEEKLY gave a
good bit of attention to several corre-
spondents who proclaimed the value of
the symbolism of stamps, and our friend
now says that he believes that so many
stamps of attractive features demand his
attention that he is not going to spend
all his time with only a few stamps.
This is an unusual sort of letter, and we
are of the opinion that it is not to be
taken in a literal sense rather than a
figurative one. A letter recently re-
ceived from a beginner expresses the
hope that the time will come when he
will have several copies of the one penny
black of Great Britain, a stamp that he
thinks is worthy of all veneration and he
says that a wealthy collector would be

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We have received a copy of the Hon-
olulu Star Bulletin for May 31, 1924, in
which there is an article headed, "Seeks
Light Here on Hawaiian Stamp Mys-
tery," illustrated by a picture of fourteen
of the Hawaiian Missionary stamps
that were involved in the Grinnell-Kle-
mann case. The article is nearly three
columns in length and tells of Mr. Grin-
nell's efforts to find the so-called missing
link that will establish the genuine-
ness of these stamps. We quote: "Grin-
nell firmly believes that the stamps are
genuine, and appeals to any reader who
may have information on the subject to
assist him in clearing up the missing link
in their history that will vindicate his
judgment, further substantiate the docu-
ments in his possession and prove beyond
all possible doubt that these are real
Missionary stamps of the early date
which is ascribed to them." Mr. Grin-
nell speaks of further evidence that he
has uncovered and he asks that anyone
who may be able to add to the store of
information regarding the Missionary
stamps to enlist in his cause, as he is de-
termined to vindicate the reputation of
the stamps that are in his possession.
This article is one that is well prepared
and covers the history of the case from
the time of the court decision and it
bears testimony to the perseverance of
Mr. Grinnell, whose conviction that the
stamps are of a real Hawaiian printing
is more unshaken than ever before, if
possible.

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The London Daily Chronicle of June
23, 1924, prints an article entitled "The
Wembley Stamps," that is a review of
the stamp displays at the exhibition.
From the tone of the article one would
judge that stamps make little impres-
sion in the aggregate and that they are
"almost as difficult to find as a needle in
a bottle of hay." New Foundland is rep-
resented as a governmental exhibitor, but
the showing that is made is not credi-
table to that colony. As the writer
says, the stamps that are on view seem
to have been placed there by accident and
"to have been exhibited by favour." All
in all it is apparent that stamps by no
means are a feature of the exhibition.

and we are somewhat surprised that the
opportunity to attract the attention of the
public to philately, as well as to cater to
the collector, has not been well improved.
However, it is somewhat significant to
find that in a great daily newspaper a
real critique of the stamps in an exhibi-
tion sense is given place.

* * *

We cannot understand how in this day
and generation there is an editor of a
big newspaper here and there who has
no conception of what philately has
grown to be. We are ready to grant om-
niscience to many of the able editors, but
are puzzled and chagrined to find that a
few of our idols have minds of mush
when it comes to recording their mental
slants on our pursuits. For instance, re-
cently we quoted an editorial from the
Philadelphia Ledger, one of the best
newspapers that ever left the format and
showed that for a man who must keep
abreast of the times the editor was lack-
ing in an ordinary appreciation of phi-
lately in its present day development.
While we suppose that we should be in-
clined to quibble about the opinion of
the submerged citizen who is as blind
to the attractions of philately as the
chap was to the primrose on the river's
bank, we think that it is very reprehen-
sible on the part of the editor to whom so
many readers look for inspiration to give
the wrong psychology on stamp collect-
ing. An ignorance of the kind should
be censured by the management of a
publication as the half truths often are
as misleading as downright mistakes.
Philately should be regarded as having a
title to correct representation in the news-
papers as much as any other subject, and
when it is treated in a vague, uncertain
way by a writer, he should be reprim-
anded by the power above him in the
manner that his attention would be
called to misleading statements in regard
to other topics on which he might try his
pen. Some time ago, a humorous item
appeared in print to the effect that phi-
latelists were "spiritless creatures," and
while the intention of the writer was hu-
morous, yet we must assert our rights
when it comes to correcting mistaken
opinions, with conviction or else it will
be thought that we deserve the belittling
appellation in reality. When a news-
paper speaks unwarrantedly about phi-
lately it should be made aware of its

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mistake by correspondents who are jus-
fied in bringing the editor to book.

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Mr. Theodore Siddall has sent us so
particulars of the philatelic conditions
Shanghai, China. He says, "This is t
season when stamp collectors put the
stamps in dry storage to keep them fro
sticking together during the rains whi
keep on industriously until some thi
in July. Today is about the rainiest
well as the longest day this year—so f
(June 21). But still a chap stood t
wet and came all the way up for so
stamps today. I am doing a little m
sionary work, a la Power, offering
give a hundred different stamps to an
body who wants to start collecting. O
of about forty answers I have three n
customers who buy stamps. You w
notice that on the two cent Hongko
postage due there is a red discolorati
from having been on a Chinese lett
but if you put the stamp in hot wat
for a minute it will come out as cle
as you like. Many of the Chin
stamps are stained so, but a little hot w
ter will make them all right again."

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Now and then we hear of a natu
stamp collector, or one who knowi
nothing of philately is impelled to coll
stamps for some reason that is not ass
ciated with the example of othe
Speaking of a teacher, who for twent
five years taught school in South Ber
Indiana, Mr. D. C. Turnbull says th
"apparently she discovered for herself
educational value in stamps and encour
aged collecting among her boys. T
first boy scout troop in South Bend w
formed from her school and she start
a number of things that later have be
adopted as standard practice. She
now engaged in special educational wo
under state control, in the nature of intr
ducing methods and teaching instructo
new ideas; and her work requires th
she travel to some extent. It would
well if you could explain the desirabi
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 We are now within sight of the date of the annual convention of the American Philatelic Society at Detroit, beginning August 12. Assurances come that attendance will be large and with important consideration settled favorably, there is no reason why the convention will not be the most interesting ever held. Each year the gathering attracts the added prestige of and involvement in philately and not a few members take pride in participating in progressive measures that are acted upon at the time. As usual the convention of the American Stamp Dealers Association will be held the day before that of the national collectors organization and we believe that at the dealers' location the determination to elevate commercial standards in this country will be backed by plans for giving greater impetus to curtailing the misapplied enterprising of the dealers who do not meet ordinary demands of fair treatment. This connection we may say that the opinion of Mr. J. M. Bartels as president of the 'dealers' society is assured. We have no doubt but that he will endeavor to increase the power of this organization whose work becomes more official as the years emphasize its offices.

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In checking up the dots as sent you by Mr. F. A. Kuhn and described Dec. 10, I found that they appear on or near an imaginary horizontal line through 5th pearl and from the medallion to the left outside the stamp to at least ½ millimeter, as described. But I found some on stamps which do not have the heavy shade. I am sending you an example of this.

I am also including what appear to be examples of wear on the plates, or it may be that the inking was poor, altho I doubt this from the excellent printing of the rest of the stamp.

All the above convince me that these dots were used as limit marks in some way, either in the re-cutting of the plates or in laying out the new. And as these dots do not appear to be at all rare in the 2c greens following, is it not only possible but probable that the same new or renewed plates were used, still being good.

Were the original plates so soft that they wore, so few in number that too numerous printings wore them and made re-cutting necessary? When recut, was not the shade added to make the stamp more artistic and relieve the flat look by making the shield stand out? And, finally, were not new plates added, shaded like these recuts?

I am inclined to answer 'yes' to all these suppositions. But cannot some actual information be obtained from a reliable source and settle this question? As to the enclosed covers and stamps, altho I have made pencil notations on them and numbered them, I might help you further by listing them here.

No. 1. Shift. Left side, from the bottom of the ornament of curved border enclosing "UNITED," etc., down to the 7th pearl, a shift ½ millimeter to the right and ¼ mm. upward, evidenced by 10 lines half way between the lines of the border of stamp, a tapering dot in the curve of the ornament and the same in the 1st to 7th pearl inclusive, a line in the white oval frame showing the curve of the pearls and extending from the center of the ornament to the 7th pearl. All lines and dots get lighter toward the lower limits of the shift. Right side, the shift has about exactly the same limits but extends toward the outside of the stamp instead of the inside as at the left.

No. 2. Worn plate? No lines to left

of "2." Date 1885 by date of letter enclosed.

No. 3. Worn plate? Shield frame weak at lower left, shade of "2" partly missing at left, queer shade below nose. scratch (?) extending from end of queue to 14th pearl and then at right-angle to edge of shield. Date 1885.

No. 4. Shade of "2" weak at left. 1885.

No. 5. Dotted in white oval opposite 6th pearl, no shade below shield. (Look this over carefully yourself.)

No. 6. Dotted in white oval between 4th-5th pearl, rather light shading. 1887.

No. 7. Very clear. (May be new plate) 1887. Dotted outside of stamp opposite 6th pearl. Apparently dotted on both side of space between 5th-6th pearls (2 dots.) (Heavy ink, perhaps?)

No. 8. Dotted in white oval, 5th-6th pearl. No shade on shield at middle left of "2." Shaded plate. Year unknown.

No. 9. Slightly shaded. 1886. Twice (?) dotted. At outer edge of white oval, 5th-6th pearl, and at outer end of horizontal border line of stamp exactly opposite.

NOTE: The position of these dots is as nearly as possible in the middle of a straight vertical line between the top and bottom of the stamp. The slight deviation above or below is no doubt within the limits allowed the engravers if it was used as a layout mark! Put your glass on No. 7 which I have marked with fine dividers. Remember, too, that drawings and engravings are usually laid out from center-lines. The deviation to the left or right may have a minor reason if the reason for the mark itself is found. Who made the original plates? Who re-cut these plates? And who made the new plates? Someone ought to be able to get this history or may already have it.

Yours truly,

R. L. HUSTIS.

Mr. Hustis' samples show the various things that he describes so accurately. The shift that he speaks of as No. 1 is one of the finest the writer has seen. It is unusual in that the shift apparently is through the middle of the stamp only. A point that he does not mention is that the shading lines on Washington's cheek are badly shifted throughout the center portion of the stamp.—Ed.

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THE INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION IN NEW YORK IN 1926.

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

A further meeting of the Board of Governors of the Association for stamp exhibitions was held at the Collectors Club in New York on Wednesday, July 9th, at which time the special committee appointed for the purpose, made recommendations regarding the exhibition to be held in New York during the fall of 1926.

The Board with minor changes accepted the report. It is almost understood that the exhibition will be held on the fourth floor of the Grand Central Palace, which has a space, excluding aisles, of upward of thirty thousand square feet. It is to be hoped that a week or ten days in the latter part of October may be obtained.

The committee having the exhibition in charge will consist of: Alfred L. Liechtenstein, President; Arthur E. Owen, Vice-President; C. M. Ams, Secretary; Theodore E. Steinway, Treasurer; together with the following as members of the committee: J. M. Bartels, J. B. Chittenden, H. M. Clark, P. G. Doane, Eugene Klein, John A. Klemann, Edward S. Knapp, Harry M. Lewy, H. L. Lindquist, John N. Luff, L. B. Mason, J. C. Morgenthau, Charles J. Phillips, Edward Stern, Herman Toasperm and Philip H. Ward, Jr. This committee was also given authority to add to its number.

A very comprehensive list of honorary vice presidents has been selected, and it is not thought advisable to announce this list at this time, as there is no doubt quite a few additions will be made before it reaches its final form.

The committee at present is working upon a detailed list of classification of exhibits, and it is expected that this list will be circulated quite extensively among societies throughout the country, so that it may be constructively criticised, so that when the final form appears, the exhibition will be of such magnitude, that it will include collections of all types.

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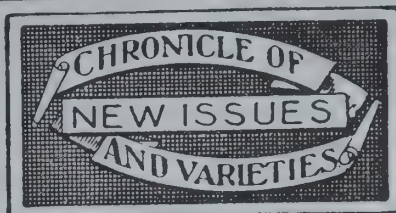
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COSTA RICA.—We have received from Mr. Paul C. Standley, a copy of a new 2c stamp of very small size and in green color. Mr. Standley writes the following information regarding it:

Today I have received a copy of one of the smallest postage stamps ever issued, apparently, sent by a friend of mine in Costa Rica who is not himself interested in postage stamps, but who knows that I am. I judge this was issued about June 15.

The reason for the issuing of this stamp is rather curious, as I heard it when in Costa Rica this year. The 2 céntimos postage is that required for post-cards to foreign countries (American) and in the interior. An ordinary card mailed to the United States re-

quires either four or five lines of address, with the result that tourists complained bitterly that after their cards were addressed there was no room to place the large stamps now in use in Costa Rica. The government promised to remedy this, hence the present stamp.

The following account of the person whose portrait appears upon the stamp is taken from a local history published in San José:

"Don Rodrigo Arias Maldonado, governor *ad interim* of Costa Rica from 1662 to 1664, after the death of his father, Don Andrés, undertook in 1662 the reconquest of Talamanca, and as a result of his good tactics succeeded in reducing many of the Indians who lived along the Rio Tarire, but immediately afterward they revolted again.

"The following year he organized a large and costly expedition and made a new attack upon Talamanca. Upon this occasion he found the town of Conamare, and when the undertaking seemed to have succeeded, his men treacherously turned against him, and left him alone in the heart of the Talamanca country. The Indians, who were greatly attached to him because of his kindness, conducted him safely to the nearest settlement of the Spaniards.

"The King later on rewarded Don Rodrigo with the title of Marquis of Talamanca and with an annuity; but he, wearied of the vanities of the world, retired to the cloisters of the Order of Bethlehem in Guatemala."

It is doubtless as a brother of this order that he is pictured upon the postage stamp.

In this connection, since references in secular literature to postage stamps seem to be popular just now in *MEKEEL'S WEEKLY*, the following may be cited. It is from "Dottings on the Roadside in Panama, Nicaragua and Mosquito," published in 1869, by Bedford Pim and Berthold Seemann, the latter one of the most famous and one of the earliest explorers of the natural history of Central America. In March, 1866, "After leav-

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Nicaragua.—Mr. Emil H. Swenson advises of a 1c green, bearing the portrait of Francisco Hernandez De Cordoba and in the upper corners the dates "1524" and "1924."

St. Lucia.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 4d, script watermark on yellow paper and the 2s6d on script watermark paper.

Venezuela.—Our Caracas correspondent, Sr. D. Imelio, informs us that a new series of adhesives, engraved and printed in London by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons Ltd., and having the bust of Bolivar as the central feature, has arrived at Caracas, and will be authorized for use in the near future. The values and quantities printed are stated to comprise the following:—

5c chocolate,	1,500,000
10c green,	200,000
15c olive,	200,000
25c cobalt,	3,000,000
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NEWS CLEANINGS.

—We notice that the Frost Radi Company uses the catch phrase in its advertisements: "Like postage stamps—used everywhere."

—The Sydney Philatelic Club, New South Wales, recently had a display with discussion, "My Twelve Most Interesting Stamps." As was to be expected the winner named the one penny black of Great Britain as the stamp to start him off right. We assume that in practically all the lists the Sydney view and Capri triangular were given place, as well as the penny black.

—At the tenth auction-sale of the Ferrari sale held in June in Paris we notice that the British Guiana 1850 two-cent black on rose, used, brought 50,000 francs, while the 1856 four-cent black on blue, used, realized 36,000 francs. These prices must be added the French government tax of 17½%.

—The story of the scramble for the five franc Montenez type at the Brussels Exhibition is being made the subject of many moralizations in the press of Europe and there must have been high old times at the sale which with the ticket sale at a world's championship ball game in this country.

—Mr. Olaf J. Olson of St. Paul, Minnesota, was in Chicago on one of his occasional trips to that city and he again affirmed his faith in collecting as a means to make the busy man forget how he is. Mr. Olson's stamps have increased in such numbers that his album is on the point of being called such in a figurative sense.

—We are indebted to a reader for copying the following paragraphs issued in 1880 by the Post Office Department on the subject of black ink for cancellations:

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W. B. THOMPSON,
General Superintendent.

c. 3. Canceling Stamps with other than Black Ink.

The attention of division superintendents is called to that portion of section 7, Postal Laws and Regulations, 1879, which reads as follows: "The cancellation or defacing required by section 375 shall be effected by the use of black ink wherever that material can be obtained."

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W. B. THOMPSON,
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A recent visitor to Chicago was Mr. A. Diamant of St. Louis, who is known to fame through his great collection of Mexico and his general philatelic welfare work. Mrs. H. A. Diamant, who is a life member of the American Philatelic Society renewed her stage triumphs in the cause of charity recently when her characterization was made the subject of a charming picture in the engraving section of one of the big Sunday papers in St. Louis.

We make belated mention of the gift from Mr. Gustave de Lachasse, Angon, France, under date of June 1, of the 30 and 50 Olympic games, blocks of four.

The Beverly office of the WEEKLY Philatelist recently with a call from Gertrude McCann of the Burt McCann Co. of Minneapolis. Miss McCann is spending the month of July on Cape Cod but will be at home ready to resume business about August 20.

The boys of Louisville, Ky., recently organized the Blue Grass Philatelic Society with the following officers: Newton Owen, president; Gerald Daniels, secretary; and Charles Kellinger, treasurer. Any boys in the state above the age of fifteen are eligible for membership and information may be secured from Newton Owen, 2809 Hale Av., Louisville.

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THE RIDDLE OF RHODESIA.

By FRED J. MELVILLE.

The sale of the remainders of the Rhodesian stamps by the British South Africa Company has created some little excitement among collectors, and, as the details of the transactions involved have not hitherto been disclosed with precision there has been, not unnaturally, a good deal of misunderstanding as to the facts of the case.

It has been no secret for months that a considerable stock of the Rhodesian stamps remaining in the hands of the British South Africa Company at the time of the institution of Responsible Government for the Colony of Southern Rhodesia (October 1, 1923), has been for sale. This stock comprised a large amount of face value and some millions of stamps of various issues, and the Colonial Government had been pressing for the realization on these stamps; it is the Colonial Government, we understand, not the Company, which benefited by the sale.

The stock has been on offer to the stamp trade for some time, but it was too large to be sold outright at face value, or anything approximating to face value. To sell off at considerably below face value was to strike a serious blow to dealers and collectors who had invested in these stamps at or over face value during the period of their currency or since. As Capt. H. R. Oldfield in his secretarial page of the *London Philatelist* (October, 1923), says:

"There were rumors that it was possible these remainders might be sold to dealers at a reduced price. This was a very serious matter which would affect thousands of collectors throughout the world who had purchased these stamps at face value."

The rumors were probably not without foundation, but there were no buyers for the heavy stock, and Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., as anxious as anyone to protect the interests of those who had invested in the stamps at or over face, made an offer for the entire stock, subject to its being canceled. This they did to save the stamps being thrown on the market as unused remainders.

The cancelling of the stamps was done by the Company, in London, and it is the least satisfactory part of the transaction that the stamps were canceled in such a way as to involve a deception upon collectors of used stamps. Postmark chops were procured from Rhodesia for the purpose of cancelling the remainders, and however the matter may have been regarded by the officers of the Company at the time it appears to us an unfortunate, if not improper, proceeding, that they postmarked them with ante-dated postmarks. We regard postage stamps as documents, as sacred as any other official documents, and we do not see how anyone can justify the application of a postmark dated 1913 on some date in 1923 or 1924. It is an abuse of the official evidence of the postmark.

The stock so canceled was duly handed over to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, who re-sold the lot in its entirety, and the bulk has gone abroad. Collectors will

realise, however, that the comparatively cheap offerings of certain Rhodesian stamps, postmarked and with full gum, are the result of the sale of the remainders and as the gum is easily removable the value of genuinely used stamps of this issue is likely to be affected. But we understand the number of sets of the various issues was quite small.

This is the transaction which has caused rather more commotion and been more far-reaching than the facts justified. There have been reports that along with the stock was a large quantity of printers' waste. This is clearly not the case; there was neither proof, waste, nor irregular varieties included in the transaction. As all students of Rhodesian stamps know there have been on the market for years certain spurious varieties, so-called roulettes, imperfs., etc., obtained from printers' waste some years ago, and which are readily identified as they are on a totally different paper from that used for the issued stamps.

We are glad to make this clear, for it was only recently announced by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons (*Monthly Journal*, Feb., 1924), that the Rhodesia portion of the Catalogue "is being re-written and will contain some important additions and discoveries." This announcement has been all-too-readily connected up with the sale of the remainders, but it has been within our knowledge for some time that Mr. A. B. C. Dyer, whose intimate knowledge and vast collection of Rhodesian stamps has placed him in the forefront of authority on Rhodesian philately, has been engaged in the preparation of this section of the Catalogue. Mr. Dyer may be counted upon to present the Rhodesian list as it should be, full and complete, but entirely free from fictitious or fanciful varieties. The old printers' waste freaks have long been known for what they are, and are not likely to be given any new lease of philatelic currency in any standard catalogue.

As to perforation varieties, such as the scarce 13½, and the rare 14 by 15 perfs., one of the leading dealer specialists in Rhodesian stamps examined the entire stock of the remainders without finding any of these rarities.

Yet another matter has brought complications into the Rhodesian stamp news lately, and which has been supposed to be connected with the sale of the remainders. This is the £1 stamp printed in the wrong colors, viz., carmine and purple, instead of red and black. This was recently chronicled on the authority of Mr. T. Allen in the *Fortnightly* and other papers.

The history of this variety is a curious and interesting one. A small stock (eleven sheets of 50) of the £1 stamp was printed in carmine and purple, and was sent out to Rhodesia, but the chief post-office held them back from issue as they were in the wrong colours and were likely to be confused with the 10d stamp printed in the same colours. The stock was subsequently returned to London, and was offered for sale by the Company, but who was going to buy a large parcel of unused £1 stamps?

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It is thus quite correct that the stamps were printed in error, and equally correct that only 100 exist. But the exact status of the stamp is that of many other stamps which have been given catalogue rank, namely of a stamp prepared for use but never issued. It was even more clearly prepared for use—being sent out to the Colony for issue—than the 1d carmine-red Cape triangular, CC watermark, for example, which was never sent out to the Cape.

The circumstance of destroying the stock all except 100 stamps may be criticised in some quarters and it is probably a rare occurrence in the stamp trade. But it cannot be alleged to be an improper proceeding, and it has its time-honored parallel in the old book trade, the trade in prints, engravings, and *objets d'art* where rarity is a principal factor in value.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

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CONFEDERATE PRINTING PRESS IS CURIOUS RELIC.

By VIRGINIA LEE COX.

(We are indebted to various subscribers for this most interesting article from the Richmond "Times-Dispatch." The name of August Dietz is of course very familiar to philatelists, both north and south.—W. O. W.)

Tiny, according to our modern standards, quaintly old-fashioned and almost absurdly simple in design, one of the first presses on which money and stamps of the Confederate States of America were printed, and probably the only one in existence today, has at last come to rest in a modern printing shop in Richmond, which still is, in a traditional sense, the capital of the Confederacy.

Though the little hand-press has long been inactive it now holds the position of honor in a big museum room at The Dietz Printing Company, probably the only printing plant in the South, or in America, which has sacrificed valuable floor space to sentiment. And in the center of this valuable floor space, dedicated to preserving historic curios and objects of the graphic arts, the little old Confederate hand-press, still with the transfer of four Confederate notes on its small, old lithographic stone, is a mute reminder of a day that is gone, and of the progress that has been made since then in the South and in the printing business.

It is not known exactly how many presses were in commission for printing the Confederate stamps and money. There may have been half a dozen, or more, but this survivor now in The Dietz Printing Company is No. 3 of the old battery. It was first the property of Hoyer & Ludwig, lithographers, of Richmond, who were commissioned to do some of the printing work of the Confederate government.

When the Confederate government was organized one of its immediate difficulties was the question of obtaining Confederate money and stamps for its use. At first, when the provisional government was established at Montgomery, Ala., a number of designs and proposals were submitted by Northern concerns, but when hostilities actually began and all the Southern States seceded one by one, it was impossible to allow enemy institutions to print the South's money and postal currency. There were then no large Southern printing concerns and Postmaster General Reagan experienced great difficulty in securing artists and printers who were capable and equipped to execute the large contracts of the Confederate government.

Confronted with the urgency of having money and stamps printed, and by such difficulties of getting it done, both the Treasury and Post Office Departments turned to Hoyer & Ludwig, lithographers of Richmond, and commissioned them to proceed with the work. Both Hoyer and Ludwig were Germans, Hoyer a goldsmith and a man of considerable means in his day, and Ludwig a most skilled master of his art, able to both draw his designs and do his own printing.

To the craftsmen of today the output of the old Confederate press No. 3 will doubtless appear most crude, as it undoubtedly was. But it sufficed in its day, and the fear of the government that the lithographed money and stamps could be counterfeited more readily than steel-plate printing was quieted by the argument that the coarser the design, the more difficult detailed imitation would be, an argument in which there is a good deal of truth, master printers tell you.

However crude the little press may have been it was decidedly picturesque when it was in operation. Then a burly negro, probably wearing blue jeans and with a colorful red bandanna tied around his neck, stood patiently turning its handle, grinding out Confederate notes of all denominations, which finally came to be worth not even the paper they were printed on, so little did the government have to

back them. And near him, waiting to take the damp sheets of "notes" from the press, stood dainty Southern ladies, some of them members of the South's most prominent families, forced into the then ignoble position of working by the patriotism which ran high through the South, and by the fact that the loss of their fathers, husbands and brothers in the war had made it necessary for them to be bread-winners for their families.

The press worked quite simply. Its stone, quarried in Bavaria, like all lithographic stones, had an affinity for water and grease. The design was drawn with a greasy crayon, or engraved, on the stone. The stone was then wet with a sponge, and the design being greasy, the water receded from it. The ink roller was then passed over the stone, and, since printers' ink is also greasy, the water on the rest of the stone rejected it, squeezed off by the ink roller, a sheet of paper, with padding of other sheets, placed over the stone, a copper sheet, smeared over with tallow to prevent sliding, placed over the paper, the bed of the press lifted, the handle turned, and the stone, with its design and layers of paper, passed under the scraper, where the actual printing occurred in the passage. The damp sheets of paper, which had become Confederate notes after such a process, were lifted off the stone and quite simply hung up to dry on clothes lines.

To the modern lithographic craftsman, expert in the intricate lithographic processes of today, this old-fashioned method of printing money will sound too absurdly simple to be real. And yet it was in precisely this simple manner that the money of the Confederate States of America, and its stamps, too, were printed. And, though, to the modern lithographic craftsman the old press appears a pigmy beside the big newspaper presses of today, all their thundering noise cannot drown the clarion voice of history which this modest hand press helped to make.

The old press was presented to August Dietz by Hudson P. Hoen, of A. Hoen & Co., lithographers, of Richmond and Baltimore. August Hoen, one of the founders of the firm, was the first to introduce in America Senefelder's discovery of printing from stone. He was the inventor of the lithocautic process, the basic principle of the halftone of today. The Hoen secured the printing press when they acquired the Simonds & Keiningham plant, which had secured it from its original owners, Hoyer & Ludwig. Mr. Dietz served his apprenticeship under the last living printers and lithographers of Confederate currency and stamps, of whom Frank Baptist and Richard Hendrick alone survive.

Other invaluable relics keep the old lithographic press company, where it proudly stands in the center of the museum room at The Dietz Printing Company. There is a replica of the Thomas de la Rue, of London, electrotype of the Confederate five cents postage stamp. The plate originally contained 100 subjects but it was captured by an Ohio trooper and cut into sections for distribution among his friends. One fragment is now in the Ohio State Museum at Columbus, but through action of the Ohio Legislature it was lent to August Dietz, and for his use sent to Richmond, where he made a replica of it. The plate is of the original 5 cents blue, altered to 10 cents. It was positively identified by Frank Baptist, of Richmond, who printed the 5-cent stamps at Archer & Daly's in 1862, having been detailed from Parker's Battery to do so. Fifty-six years after this he superintended the printing of stamps from this same plate at The Dietz Printing Company.

In one of this unique museum's cases there is also a steel transfer plate from Archer & Daly's steel plate printing

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establishment, upon which may seen transfers of the Confederate cents and 20-cents postage stamp made from the original dies. There a replica of the only coin said to have been minted in the Confederate States the one cent piece.

From the walls surrounding the printing press, pictures of Richmond's master printers, many of the long since dead, look down on the objects decorating the large room entirely sacred to the graphic arts. The pictures are framed in antique, mahogany frames. In the cases, the museum are other Confederate relics and valuable curios of the graphic arts. There are autographed letters of General Robert E. Lee, General Stonewall Jackson, General J. E. Stuart, and General Reagan. There are specimens of master printers from Asia, Africa, Europe and Australia. There are books printed in the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, among them an old Bible, Martin Luther's original translation. There is an almanac of 1862, containing the names of members of the Confederate Congress. There are copies of the Southern Illustrated News printed in Richmond in 1862, and propaganda illustration from Southern Literary Magazine, in actual wood cut—a remarkable example of craftsmanship under the most trying conditions.

There is a small book of St. John's Gospel, which ran the blockade during the War between the States, sent through by Dr. Moses D. Hoge, of Richmond's most beloved ministers of the old days. And there is a copy of some of the writings of America's first printer and patron of printing in America, Benjamin Franklin. This book, printed in 1794, is rather lengthily entitled, "Works of the Late Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Consisting of His Life, Written by Himself, together With Essays, Humorous, Moral and Literary."

One easily believes that the old Confederate printing press, after the eventful and uneventful years of its career, is in good company in the room in which it has been placed.

THE COLLECTING INSTINCT.

By PAUL FLOYD CORNISH.

Away back in my barefoot days I lectured broken pottery, rusty nails and sunflower seed. Later on I made a box of my mother's love letters, curing a nice lot of 1870-71 covers and some fancy cancellations. My first stamp was a one cent blue Columbian stamp which came on the family mail. At age of 18 I took a position in a small town far from home and among strangers. It was then that collecting meant more to me than any other thing I can recall. I purchased a small album and a one pound lot of mixed stamps, these with the lot of stamps on approval which I received every week, I spent many happy hours during those years away from home.

As soon as I had established my home and settled down to a life of industrial work the collective instinct came back again with the result that I have been dealing in stamps for about 15 years. But first of all I am a collector, a general collector of everything that stamps. Used and unused, U. S., foreign, single, blocks and pairs. Numbers, precancels, cancellations, covers are all grist when they come to collective mill. Stamps have called out into the wide open spaces and into the heart of the big cities.

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By W. GARDNER.

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and day, two Indian messengers. One of these received the message to be carried from the preceding messenger, who shouted it whilst he was approaching the station; so that when the latter actually reached it the other was already on his way to the next post. Remarkable speeds were performed by these messengers, and it is stated that they covered the distance from Cuzco to Quito, some 1,200 miles or more, with the windings of the road, in twenty days, or 2,400 miles for the double journey. A day's staging of 120 miles was a common performance, and it is to be recollected that high mountain passes had to be crossed en route.

The Founder of the Peruvian Empire.—Two men intimately connected with the early history of Peru are Manco Capac and Francisco Pizarro. A portrait of Manco can be seen on the 2c stamp of 1896. He is wearing a broad-brimmed velvet montera or cap, which is trimmed with red and blue ribbon. Several legends have been woven round the life of this Indian ruler. One states that a wise woman, Mama Huaco, be thought herself of making civilised beings out of the savages inhabiting these regions. She gave birth to a son, whose father, she said, was the Sun. He was a handsome child, and she hid him in a cave in the island of Tiahuanac in Lake Titicaca. The mother worshipped him as the king and lord of those regions; and the Indians hearing of his birth and origin acclaimed him as the Inca and their ruler. The child was Manco Capac, or Almighty Child, and he grew up marvellously wise and prudent. Another legend tells how Manco and his three brothers set out from their mountainous refuge to find fertile lands. On the long journey into the unknown world, Manco rid himself of two of his brothers; the third perished on the site of Cuzco. Here Manco established himself, built a Temple of the Sun, and extended his dominion over the surrounding country. His successors reigned four centuries, till the Spaniards came.

Pizarro, whose features adorn the 5c value of the same series, was the conqueror of Peru. He came from Spain to Panama in search of gold, and finally made his way down the western coast of South America, where he heard tales of the marvellous wealth of the Incas. The news he sent home was well received by the Emperor Charles of Spain, and he was given command of a conquering expedition. Pizarro captured the ruling Inca, and refused a ransom of a room filled with gold, later having the Indian ruler executed and having the proffered ransom confiscated. After a formal entry into Cuzco, Pizarro turned back to the coast and founded Lima. In the struggle to gain dominance over the country, he caused a lieutenant of his to be beheaded. The man's son in 1541 murdered Pizarro in the palace at Lima.

The City of Lima.—Lima is the Capital of the Republic, and is one of the premier cities of South America. It was founded by Pizarro in 1535, and was called Ciudad de los Reyes, or City of the Kings. Many fine buildings and statues found in the city are represented on several Peruvian stamps. On the 10c value of 1907 we have the Exhibition Buildings. A national exhibition was opened at Lima in 1872, and the buildings planned by Don Manuel Fuentes included a palace, theatre, gardens, picture gallery and concert room. In front is the handsome Paseo or Promenade of Colon, at the head of which is the fine Columbus monument. When the exhibition was over the buildings on the southern side of the city were allowed to remain.

The Columbus monument finds a place on the 2 sol. stamp. It was removed from the Alameda or Avenue to near the Exhibition Buildings. On fete days the society of Peru gathers here, for the avenue of tropical trees leading to the monument is considered to be the finest in South America. The monument is built of pure marble, and represents

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Two excellent institutions that have been of great value to the inhabitants of Peru are the Medical School, Lima, shown on the 20c value of 1907, and the Municipal Institute of Hygiene, shown on the 12c of 1905. The Medical School is one of the largest national buildings in Lima.

The Hippodrome of S. Beatrice, on the 1 sol stamp, 1907, is a finely laid-out place, where horse races are held, and is a great centre of attraction in the season—July to December. It belongs to the Jockey Club, and some interesting meetings are held.

Lima boasts of two other beautiful statues. The 1c of 1907 shows the Bolognesi Monument, dedicated to the memory of Col. Francisco Bolognesi who lost his life in 1880 in defence of Morro Fort at Arica against the Chilians. He refused to surrender, and his head was pierced by a bullet. The monument is carried out in marble and bronze. The other statue is that erected in honor of San Martin. Its picture adorns the 5c of 1907. It is the most beautiful of all the statues erected in five public squares of the city. It shows Lima, and there are many in the thirty-the famous General proclaiming the Independence of Peru.

The G. P. O. at Lima.—The General Post Office at Lima is a magnificent and ornamental structure of pure white stone with massive bronze railings to the windows and surmounted by imposing bronze statues. It was built during the Presidency of Dr. Nicolas Pierola. The Post Office is open to the public day and night, and every day of the year, Sundays included. On the 2c stamp of 1898 a fine view of this building is seen. The national flag is seen flying over it. The flag has three perpendicular stripes—red, white and red—in the centre of which is a white shield bearing the Arms of Peru.

A traveler in Peru writes thus of the postal service: "All those who have lived in Latin-American countries have experienced the difference which a good and a bad postal service can mean to pleasant and profitable residence; and whether he be a visitor, dependent perhaps upon the mails for his future guidance, or a permanent resident who relies upon it to conduct his business transactions, the regular and dependable dispatch and distribution of the mails are of the greatest importance. In Peru, no branch of the Peruvian public service has been more radically reformed than this, and to-day the Postal Department is found to be among the most efficient of any in the Republic. Not only is correspondence faithfully and speedily delivered, but it is absolutely, and at all time, safe from pilfering or suppression. Over so extensive a territory as that of Peru, the organisation

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Beasts of Burden.—On the 1866 issue we find some of the animals of Peru depicted. The 5c has a picture of a llama and a vicuna on the Andes. The other values show an alpaca and a vicuna. The ancient Peruvians completely subdued and domesticated the llama as a beast of burden. They are the most prized possession of the upland Indians. The llama is about four and a half feet high, and the colours of the flocks vary. They are generally brown, with shades of yellow and black, frequently speckled and more rarely white. The males are trained to carry burdens, while the females are kept in the pastures. A llama can carry a load of 100 pounds, but when the weight is too much he lies down and will not move till part is taken off. The daily journey is about twelve miles, because these animals do not feed at night, and so must be allowed to graze during the march. When resting, llamas make a humming sound. A flock of llamas journeying over the mountains is a strange and beautiful sight. They proceed at a slow measured pace, with necks erect, and gazing eagerly on every side, and their Indian masters treat them with great kindness.



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A llama is emblazoned on the Arms of Peru. The first regular issue of Peruvian stamps shows the Arms of Peru, on a shield, above two branches surrounded by flags. The first article relating to the Peruvian Coat of Arms reads as follows: "The Coat of Arms of the Peruvian Republic shall consist of a shield, divided into three fields, to wit: one of sky-blue to the right, on which shall be a llama looking towards the left; another of white to the left, with a cinchona tree; in the base a field of red, with a cornucopia, from which flows coins of gold. The emblems symbolise the riches of Peru in the three natural kingdoms. The shield shall bear as a crest a civic crown (laurel wreath), and on either side a flag, and standard with the national colours."

The old Coat of Arms, as designed by San Martin, may be found on the 1874 issue. It was formed of an oval crown of laurels having a sun within, rising from behind a range of mountains, bordered by a calm sea. The Indians say that the first Inca, Manco Capac, was a child of the sun. Manco was given a sceptre of gold, and was told that wherever this should sink into the earth a city was to be established. Journeying northwards and advancing to the valley of Cuzco, the imperial city of that name, was founded for the sceptre of gold, so runs the fable, buried itself in the ground at this point and disappeared from view. One other view is shown on the 1c of 1898, and that is the Suspension Bridge over the River Paucartambo, one of the navigable waterways connected with the Amazon. This bridge is in the volcanic region, and a splendid view of the Andes can be obtained when crossing the bridge.

There is much more to be told about the stamps of Peru, its provisionals, obtained from the Pacific Steam Navigation Co.; the British stamps, used here before Peru joined the Postal Union; its grilles and curious overprints; its fiscal stamps used for postal purposes, and the stamps issued during the struggle with Chili. To the stamp student Peru is a country that will keep him interested and delighted.—*Stamp Collector.*

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the denominational sequence, the 1½d
for instance, was issued as far back as
July 4, 1919, and the 1d was issued last
on Oct. 3, 1921, and as the values range
from ½d to 10sh, it will be obvious how
irregularly in point of orderly sequence
of value, the several values appeared.

I will deal with them here in order of
value, giving the date of each issue, and
those who will, may reconstruct the
chronological order from the data
provided.

The *Half-Penny* stamp was issued on
Nov. 12, 1920, on white paper water-
marked old type C A multiple upright.
The format is transverse rectangular, in
two vertical panes of 80 each, i. e., 8 x
10, perforated 14 comb. The central por-
tion of the design portrays the building
which housed the Jamaica Exhibition of
1891, and is printed in blue. The frame
is printed in olive green. At the top is
the word "Jamaica," with the value in
white numerals on coloured ground,
within an ornamented double circle, on
both sides. At the left and right respec-
tively, are the words "Postage" and
"Revenue" in small white letters on solid
colour, reading vertically from the top,
at the bottom are the words "Jamaica
Exhibition, 1891" in white on solid color,
and below are two branches of the cocoa-
nut palm, crossed at the stems and tied
with a ribbon. Those who have seen this
palm, will recognize what an impossibility
is depicted by that ribbon, probably a
one inch rope could effect what that rib-
bon is made to do, but I don't think
much less would answer, no doubt this
is a case of "artist's license." The whole
is printed by typography.

The official record of the stamp, copied
from the *Gazette* of Nov. 11, 1920, is as
follows:

"The following is the description of a
half-penny adhesive stamp to be used for
postage and revenue purposes. This
stamp will be put into circulation on
Friday, 12th November, 1920.

The design of the stamp is denoted by
a representation of the main building of
the Jamaica Exhibition.

The denomination ½d (in a circle) is
shown at the top, in right and left
corners, and between is the word
JAMAICA. At the bottom of the de-
sign are the words and figures JAMAICA
EXHIBITION 1891, and under-
neath are two palm leaves crossed at the
end, and tied with ribbon.

The colour of the borders of the stamp
is light green and the design is of light
blue.

C. C. MANTON,
Deputy Stamp Commissioner."

The Exhibition was promoted to ad-
vertise Jamaica, and although it re-
sulted in financial loss, it has been made

evident that the expenditure was fully
justified, and that the policy of the
Governor, the late Sir Henry Arthur
Blake, has been vindicated.

The building was erected on a plot of
land at the north of Kingston now oc-
cupied by the schools conducted under
the Wolmer Trust, but the area of the
grounds and of the subsidiary buildings,
extended to and included that now oc-
cupied by the Mico College.

The Exhibition was opened by His
Majesty, the King, then Duke of York,
on his third visit to the island, made
specially for the purpose. His previous
visits had been made in the company of
his elder brother, the late Duke of
Clarence, when both Princes were visit-
ing parts of the Empire, and in the
course of his cruises while serving in the
Navy. The Exhibition was kept open
for five months, Jan. to May, and at-
tracted a large number of visitors, not
only locally, but from the States and
Canada as well.

No special stamp commemorative of
this event was issued, but a branch post-
office was opened in the building for the
convenience of visitors, and a special
cancelling stamp was used. It was of a
circle, divided by spandrels into four
equal segments. The words "Jamaica
Exhibition" appear in the curve of the
upper half of the circumference, and
"Post Office" in the lower, with the
figures of the date in the centre. The
Post Office Department contributed to
the exhibits by showing its collection of
stamps.

The *Penny* stamp was issued on Oct.
3, 1921, on white paper watermarked old
type C A multiple sideways to the right.
The format is upright rectangular, in
two panes of 80 each, i. e., 10 x 8, set
side by side, perforated 14 comb. The
central portion of the design depicts an
Arawak Indian woman seated under a
shed, her back to the light, and the only
visible apparel, is several strings of
beads around her neck; she has between
her legs a frame of some kind on which
she is kneading a white frothy substance.
A tub or bowl at the right, and two very
modern looking hammocks, at the back
and hung from the roof, complete the
vignette, which is printed in red. This
is set in a frame printed in orange which
shows at the top the word "Jamaica" in
white Roman capitals on solid colour,
with the figures of value 1d in color on
white set in small double rectangles of
color and shaded, on both sides. At the
left, right, and bottom are shown Ara-
wak implements, weapons, and pottery.
Immediately below the vignette are the
words "Arawak making Cassava" in
color, and the whole is typographed.
The stamp is innocent of the usual words
"Postage" and "Revenue," but its use
for those purposes has been legalized by

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1½c ea.	28, 36, 66, 68, 85, *91, 92, *118, *305, *309.
2c ea.	45, 65, 67, 94, 95, *105, 110, 128, *139, *149, *181, *183, 222, 237, *305.
3c ea.	*85, *107, 127, *143, 186, 201, 218, 219, 230, 231, 232, 233.
4c ea.	*86, 98, 99, *111, *113, *117, *122, 136, 138, *150, *188, *189, *190, 223, 229, *307.
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This stamp will be put in circulation on the 3rd Oct., 1921. The design of the stamp is denoted by the figure of an Arawak woman seated on the ground in front of her hut preparing Cassava. At the top of the design is printed JAMAICA in white on orange background and on each side on a shield the denomination 1d. At the bottom of the design is printed in orange on a white background the words "Arawak making Cassava." At the sides and bottom of the frame are shown Arawak implements, weapons and pottery.

The colour of the stamp is a light red set in a frame of orange with a white border.

Dated this 27th day of September, 1921.

J. A. McNEIL SMITH,

Actg. Deputy Stamp Commissioner."

There has been a deal of controversy in the local press relative to the true meaning of the word "Cassava." Some claim that the Arawak woman is performing a miracle, as the name Cassava is that of a plant which grows an edible tuber, from which both starch and a kind of meal may be manufactured; others state with some show of authority that the name is equally applicable to both plant and product. The evidence seems to be strongly in favour of the last.

The Penny Half-Penny stamp was issued July 4, 1919, on white paper watermarked old type C A multiple sideways to the right. Varieties of watermark, upright, inverted, reversed, inverted and reversed, exist. The format is transverse rectangular, and the stamp has been officially described as "maximum" in size. The printing is from an engraved plate of 40 subjects, 8 x 5, and the perforation is 14 comb.

The design depicts the departure of the first contingent from Jamaica in 1915, for service in one of the theatres of war. The following official description is copied from the *Gazette* of July 3, 1919:

"The following is a description of the 1½d adhesive stamp to be used for Postage and Revenue purposes which will be put in circulation on the 4th of July, 1919.

The design of the stamp is denoted by a representation of the Jamaica Contingent embarking—at the right hand corner is a profile of King George the Fifth surmounted by a crown and underneath the profile are the figures 1½d. At the left hand corner are the words "Postage and Revenue" while at the top of the stamp is inscribed the word "Jamaica" as also one penny half penny.

The stamp is printed on green paper.

Geo. S. THOMSON,

Deputy Stamp Commissioner."

Almost all of these official descriptions are loosely worded and often incorrect, as for instance the statement that the stamp is printed on green paper, the

paper of some sheets did have a slight greenish tinge apparently derived from a plate not wiped quite clean, but such a thing as a printing on green paper does not exist.

The stamp is so well known, that a detailed description is not necessary here, but a variety of some note, double impression on part of the stamp exists, and apparently a very large number of plates have been used up in the two and a half years of its life. Printings on old CAC paper from at least five and probably six plates are known, i.e., no number and showing variety of double impression, no number and normal, and numbers from 1-4. The stamp was issued on script paper on Feb. 2, 1921, and the following are the plate numbers observed to date (Nov., 1921), no number, numbers 1-12. The plate numbers 1-4 are known on both papers, 1-3 are in small figures which appear on the bottom right corner margin, 4 is in larger type on the left margin just above the register mark on that side. Nos. 5-12 are known on the script paper only; Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8, appear immediately below the register mark on the bottom margin; Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12, appear in much the same position but to the left of the mark.

The Two-Penny stamp was issued on February 18, 1921, on white paper watermarked old type CA multiple upright. The subject is treated in up-rectangular style, in one sheet from an engraved plate of 80 subjects, i.e., 10 x 8, perforated 14 single line. The central portion of the design depicts a view of King's House, at Spanish Town. This city, said to have been called "St. Jago de la Vega" by the Spaniards, was their capital and seat of their government of the colony from 1523. It continued to function in the same manner under British occupation, until April, 1872, when the seat of administration was removed to Kingston, which from that time until the present has been the capital.

The building shown on the stamp was the official residence of the former governors of the island up to 1872, and is on one side of a square in the old town, on all other sides of which are official buildings, used as such up to the present. The Record Office, containing the archives of the island, Law Courts, Post Office, Police Station, etc., are all housed in these buildings, except the King's House which remains unoccupied.

The trees and other flora which appear in the foreground of the vignette, are growing in a small park in the middle of the square. This park is a comparatively recent addition, as in the days of the town's glory, the square was used for military display, especially on the opening of the local Parliament, the details of which were planned, as far as local conditions would permit, in limitation of the pomp and splendour seen at Westminster, but the principal achievement seems to have been a frightful waste of time. This central portion of the design is printed in indigo blue, and is set

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The official record of the stamp appeared in the *Gazette* of Feb. 17, 1921.

"Stamp Office, Kingston.

The following is a description of a penny adhesive stamp to be used for postage and revenue purposes. This stamp will be put into circulation on Friday, February, 1921.

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ing's House Spanish Town, 1762-1872
stage and revenue." On each side of
design is a bearing banana plant.
The colour of the borders of the stamp
green and the design is in dark blue.

C. C. MANTON,
Deputy Stamp Commissioner.

This stamp in the same design and
ors made its appearance on the new
er watermarked Script CA multiple,
or about November 4, 1921. The
nge of paper was not officially no-
rd, and so far as is now known, it
s first issued from the Cross Roads
O. on the date named.

The *Twopence Half-Penny* stamp was
ed on February 18, 1921, on white
er watermarked old type CA multiple
right. The design is treated in up-
ht rectangular style, but somewhat
ger than those preceding, as its
asurements are 31mm x 26mm. The
ing is in one sheet from an engraved
te of 60 subjects, i.e., 12 x 5, perfor-
d 14 single line.

The central portion of the design is
uted in deep blue, which on some
mps has the appearance of grey
ck, and portrays the return and land-
of one of the Contingents from
ive service abroad. It is therefore, in
ne sense a companion stamp to the
d, and both serve to record a war
vement of which Jamaica may well
proud. I think, but am subject to
rection, that it was the first colony in
Empire to adopt conscription but not
of the 12,000 men raised and sent to
p in the huge Imperial task, was a
script. The law was there, and registra-
tion of the male population of the Is-
d was carried out, but no draft was
r made. These 12,000 men only be-
ne Imperial troops, in so far as main-
ance was concerned, when aboard the
nsport. £1,000,000, of Great Britain's
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e, a free gift of sugar valued at
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nes were purchased and given, and a
al of about £25,000 was raised for the
eral funds for charity, two hospital
s were endowed, and comforts of
ny kinds for the sick and wounded
e forwarded, and all this without the
of any philatelic impost, except ½d.
d and 3d War stamps, which of
urse, was primarily a tax on the popu-
on of the island. The Jamaica Con-
gents saw service in France, Belgium,
ly and Palestine. In the last named
atre, they were brigaded with the New
landers under Field Marshal, Lord
enby, and his despatches disclose a
e record for them. Their greatest
t was the taking of Damieh Bridge.
l this series of stamps, attempting as
does to record the fact of their par-
ticipation in the war, is strangely remiss

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at the top appears the word "Jamaica,"
in white block letters set in a curve on
a lined ground, on both sides the value
"2½d" is printed in blue on a small white
square set in another lightly shaded. At
left and right are draped Union Jacks,
that on the left appears as a distress
signal, the flag is upside down. Below
the vignette are the words "Return of a
contingent 1919" in small coloured let-
ters. At left and right are white rect-
angles on which the words "Postage,"
"Revenue," appear respectively, in tall
thin coloured letters; between are two
flags crossed, and above them is the dove
of Peace.

The error of the flag was admitted by
the Crown Agents as theirs for having
passed the proof, and they engaged to
have a new die prepared at their ex-
pense; we may therefore assume that the
original drawing, which was made in
Jamaica, was correct.

Varieties of watermark, inverted, re-
versed, are known, and many sheets show
a surface bluing of the paper.

About November 4th, the stamp was
noted as on issue at the Cross Roads
P. O., on the new script paper, but no
official notification of the change ap-
peared. The only official record of the
stamp, deals with its first issue, and ap-
pears in the *Gazette* of February 17, 1921,
as follows:

"Stamp Office, Kingston,
15th Feby., 1921.

The following is a description of a
2½d adhesive stamp to be used for post-
age and revenue purposes. This stamp
will be put into circulation on Friday,
18th February, 1921.

The design of the stamp is denoted by
a representation of a contingent return-
ing from active service.

The denomination 2½d is shown in a
square at the top of the design, in left
and right corners. Between the denomi-
nation is printed "Jamaica." Under the
design are the words and figures "Re-
turn of a Contingent 1919." At the bot-
tom to the left the word "Postage" is
printed on a label, and to the right, also

on a label, "Revenue" and between these
are flags crossed and a dove above.

On each side of the design is a Union
Jack. The colour of the stamp is blue.

C. C. MANTON,
Deputy Stamp Commissioner.

The *Three Penny* stamp was issued on
April 7, 1921, on white paper, water-
marked old type CA multiple upright.
The design is treated in transverse
rectangular style, printed in one sheet
from an engraved plate of 80 subjects,
i.e., 8 x 10, perforated 14 single line.

The central portion of the design is
printed in deep green, and depicts the
landing of Columbus at Jamaica, said
to have been on May 3, 1494. The spot
is claimed by some to have been St.
Anns Bay, by others Dry Harbour, but
as the two points are relatively close to
each other, and there are the remains of
a very old Spanish settlement at a place
called Seville, which is between the two
disputed points, the point of actual land-
ing may have been this, in any case it
is not philatelically important. In 1503,
when on his fourth and last voyage,
Columbus was forced through illness, to
spend twelve months in the same vicinity,
and thus began the Spanish colonization
of the island. Their administration may
not be dealt with here, but it will be of
interest to note that under their rule the
indigenous Arawak Indian disappeared,
and under the British occupation has not
been known, and until the appearance of
the current 1d stamp, were only noted
as supporters to the arms of the colony.

The centre described, is set in a frame
printed in blue, which varies to ultrama-
rine. At the top, and forming partial
border is a row of ten pineapples, at both
ends of this is a shield on which is a
white circle in which is printed the value
"3d," the shields being supported by
crossed branches of laurel. Between
these, "Jamaica" is printed in white block
letters, and immediately below, "Postage
Revenue," in white letters of varying
size arranged in a curve to conform to
the top of the vignette. The sides are
made up of ornamented panels giving the
effect of a moulding, and immediately be-
low the vignette are the words and
figures, "Jamaica discovered by Colum-
bus, 1494" in small white letters and
figures, below this is another partial
border of twelve pineapples, the mould-

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—We have received the official prospectus of the Winnipeg stamp exhibition and philatelic convention to be held September 17-20, inclusive 1924, at the Marlborough Hotel, under the auspices of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society, Manitoba, Canada. The program is one that gives a variety of information about the forthcoming exhibition and meeting, and judging from the news of the exhibition awards, the success of the display is assured. The president of the society says that an adequate number of exhibits is anticipated, and he gives thanks to the Yorkton Stamp Society who held a meritorious exhibition last year for that society's co-operation. We believe that the forthcoming affair will have the effect of giving even greater stability to philately in the public mind than ever before, in Canada.

—Lest it be thought that all our readers are of the opinion that philately will stand all the advertising of a proper kind that it is successful in getting, we wish to quote from a letter that we received some time ago, as follows: "I readily understand that you and those who have a professional or financial interest in philately can use all manner of persuasion naturally enough, to induce collectors to spread the gospel, as you have had it, but it does seem something to marvel at that so many collectors are willing to go to the trouble to induce outsiders to take up stamps. Personally, I feel that I owe philately nothing so long as I pay for such stamps, that I may get and which I may collect in the manner that suits me best. The rousing cries to rally to the support of collecting leave me cold, and I suppose that there are a few collectors like myself who are not particularly in favor of the broadcasting of philately. Yet there is room enough for all of us, and I suppose that we can get along in all our varieties of opinions without serious quarrels." It probably escapes our friend that a good many collectors, feeling that they get a real pleasure out of stamp collecting have the impulse to share their enjoyment with others. Hence, their wish to present a possibility for pleasure to those who know nothing of our pursuit.

—Mr. Charles S. Smack, of St. Louis, was a visitor recently to Chicago, and while Mr. Smack recently sold his collection of U. S. stamps, he retained a host of other countries and we suspect it will not be long before he again is after our own stamps, as well.

—Under date of July 17, 1924, the following notice was sent out by the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, advising accession of the Union of Socialistic Soviet Republics,

Russia, to that body in the following words: "I have the honor to inform you that, by note under date of June 24, 1924, the Swiss Federal Council notified the governments of the countries of the Postal Union of the accession of the Union of Socialistic Soviet Republics (Russia) to the Universal Postal Convention concluded at Madrid, on November 30, 1920. The note adds that the accession should be considered as effective June 24, 1924. —PAUL HENDERSON, Second Assistant Postmaster General."

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MODERN MALTESE.

By W. E. HUGHES.

Readers will apprehend, I feel sure that I do not lack any appreciation of other excellent and interesting items in the *Philatelic Magazine* if I confess, I must, to an especial thrill of pleasure when I find therein an article "Philatelia" on the "Market in Modern Colonials."

Some little time ago I was fortunate enough to visit Malta and, since then, have felt kindly towards the issue of this small but important section of the British Overseas Dominions. Malta is a self-governing community, and the loyalty of the inhabitants to the other peoples of the British Empire is undoubted.

To my knowledge, I have not seen "Philatelia" in the flesh, so that I am more pleased to find that he and I are in agreement as to the scarcity of some of the more recent issues. The granting of the status of self-government was highly appreciated in Malta, and the consequence was that, when the stamps were overprinted to celebrate this important occurrence in Maltese history, the local demand was considerable, and the stamps without overprint were neglected. Large numbers of stamps are used in Malta for fiscal purposes, even price tickets in shop windows having to bear stamps of from 1/4d upwards. The P. O. people realize that the local demand would be large and overprinted the great bulk of their stock, which, at the time, was fairly considerable.

I had not noticed what "Philatelia" points out, namely, that the ever-watery Yvert catalogues the MCA 25c without overprint at 150 francs, but I am not surprised. Michel, the German in his 1924 catalogue refers to this stamp as the most elusive of modern Maltese stamps, and it is the only one he does not price. He quotes a price for the rare 10sh MCA, but not for this 25c MCA without overprint.

The values which were on sale in Malta during the currency of the "Se Government" issue were:

Without overprint—
CC 10sh.
MCA 1/4d, 2 1/2d, 2d, 6d 1sh (emerald throughout), 2sh, 2s6d, 5sh.
Script, 1/4d, 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 6d, 2s 10sh.

The 10sh CC had been originally issued in 1899 and thus had a long run, but it will be remembered that in 1919 the 10sh MCA was issued to the extent of 1530 copies (according to the Postmaster's letter to Whitfield King & Co. and after these were sold out there were no 10sh of any sort available at Malta).

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a long time. So, even the 10sh CC
out overprint, is not so common
as might have been thought. 7860
es of the 10sh CC were overprinted
f Government."
ne MCA values had mostly been
lable for a long time, excepting the
orange-buff and the 1sh emerald
hroughout, which had been put on sale
less than a month before the over-
ving. Still, it is very like human
re to find that nobody thinks any-
g of a stamp until it is hard to come
and many of the MCA without over-
t are undervalued even today from
scarcity point of view, and this is
cially so with the 3d orange-buff and
emerald throughout, which are un-
non without the overprint. It must
remembered that so long as one could
stamps at the Malta Post Office there
little inducement for dealers either
or at Valletta to lay out money in a
t which would carry no interest, so
is one reason why the "Self Govern-
" overprinting caught the market
t of stock, and once the P.O. stock
overprinted there was no chance for
rs to replenish, as the supply was
off at the source.

to the scripts, the 1/4d, 1/2d, 2 1/2d,
sh and 10sh were all new. The 1d
t was on sale first during December,
The others (excepting the 2d)
out even later. The 2d was issued
in 1921 and had by far the longest
of all. For a common value it is
ably relatively scarce mint, as a
consignment in April, 1922, was
sold as a 2d value but overprinted
farthing," owing to a shortage of
atter value. The 2 1/2d script is com-
overprinted, as 204,000 were treated
but I have not seen a 2 1/2d script
out overprint in used condition. No
t they exist that way, and I merely
ion it to show that the 2 1/2d script is
bly undervalued like the rest. The
ript without the overprint is a good
p, and so is the 2sh. The 10sh script
out overprint is something of a dark
ad, and speaking in the language of
market place, may go to quite high
s. So, altogether, there are quite a
er of recent K.G. Malta items with
ct possibilities.
th regard to "War Tax" stamps I
no interest in these, but am con-
d that if handled properly they
l improve in value. It is nobody's
ess to do so.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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UNITED STATES CANCELLATIONS.
By F. O. SELIANOFF.

Before continuing on Group 3, I wish to remark; that it is not quite clear why there should be a tendency of leaving a gap of ten years in the 19th century cancellations, when 1900 is practically the end of all such cancellations. True, there may be collectors who do not collect as late as the 20th century; some collect only sixties, others the seventies and so on. Later, I shall by illustrations, show that the '93 Columbian and the later issues have as fine an assortment of cancellations as in any of the prior issues.

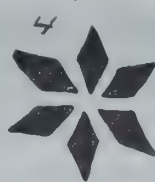
Cancellations in all groups from 1 to 40 are to be found in black, blue, violet, magenta, purple, ultramarine, red, pink, orange and green.

GROUP 3.—SQUARES.

They are in various dimensions, broken, in frames, with ornaments and in combination, etc.; small solid square, reversed inside a larger square, small square in a broken circle, 4 squares in a block; 6 squares x 6 triangles in a circle; colorless square in a large square surrounded by four triangle blocks; large square with open center; very large solid square; large square with round colorless center surrounded by 4 oblongs and 4 small corner squares; 4 squares with colorless square in the center; 2 small squares and two spearheads, one arrow with four tails two lines, one oval; small square inside a larger square cut up in diagonal lines; square with colorless square in center surrounded by four short lines; small colorless square in solid square surrounded by a curved frame (very rare); large square with colorless center, Wash., D. C.; large solid square Sta. B Phila.; square (solid) Atsion, N. H. (rare). It is estimated that there are about 100 varieties on all issues from 1861.

GROUP 4—DIAMONDS (Playing Card Canc.)
This cancellation is better known than

the previous: in single and double (rare); 4, 6, 8 like the more common ones; 4 diamonds and 4 spades set in circle (very rare); 4 diamonds in circle divided in the middle, the division resembling a white cross, N. Y.; Single solid diamond, Humelstown, Pa. (rare); diamond same as New York, Evergreen, Cal. (obsolete); 6 diamonds in a circle, New Orleans; 8 diamonds, New York, 4 dia-



monds, San Francisco; 5 diamonds, Ridgefield, Conn., 1858 (rare); 7 small diamonds, North Baltimore, Ohio; 8 diamonds, Waterbury and New Orleans; single diamond between two solid triangles; 4 diamonds divided in center and surrounded by ornaments; diamond with open center; diamond with round colorless center; 8 small diamonds in circle set wide apart; 4 diamonds arranged so as to form a cross; 6 diamonds surrounded by 12 arrows; diamond set in two ovals leaving small openings at the end of the diamonds cut up with horizontal lines (rare); 4 diamonds in a broken circle, N. Y. On all issues since '61, about 100 varieties.

GROUP 5—TRIANGLES.

Different sizes and combinations: Triangle, open center Wash., D. C.; double ditto, Wash., D. C.; triangle in circle, Pickford, Mich. (rare); solid triangle, Gilroy, Cal. (rare); diamond, open center same as Wash., Colchester, Conn. (rare); 4 large triangles, 2 with open centers and 2 with colorless line, Chicago, Ill.; small triangle in large round block, Sewickley, Pa. (rare); neat triangle in circle, (?)ick, Ind.; triangle small; solid triangle in center; 4 triangles, the ends

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We have had a visit from Mr. George H. Grinnell, Los Angeles, California, whose fame as one of the principals in the great Hawaiian Missionary Stamp case is writ in indelible ink and for the better part of a day we listened to his story detailing his course of procedure to establish the genuineness of his stamps. That Mr. Grinnell has been indefatigable in his efforts to prove his case is shown by revelations since the decision of the court that the stamps were not what they purported to be. Assistance comes to Mr. Grinnell from all quarters, since the interest in the case is universal and we are impressed by the systematic manner in which he is conducting his canvass and with results that he has obtained. Speaking with authority based on documentary evidence, he says: "Mrs. Hannah Child Shattuck was the mother of the man who gave me the stamps. She was born in Nelson, New Hampshire, in 1806. Mrs. John S. Emerson, a missionary to Honolulu, was Ursula Sophia Newell, born in Nelson, New Hampshire, in 1806. Her father was Reverend Gad Newell and Mrs. Shattuck's father was Amos Child, who was a selectman of Nelson, New Hampshire. At that time, the population of Nelson was less than 150. I have just received a letter from the son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Emerson, missionary to Honolulu, in which the son says that he has in his possession his mother's diary and he finds in it, this entry. We do not make an attempt to quote the memoranda literally, even though we shall use quotation marks: "October 9, 1835. Upon visiting Honolulu, I received a package containing infant's clothing, together with a bit of paper attached, saying that the bundle was from Hannah Child Shattuck. This little memento from my dear friend and school companion was very pleasant to receive, as it showed that she had not forgotten me, but I do not know from whence it came. I presume, however, from Pepperell, Mass., and I will enclose a letter in the box going forward to you this season and ask you to forward the letter to her if you know where she is." Mr. Emerson goes on to say that he has no doubt but that the receipt of this little present from his mother's former school companion and friend was the beginning of a correspondence that was continued until after the stamps in question were issued. It is only fair to Mr. Grinnell to say that he has a much better basis for

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belief in the genuineness of the stamps then ever before, considering the supporting testimony of matter that he has in hand and which will be placed before the public in due course.

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It is evident that the complaints that collectors have lodged with the Department against the removal of stamps, particularly from foreign mails, are being given attention by the Department. Earlier in the year, the Department issued an order in which the practice was stigmatized as being particularly reprehensible and postal employees were cautioned in no uncertain terms against removing postage stamps from any class of mail. The fact that the Department then, said that complaints were increasing rather than decreasing may be attributed to the fact that collectors, asserting their rights, acquainted the authorities with this petty form of thievery when they experienced it. At the time, postmasters were requested to take any necessary steps to secure the mail matter from violation through the removal of stamps. Latterly, we called attention to an exasperating case, where the Walloon stamps were taken from an envelope that had been registered to a collector from the Washington philatelic agency. We assume that the Department has taken cognizance of this complaint and it has again advised postmasters in the large cities, at any rate, asking that employees give attention to the ruling of the Department in regard to safeguarding the stamps; and now clerks and carriers when handling foreign mails, where the absence of stamps is noticeable, are instructed to call the attention of their supervisors at once to the irregularity before the mails are sent out or delivered. Collectors, as the ones who are the chief sufferers from this form of pilfering are really very tolerant and so long as they know that disciplinary measures are in force will be satisfied that the Department does not rest easily under conditions that are indifferent to the removal of the stamps. As postal employees become aware of the fact that the offense is viewed with gravity by the authorities, they no doubt will heed the rule which in some cases, no doubt, is broken unknowingly.

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The Department is doing much to make popular the use of air mail, and

post masters have been the recipients of a sheet, bearing the following words, that they are requested to place in the lobby: "Air Mail. The words 'Air Mail and Also Adequate Postage' must be placed on all mail going to any part of the journey by the New York to San Francisco air mail route. Harry S. New, Postmaster-General." We have received a number of statistics showing that the first flight was well patronized, but it is now necessary to ensure a regular usage of this means of transportation if it is to be successful. We have no doubt that when the public becomes aware of the fact that the convenience afforded by this method is often to be quoted in dollars, it will rally to the support of the air mail and give it the patronage that it so well deserves. We understand that the future has in store a number of supplementary routes that will act as feeders for the main line. "In line with the intention of the Department to give publicity to the air mail, we acknowledge the receipt from Mr. H. F. Rech, of Chicago, of a copy of the new cancellation used on the first day in Chicago, July 18, which shows a picture of an airship with the inscription, "Air Mail saves time." This cancellation is a striking one, and we have no doubt that the effect of the marking will be such as to stimulate interest in and use of the air mail.

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A stamp dealer calls attention to some of the experiences that he has had in dealing with collectors who buy the cheapest stamps, and while many of the instances that he cites are interesting and amusing, the following objection that he names does not fall under the classification aforesaid. He asks, what is smaller than the chap who substitutes stamps on the approval sheet made up wholly of stamps priced at one cent each. He says that often he finds substitutions on sheets of these stamps and not alone are poorer specimens placed in the spaces occupied by the better ones, but that sometimes the common two cent U. S. stamp is given the place of the other stamp. Of course, many of the offenders are boys who, however, should be just as careful in observing the rules of right as their elders, even though stamps of small value are involved. It may not be known that the various protective associations maintained by dealers have a way of

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keeping rather close watch on the record of stamp buyers, be they young or old in years, and that they will find that a breach of good conduct will be placed against them. It is only to be expected that irregularities of any kind will be subjected to more condemnation as years go by than they have been heretofore because as the necessity for transacting business on an approved scale is emphasized, methods will improve affecting both the buyer and the seller. Europe is pretty well organized in this regard, and it is only a question of time before the dealing interests combine to make their business worthy of the high regard by handling customers according to the most advanced principles, with corresponding demand that custom observe the rules of fairness in their relations with those from whom they buy stamps.

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It has been said that the American dealer has been at fault in handling business from Central Europe and that he has something to answer for in the treatment of some of the European dealers. We have received many complaints about the carelessness or weakness of our dealers in transactions that have been entered into with dealers in Central Europe, in particular, and while we have spoken at different times about the record that some of the dealers there have made, complaint, yet we are glad that we say with sincerity that many of the controversies that arose when the European were so free in sending their wares to dealers in this country arose from misunderstanding. Business methods vary in different countries, of course, and it is sometimes not easy to get on common ground when the two concerned are nations whose business methods seem to be at variance. In some cases, the question of honesty was not involved so much as the manner of procedure, and we have a clear idea was not had by both parties to the deal as to the exact nature of the chances for differences were manifested. Latterly, a period of adjustment seems to have succeeded the somewhat chaotic conditions that were in vogue some years ago, and we believe that a better feeling is now existing between middle European dealers and our own than has been the case for some time past. It takes no little patience when a long time is required for the completion of a transaction, and in some cases there have been called to our attention, among comedies have been caused by crossing of letters to and fro, in explanation of the position of the two persons in argument. As the philatelic world comes closer knit in its component parts, much of the disorganization that follows foreign business will disappear, and between the dealers of any standing who ever, the difficulty of interchange will gradually decrease.

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We now speak for the last time of the necessity of members to decide once about attending the conventions in Detroit. We believe that some who thought of going will find that circumstances flatly oppose their intention, and the consequence is that they will not be present when the convention is called to order. To make up for these omissions it will be necessary that some who have been undecided about going to Detroit make their decision favorably. The at-

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in the WEEKLY telling of what may expected at Detroit both in a business social way has made an impression, I think that it has been shown that trip to this philatelically active city be one that it is almost folly to it. We understand that the night is to be given over to dealers and ders is to be made a feature of the entertainment and that every accommo- tion will be extended to those who e advantage of this opportunity to w their stamps either for exchange or .

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The Third Assistant Postmaster-Gen- l has just issued an order asking tmasters to withhold from sale for purpose and "to report the quantities the department in order that proper osition thereof may be authorized" he six cents, sixteen cents and twenty- r cents airplane stamps of the 1918 e. It is directed that postmasters ll be careful not to withdraw from r report quantities of the new air stamps now being used on the air route between New York and San nisco. The reason given by the de- tment for the withholding of the nps of the 1918 issue is a desire to id confusion in the postal service ough the sale of the 1918 issue for ment of postage on mail matter in- led for the new transcontinental air l service.

BLOCK COLLECTING.

By "MANDARIN."

hunting a much desired item and the mate acquiring of it at a reasonable e constitute the chief charm of stamp ecting. If there is every indication t accretion in value will follow then collector has, indeed, some recompense the interesting hours spent on his st.

he collecting of blocks of four pro- es the philatelist with all the hunting can wish for. He is following a far e interesting game than the collector singles who knows where he can find ost any stamp he wants if willing to the price asked. The block collector rt on blocks of some particular den- inations in a set which in single state e found in any dealer's stock ex- iences all the glee of the successful ter when, after long search and much rrespondence, he finally tracks down elusive quarry. And when found the t is often only trifling. How he ats over the possession of that long ent acquisition! Another blank in the y is occupied. Only two or three more e will be the proud possessor of a plete set in blocks of four all with erent cancellations and dates.

hose who admire blocks of four but o have not yet given themselves oleheartedly to this popular and fas- tinating branch of philately should start with current issues, thus being en- ed to get sets at a moderate outlay ile the getting is good. If they are hful to their pursuit they will have the sfaction of seeing their sets become olete as time passes thus having their

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field widened as subsequent issues come forth. Furthermore those cheaply and easily acquired blocks will later be property difficult to duplicate even if possible.

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I know a block collector in Massachusetts who is frantically writing to all the leading dealers in the world as well as advertising, trying to get four or five denominations in used blocks of four of a certain set that was current two years ago which he could have got then at face value but neglected to do so. Of the higher values of the set, of which the highest is only \$1.00, I believe there are absolutely no hopes of his finding. I feel confident that used blocks of four of them do not exist. Of the unused there are blocks in plenty and to spare everywhere, but unused blocks have no higher value than the single stamp plus four. He is offering up to 10 times face value for each of several of the denominations knowing that he can sell at this figure and perhaps more any time he may wish to realize cash for them, as not only he but many others are interested in the used blocks. He has spent more in advertising and postage than the blocks themselves would have cost him when current. Suppose he does find one or more what rapture in the capture!

If there is a block club in existence I for one have never heard of it and should like a line from its secretary who is invited to write me through the editor of MEKEEL'S. If there is not such a club then a big need will be filled by its inauguration and anybody who may take up the secretaryship of same is sure of a big reward from the first day of its inception as there are no greater enthusiasts than block collectors who often have duplicates or give up collecting certain countries in favor of others, thus providing constant material for the other members.

There is no doubt that the future will reveal some marvellous collection of blocks of four by virtue of the gradual absorption of lesser collections. A considerable time, however, must elapse before somebody's block collection becomes world famous because this form of collecting is of comparative recent popularity, but the fact that many collectors

can now number the blocks in their collections by thousands proves that the famous collection is on its way. These collectors are ever on the lookout for long sought items and a block club would sound to them like an El Dorado.

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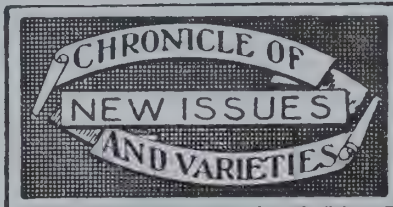
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The chronicle of United States is edited by **PHILIP H. WARD, JR.,** Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by **PERCY C. SMITH,** 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.**Norse-American Centennial Stamps.**

In my notes of a few weeks back, reference was made to new stamps that would be issued next year in commemoration of the landing of certain Norwegians.

I take pleasure in quoting from the Scott's *Monthly Journal* of July, wherein they reproduce a copy of the joint resolution, which passed both Houses of Congress, and was later signed by the President.

"In the Senate of the United States May 26 (calendar day, May 29, 1924).

Mr. Norbeck introduced the following joint resolution, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing and requesting the Postmaster-General to design and issue a special postage stamp to commemorate the arrival in New York, on October 9, 1825, of the sloop Restaurationen, bearing the first shipload of immigrants to the United States from Norway; and in recognition of the Norse-American Centennial celebration in 1925.

Whereas, the sloop Restaurationen—the 'Mayflower' of the Norsemen—on July 4, 1825, sailed out of Stavanger Harbor, Norway, with fifty-two emigrants on board; and

Whereas, this vessel, after a perilous and romantic voyage through the British Channel and by the way of the island Maderia, reached the port of New York, on October 9, 1825; and

Whereas, the coming of the sloop Restaurationen with her human cargo to our shores is to be commemorated by a centennial celebration at Minneapolis, Minn., in June, 1925, which centennial is also to be observed by descendants of the Norsemen throughout the United States: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the

Postmaster-General is authorized, and he is hereby requested, to design and issue a special postage stamp of the denomination of 2 cents in commemoration of the arrival in New York, on October 9, 1825 (sic), of the sloop Restaurationen, bearing the first shipload of immigrants to the United States from Norway, and in recognition of the Norse-American Centennial celebration in June, 1925."

In this country we have an extensive and varied ancestry. So far we have only commemorated a few of them. If all the others demand celebration issues our Post Office Department will be kept busy for a long time to come. We must not forget the German who brought beer and sauerkraut to Hoboken, the Irish who police our streets and boss our politics, the first organ grinder from Italy, the first pack-peddler from Central Europe, and a lot of other forebears. When we have finished commemorating the immigrants, we might turn to national events. Think of stamps issued to honor Mrs. O'Leary's cow that started the Chicago fire, the first tin Lizzie, Bryan's first Presidential candidacy, and the return of the White House cat!

New Postage Stamp Plates.

Through the courtesy of Major W. W. Kirby, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, I am enabled to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including those issued to July 14, 1924:

Plate No.	Denom.	Class.	Series.	No. of Subjects
15924-15927	10c	Ord.	1922	400
15928-15931	2c	Ord.	1922	170 Curved
15932-15935	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15936-15939	2c	Ord.	1922	170 Curved
15940-15943	10c	Ord.	1922	400
15944-15945	1c	Ord.	1922	400 Curved
15946-15949	8c	Ord.	1922	400
15950-15951	1c	Ord.	1922	400 Curved
15952	5c	Ord.	1922	400
15953-15956	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15957-15960	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15961-15968	1c	Ord.	1922	360 Book
15969-15972	2c	Ord.	1922	400
15973-15976	1c	Ord.	1922	170 Curved
15977-15978	1c	Ord.	1922	400 Curved
15979-16010	1c	Ord.	1922	400
16011-16014	8c	Ord.	1922	400
16015-16016	1c	Ord.	1922	170 Curved
16017-16020	1c	Ord.	1922	400

New 1c Endwise Coil, Design of 1922.

Through the courtesy of Mr. C. J. West, I am able to report that the new 1c green, portrait of Franklin, endwise coil, imperf. vertically and perf. 10 horizontally, was placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency on Saturday, July 19th. The stamp is obtainable at the Agency, and as the supply of the old denomination is running low, they will be generally distributed at all post-offices in short order. With this stamp issued, the only

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New 10c Playing Card Stamp.

In my notes of a few weeks back, advised that the Bureau was preparing plate for the 10c playing card stamps to be used to pay tax on playing cards in accordance with the tax law of 1924 recently signed by the President.

Prof. M. Lewy kindly favors us with the first copy of this stamp that has come to our attention, and we find it similar in size to the former small Class A stamp printed in the same deep blue, rouletted and somewhat similar in design. In center, we have in large figures enclosed within a white circle "10." Around the bottom "Playing Cards" and the word "Cents" within a ribbon in the center at the bottom. Across the top find "U. S. I. R." and in the four corners we find a diamond, heart, club, spade.

Transcontinental Air Mail.

It seems that the Post Office Department has received quite a little complaint regarding the carrying of mail via Air Mail route, in view of the fact that communications sent forward on which the extra postage has been paid, are being carried by rail. It is my opinion that this is due to the fact that the 8c stamp is in green, similar to the 1c, and the 24c is in red, similar to the 2c, and in handling mail quickly the postmaster's attention is not attracted to the stamp. This is especially so as its size is similar to the ordinary stamp.

The *Postal Bulletin* of July 17th contains the following notice:

"Office of the Postmaster-General
WASHINGTON, July 16, 1925

The department is receiving reports showing that mail intended for dispatch via air mail with special postage paid, being erroneously handled and dispatched by rail transportation.

The attention of all postal employees is again invited to previous instructions given, and postmasters are urged to give this their special attention, seeing that all mail intended for air-mail dispatch conspicuously indorsed or stamped with the words 'Air mail,' whether special air mail stamps or their equivalent are used. These words should be placed immediately above the address near the right hand side.

Letters fully prepaid at air mail rate must be kept in air transportation so as it is expedient to do so, and except when made only where origin or destination is off of air route. In advising the public as to proper postage rates, postmasters may give advantage of first or second zone rates, if mail can be forwarded by rail in ample time for connection with planes at intermediate point on route, thus securing same time of delivery at destination. The zone rates cover all postage required where office of dispatch or delivery is off of air mail route, thus requiring rail transportation.

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HARRY S. NEW,
Postmaster-General.

On the back page of the same bulletin is a large notice, which postmasters are requested to post in the lobbies of the post-offices for the general public. The notice reads as follows:

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HARRY S. NEW,
Postmaster-General.

POSTMASTERS—Please keep this posted in the lobby.

Mr. Carl F. Egge, General Superintendent of the Air Mail Service, in his report submitted to the Second Assistant Postmaster-General under date of July 1, advises that despite several severe tropical storms, service over the transatlantic air mail route continued without a default of a single mile from July 1 to July 15th inclusive.

Mr. Egge called attention to the fact that air mail planes during that period flew 80,000 miles, of which 26,550 were flown at night over the 885 mile artificially lighted airway between Chicago and Cheyenne.

The Department has announced that extra postage beyond the regular air postage will be required on mail addressed to foreign countries where the postage rate is applicable. To countries where the International rate applies, the air mail postage will be held as covering the portion of the postage fee accruing to the United States, and only three additional will be required for the ounce and one cent for each additional ounce or fraction thereof.

The Department is under the impression that a re-alignment of world mail rates will be brought about as a result of the establishment of the new transatlantic air mail service. European routes now routed via the Suez Canal for Africa and the Orient may be diverted to New York, which oftentimes will shorten transit time as much as two weeks.

AFGHANISTAN.—The Philatelic Magazine informs us that although the old kingdom of Afghanistan still remains aloof from the Universal Postal Union, it continues to issue new postage stamps. One lately has been issued of the design, including the plumed helmet worn by the Amir, crossed swords and a laurel wreath. Its face value is

10 paise, and it is intended to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the accession of the Amir Amanullah.

ALGERIA.—Four further values are to hand from Mr. Denton Hepworth, viz.:—Overprinted "ALGERIE" on contemporary adhesives of France: 10c green (Pasteur) (overprint in black); 25c blue (Sower) (overprint in red); 50c blue (Pasteur) (overprint in red); 1fr lake and green (Merson type) (overprint in black).—*Stamp Collecting*.

BARBUDA.—According to advices received by the Philatelic Magazine the project of special stamps has been abandoned and Barbuda will revert to the general Leeward Islands issue without overprint.

BRUNEI.—Mr. Lees informs us that his last consignment of the 10c purple on yellow, CA, are on orange-yellow paper, which includes varieties with watermark inverted and reversed.—*Stamp Collecting*.

FRENCH COLONIES.—An awful avalanche has broken out in the shape of sixteen different provisionals of the denomination of 25c on 2fr and fifteen 25c on 5fr—thirty-one in all, examples of which are just to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. They comprise the following:—

(Surcharged in black, except where stated otherwise.)

Cameroon.—Surcharged on current pictorial adhesive (Moyen Congo overprinted "CAMEROUN"): 25c on 2fr carmine and olive-green; 25c on 5fr blue-grey and vermilion.

Dahomey.—Surcharged on pictorial type of 1913: 25c on 2fr chocolate and orange-yellow.

Guadeloupe.—Surcharged on pictorial type of 1905-07: 25c on 5fr blue on orange.

Guiana.—Surcharged on pictorial type of 1904-07: 25c on 2fr blue.

Guinea.—Surcharged on pictorial type of 1913: 25c (in red) on 2fr brown and dull orange; 25c on 5fr blue and black.

Ivory Coast.—Surcharged on pictorial

type of 1913: 25c (in red) on 2fr blue and brown; 25c on 5fr brown and blue.

Madagascar.—Surcharged on pictorial type of 1908: 25c on 2fr olive and blue; 25c on 5fr chocolate and violet.

Martinique.—Surcharged on ethnographic type of 1908-09: 25c on 2fr purple-brown and grey; 25c (in blue) on 5fr purple-brown and venetian red.

Mauritania.—Surcharged on pictorial type of 1913: 25c on 2fr violet and red-orange.

New Caledonia.—Surcharged on ship type of 1905-07: 25c on 2fr carmine on azure; 25c on 5fr black on orange.

Niger Coast.—Surcharged on (provisional) pictorial type of 1921: 25c (in red) on 2fr blue and green; 25c (in red) on 5fr black and violet.

Oceanic Settlements.—Surcharged on pictorial type of 1913-15: 25c on 2fr green and brown; 25c on 5fr blue and violet.

Reunion.—Surcharged on pictorial type of 1907: 25c on 5fr sepia and rose.

St. Pierre and Miquelon.—Surcharged on ship type of 1909: 25c (in blue) on 2fr brown and violet; 25c (in blue) on 5fr grey-green and brown.

Senegal.—Surcharged on ethnographic type of 1914: 25c on 5fr violet and green.

Somali Coast.—Surcharged on pictorial type of 1915: 25c on 5fr black and rose-red.

Togo.—Surcharged on (provisional) pictorial type of 1921: 25c on 2fr carmine and olive; 25c on 5fr black and yellow.

Upper Volta.—Surcharged on (provisional) pictorial type of 1920: 25c on 2fr blue and green; 25c on 5fr black and violet.

Wallis and Futuna Islands.—Surcharged on (provisional) ship type of 1920: 25c on 2fr carmine on azure; 25c on 5fr black on buff.

—*Stamp Collecting*.

HONDURAS.—Mr. Emil H. Swenson has sent for chronicle three values of the new series of stamps that picture the statue of "Dionisio de Herrera" and bear the date "1923" in the upper right

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corner. They are the 1c brown, 6c red lilac and 10c blue. Mr. Swenson also adds that there is also a 20c yellowish brown.

IRISH FREE STATE.—Mr. W. Wolfe, of Skibbereen, submits the current 1/2d, Sword of Light, in a new shade of pale green, which reached the local post-office on May 7th, and was put on sale a few days ago.—*Stamp Collecting*.

LIECHTENSTEIN.—Supplementing the announcement in our last issue, the *Times* recalls that prior to January, 1912, Austrian stamps alone were on sale at Vaduz, the capital, but in that year separate vignettes were introduced, bearing a portrait of the ruling Prince Johann. New stamps were substituted in 1918, 1920 and 1921, making a total of more than 70 varieties issued by the principality to date. Since January, 1921, the management of the Liechtenstein postal service has been entrusted to the Swiss post-office department, and the stamps now current have their values expressed in rappen and francs, instead of heller and kronen, as in the case of previous issues. They are the work of the Viennese artist, Luigi Casimir, and the vignettes depict views in and around Vaduz.

Provisional. Meanwhile *Der Postwertzeichen Sammler* records a provisional: "5" in red on 7 1/2c deep blue.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

LIBYA.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. show us the pictorial quartette described last week, the colours of which are: 20c green, 40c brown, 60c blue, 2 lire red.—*Stamp Collecting*.

MACAO.—The currency of the five values enumerated in our March 29th issue is, of course, in avos, and not centavos as indicated. Continental correspondents report issue of seven more, viz.:—1 1/2 avos yellow-green, 4 1/2 avos saffron, 14 avos purple, 32 avos chocolate, 58 avos claret, 3 patacas pale blue, and 5 patacas red.—*Stamp Collecting*.

RUSSIA.—Dues. In addition to the 1, 3 and 12 kopeks surcharged on Kerensky stamps, chronicled on May 31, *Der Postwertzeichen Sammler* lists: 5, 10, 32 and 40 kopeks on 45sk blue.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

SWITZERLAND.—Our Ipswich friends send us three provisional Postage Dues, viz.:—Postage Due type of 1910; original value obliterated by new denomination in black figures in red frame, 10 on 1c, 10 on 3c, 20 on 50c.—*Stamp Collecting*.

TRANS-JORDANIA.—Commemorative. On the occasion of the visit of the King of the Hejaz to Trans-Jordania, the *Briefmarken Rundschau* states that the already-overprinted stamps were disfigured with a further three-line inscription commemorating the occasion: 1/2 piastre, red; 1 piastre, blue; 1 1/2 piastres, violet; 2 piastres, orange. The issue consisted of 9805 sets, which were sold out in three hours.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

YUGO-SLAVIA.—A new series is in preparation, which, except for 20 and 50 paras, will only contain dinar values.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

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The Colonies are also represented profusely.—The forgeries are especially interesting, more particularly those of the classical issues which were made with a view only to do prejudice to the Postal administration. There are many used items, some were produced in a very sly way. In most cases the Postal administration did not notice the forgeries.

As we have stated already, the collection contains many unique pieces of which there exist but one or two copies altogether. Remarkable among the unknown proofs are the marvelous designs and colours, the fiscal, police and commercial stamps in all possible colours, including essays of the latter. The collection is of the highest interest and of an inestimable value. It contains, moreover, scarce telegraph stamps, as well as essays of the same Brief. You are offered here a unique collection really fit for

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PHILADELPHIA FINDS.

In Paris there is in progress the sale of Count Ferrari de la Renotiere's world-renowned stamp collection. The Count died at Lausanne in 1918. He had bequeathed his collection (valued in 1920 at \$3,000,000) to the Berlin Postal Museum, but the French Government confiscated it as alien property. It had taken more than half a century to build up the treasure.

The sale began in 1920, after an American had offered \$1,875,000 for the stamps and had met with a refusal. By August, 1922, four of the five divisions of the collection had been sold. Its crown jewel was the noted one-cent British Guiana stamp of 1856. King George made a bid for it in vain; it went to a Utica enthusiast for \$32,000, or more than 3,000,000 times its face value.

Every great collection contains certain very valuable examples of postage stamps issued in the forefront of the last century expressly for the use of Philadelphians.

In October, 1920, at 311 Walnut St., workmen uncovered one of the most interesting philatelic "finds" ever made in this country.

In the attic were discovered moldering trunks and dilapidated boxes containing many letters addressed to William Meredith, the lawyer, who at one time was Secretary of the Treasury.

They passed into the possession of Dr. Samuel Woodhouse, of this city. Among them were a number of the "carrier envelope" stamps—not bits of paper affixed, but mere imprints with the words "U. S. P. O. Paid 1 cent." or "U. S. P. O. Dispatch. Prepaid one cent."

In conversation, Dr. Woodhouse, who is one of the directors of the Pennsylvania Museum at Memorial Hall, explained how the stamps came to be where they were.

"After a fire in 1873 in William Meredith's office, the papers were moved out on the sidewalk.

"One of his grandchildren had the papers stored in the garret of Mrs. Biddle's residence at 311 Walnut St. In conversation with this granddaughter in 1920 I learned of the existence of these letters and was allowed to examine them.

"Meredith seemed to have preserved everything in writing that ever came to him. Unfortunately, the very period at which postage stamps would have been most valuable coincided with his tenure as Secretary of the Treasury, when letters going to or from his office received the official frank and were carried postage free.

"Moreover, many stamps were in the burned furniture, and so were mutilated or destroyed.

"But I sold about a thousand dollars' worth for Mr. Meredith's granddaughter and was allowed to retain a few for my own collection, of which I have since disposed.

"This was one of the outstanding 'finds' of stamps in this city.

"But it was another great event in local philatelic annals when 'Al' Henkels, of the Fidelity Trust, a brother of Stan. V. Henkels, bought the collection of Vito Viti, who had been a prominent importer from Italy to Philadelphia about 1850.

"This treasure-trove contained innumerable letters from Italian states, such as Tuscany, which surrendered their independent jurisdiction with the unification of Italy.

"The so-called 'lira' stamps of Italy were all well known, and this was presumably the largest group of them to be found anywhere. Since then, whenever there is a record of a sale there is likely to appear the entry: 'Part of the Vito Viti collection.'

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The stamps had the device of a messenger jumping over the Merchant's Exchange cupola and other designs. Collections were made every two hours by numerous carriers. The service—which ultimately passed into the hands of Charles Kochersperger & Co.—was continued until 1861, when the postal service became a Government monopoly.—*Phila. Sunday Ledger*.

SELANGOR.

By R. F. HEALY.

We come to those states which were federated under the title of the Federated Malay States in 1896. Selangor, although the smallest of these, is by far the most important. Its European population, exports and less isolated townships account for this, and as the seat of the present Government is situated within the boundaries, we will take it first. The state takes its name from the Selangor River, and we hear of Bugie Malays settling at Kuala Selangor early in the eighteenth century, from which stronghold they asserted something of a dominion over the surrounding country. In later days the Malays took possession of the old Dutch fort at the mouth of the river, which was shelled by H.M.S. "Rinaldo." The appointment of a British Resident in November, 1874, brings us to the question of postage stamps, and the first of many provisionals appeared four years later.

This was the 2c brown of the Straits Settlements, watermarked Crown CC, which was overprinted with a Crescent and Star and the initial "S" within an oval. This overprint was applied both in black and in red, and the red device was also applied to the 2c brown, watermarked Crown CA. Later on we find the 2c brown and the 2c rose overprinted with a capital "S" in black. According to the catalogue, these provisionals appeared between 1878 and 1882, but really very little appears to be known about their origin, and official records are not very helpful in the matter.

The 2c brown with CC watermark was overprinted "SELANGOR" in elongated sans-serif capitals in black during 1881, and in the following year the 2c brown and 2c rose, with the CA watermark, were similarly treated. There are many varieties of setting and some of these are found on all three stamps. The general varieties common to all are wide "S"; wide "EL"; and wide "E." Then there are the varieties which are found

on one and sometimes two of the provisionals, and these are as follows:—2c brown, CC: "S," "E," "A" and "N" wide; "SELAN" wide; "SEL" and "N" wide; "E," "N" and "G" wide; wide "N." 2c brown, CA: "S," "E," "A" and "N" wide; "SELAN" wide; "SEL" and "N" wide; "SEL" "N" and "G" wide; "E" and "ANG" wide; "ELANG" wide; "SE" and "N" wide; "S" and "N" wide; "S" and "A" wide. 2c rose: "E" and "A" wide; "S" and "L" wide; wide "A"; wide "L"; wide "N"; narrow "A"; narrow "L"; all letters wide.

This overprint was followed by a number of other renderings of "SELANGOR" in different type, both with and without stop, and all on the 2c rose. This appears to have been successful in using up all the 2c stamps available and to create a fresh supply of this denomination 6,000 of the 24c green of the Straits Settlements were overprinted and surcharged in three lines in varying type. There are four distinct types of this overprint and one sub-type, and it is in this last that the error "SELANGOR" exists. It was in the first printing only and occurs on the forty-fifth stamp on the pane.

These overprinted Straits stamps were in use in Selangor for nearly thirteen years, as it was not until 1891 that a definite series was prepared for use in these semi-independent states of Malaya. Apparently each state made its own requisitions, and stamps for Selangor were ordered from England in May, 1891, being on sale some four months later. These were the first of the "Tiger" designs, and show the king of the jungle pouncing out from his native element. Later we find him on other stamps, and he now adorns the white, red, yellow and black flag of the Federated Malay States; two of his family are supporters of the Arms, and there is a more or less life-like representation of him on most of the carriage doors of the F.M.S. railways. These keyplates had been prepared by Messrs. De La Rue, but, like all the Tiger designs, they were intended for local use only, Straits Settlements stamps being added if the letters were intended for other places.

1891-95. Surface-printed from general key and duty plates by De La Rue, London. Wmk. Cr. CA. Perf. 14.

1c green (October, 1891).
2c rose (October, 1891).
2c orange (May, 1895).
5c blue (October, 1891).

No three cents duty was included in this brief series, and to remedy the deficiency a number of the 5c in rose were surcharged "3 CENTS" in black, and appeared about November, 1894. There would appear to have been some demand for an 8c value too, and this denomination in the current type was announced in the philatelic press during

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3c dull purple and carmine.
5c dull purple and olive-yellow.
8c dull purple and ultramarine.
10c dull purple and orange.
25c green and carmine.
50c green and black.
50c dull purple and greenish black (1895).
\$1 green and yellow-green.
\$2 green and carmine.
\$3 green and ochre.
\$5 green and blue.
\$10 green and purple.
\$25 green and orange.

On the 1st July, 1896, Selangor joined the federation of Malay States, but no change was made in the stamps until the general issue was introduced in 1900. Just prior to this change, however, a one cent value was created by surcharging a number of the 50c (1895) "One cent" in one line, a single bar obliterating the original value. At the same time a shortage of the 3c denomination was filled by charging the same 50c stamp "Three cents" in two lines. There is a variety "in cents," and the 1c on 50c is to exist double.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

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The flivver paused. Through the open window I described a recumbent form. "Blay-a-a" went the throaty baritone of the honk, and the recumbent Mish kicked the covers off and called out:

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"Come in!" yelled Mish. "The dog won't bite. He's a new dog. I named him Frank. He's got the elements of a collector in him. He's begun on bones. Maybe he'll come to stamps, later. You see, somebody mislaid him. Collie. Full blood. Saw him up-town, and we took to each other. He followed me home. Nice dog. Likes his new name, too."

Mish looked critically at his latest possession, whose tail waved responsively. Then the dog arose, came over, and laid his head on my knee, looking up at me with all the tenderness and affection that well-bred dogs show to those who love them.

Mish watched him. Then he sighed.

"That dog, now. Some one cared a lot for him. He just went and lost himself. Think some one passing through must have mislaid him, sort-of. Anyway, he's mine."

Mish disappeared into pigeon-hole.

No. One—my characterization of his kitchen—and presently I heard him discoursing to the scenery in language somewhat common to the cow-camp.

"This here oil stove just nacherly refuses to get hostile," declared Mish.

There were certain muttered ejaculations which followed, and then the odor of coffee,—delicate and delicious. It was the cowboy brand, with the desired bite in the making.

I mildly declined breakfast, but little urging was necessary to impel me to draw up and go to it.

"How come percolated coffee, Mish?"

I questioned.

"Sign o' civilization," declared the imperturbable. "Got to have some signs besides a six-gun an' spurs an' saddles an' riatas an' 'taps' an' things."

I looked upon my friend with cynical amusement. His reference to the spurs won me. That was a joy between us. Lang syne I coveted a pair of large-rowel Mexican spurs which were handmade and beautiful to behold. It is true, I had a pair, and also an odd spur; but, then, like books and stamps, no matter how many one may have, one may not have too many. That's me! I collect

spurs as one collects old China, or pewter (for which I confess to a weakness, along with candlesticks,—principally candlesticks), and anything pertaining to them gives me manifest pleasure. And guns,—six-guns, especially. Did I not trade two ancient six-guns, one with the trigger filed for "thumping," the other a double-action which worked two ways, for an automatic which an old-time cowboy declared he'd carry no more, because you had to stick the derved thing in a bucket o' water to stop it from goin' off.

"Yes, sir," he declared. "That there automatic is some gun. I'm afraid of it, sir. Why, it gets the habit,—shoots about a ton o' cartridges which you ain't got onct it gits goin' right. Me fer the ole six-gun, with the filed trickker."

Now we are both happy, but I look with reverence on the automatic. It is too deadly for this old-timer. As a souvenir,—yes; but for action,—well, I hope to acquire another "six," some day.

But we were speaking of spurs.

"Got an odd spur for you," said Mish. "Got it but can't find it. Must have—say, did I already give it to you? No? Then I don't know where it is. No, it ain't in my war-bag, either. Must-a lost it."

I expressed my deep and pained regrets.

"Well, anyway, I got a pair o' spurs for you that are the real thing. Got to get 'em off the chappo whose wearin' 'em, first. No; oh, no!"

Mish denied the implied hint that perhaps the aforementioned wearer might object. They were Mish's spurs. He had merely lent them.

The dog, Frank, sat watching and listening. I spoke to him, and he came once more to be caressed.

"Speaking o' stamps," said Mish, between bites, "did I tell you about that kid up-town whose uncle gave him a collection? Funny thing, too. The kid sure appreciates it. Lent it to me to show you."

Mish arose, prowled into pigeon-hole No. 2, and came forth with a tiny loose leaf album, of the home-made brand. He handed it over.

Here were the 1847 issues, two of each; and the 1851-56, and the rest through 1875. Then the Departments were complete. It was a young man's collection, formed, I was told, before the present-day purist came into being, to destroy the interest of the poor in

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I studied the stamps, and their arrangement. There was no set method of mounting, although the stamps were hinged on thicker paper than obtains at the present day. Hinged they were, and the order was geometric. I puzzled over it. When I looked up, Mish was rolling a cigarette.

"Some class to it. Sure. Uncle was an engineer. Lettered fine. Notice that. Also the way he planned it all."

It was art, and once the key was disclosed the rest was easy to determine.

"Now the 'taps' you see there.
That was as far as Mish got. Frank, the dog, arose, went into pigeon-hole No. 2, and came back with "tap" in his mouth, which he laid at my feet. He went back, and returned with the other "tap." Mish and I laughed and laughed. They were Mish's own particular pet taps,—not intended for me, although I was covetous.

"Now, ain't that pure dog? He sure knew what we said, now, didn't he?"

Then Mish looked at me quizzically.
"I done told you I'd make a collector out o' him yet. You see, he's already begun—on 'taps'."

Then we went forth together—plus Frank—to see if the water was further betraying our confidence.

THE FIRST ISSUE OF HUNGARY.

By HUGO GRIEBERT.

It was as late as 1871, when a special set of stamps was introduced for the then Kingdom of Hungary. The issue of this series, consisting of six denominations, seems to have been of a provisional character, having been produced by lithography, as only a few months later some of the values made their appearance engraved and printed from copper plates. It is surprising how very little has been written about these stamps; even in Austria or Hungary, philatelists were satisfied with a description of colours and shades or perforations, perhaps quoting the firm of paper makers which had supplied the paper used for the production of these stamps.

The word "lithography" should have spurred on some of the well-known writers on the Continent to try to unravel the secrets of this first issue; especially to investigate, whether it were not possible to distinguish varieties or lithographic flaws, which might have helped to find the secrets of production, with which one would have been enabled to "plate" the various values. I do not know of anyone who ever tried to look for varieties in this issue; if so, he must have given up this difficult task, as nothing has ever been published upon this subject.

Often enough I came across certain values, principally the 2 and 3 kreuzers, which originally were stamps cut from envelopes that had been "doctored" by adding a forged perforation. Although slightly differing in shade, their real status could only be told by experts, especially as the envelope stamps were also lithographed.

I resolved therefore, if possible, to follow up certain transfer flaws, that were easily distinguishable in some of the easily, but soon saw that the task was not an easy one and that, even if I were to take the commonest value, the 5 kreuzer, for my study, I should have to procure quite a quantity of this value.

None of these stamps were issued with outer margins; pairs or blocks are extremely rare and most difficult to find, all of which tended to make my work very irksome. It took some years to enable me to say to-day that an original sheet of any of the values contained 100 stamps, printed in 10 rows of 10 stamps; further, that transfers were made of 10 stamps (one horizontal row of 10), which was transferred upon the stone and then repeated nine times to make up the sheet of 100 stamps. Horizontal pairs or strips will thus show different varieties, while vertical strips always show one variety only.

I gradually collected 145 copies of the 5 kreuzers, and was able to recognize the ten varieties of a horizontal row, but owing to the great scarcity of pairs I found it impossible to allot every stamp to its exact place in a horizontal row. Although this is not of great importance, as the ten varieties have now been established, I should have liked the work completed, and I hope that someone else with great patience will bring this work to a successful end.

Before giving a detailed description, I wish to add that I have found also the ten varieties of the 10 kreuzer, and that none of these ten varieties can be found in the envelope stamps; fakes can therefore be easily identified, as they do not possess any of the distinguishing marks of the adhesive stamps.

It may interest my readers to know that some twenty years ago the collections of Richter Lajos of Budapest are said to have contained an entire original sheet of the 3 kreuzer, but I suppose that this sheet has been broken up long ago; anyway, since the sale of this celebrated collection nothing has ever been heard of this treasure.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TEN VARIETIES OF 5 KREUZER.

Owing to the difficulty of procuring unused specimens, in most cases used copies were illustrated, but all show clearly the distinguishing marks of the various varieties:—

Variety 1.—(a) There is a break with two small spurs in the lower part of the left vertical outer frame-line. (b) One

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Variety 2.—(a) The "k" shows a prominent notch in the upper part of the vertical stroke. (b) Two spurs in the extreme lower left corner are plainly visible. (c) There is a coloured dot in the space between the neck and fillet; (d) also a coloured dot on the inner circle just to the left of the orb of the crown. (e) The two outer white circles are broken, northeast of "r."

Variety 3.—(a) There is a break in the lower outer frame line towards the left. (b) The white circle surrounding the upper left rosette is broken where it joins the large central circle.

Variety 4.—(a) The upper part of the numeral "5" has a coloured dot, (b) and the "k" shows a prominent flaw at the foot of the first down-stroke.

Variety 5.—(a) There is a split in the lower part of the nose. (b) The "k" shows a break in the upper part, and (c) the "r" has a coloured dot near the top. (d) The two outer frame-lines in the extreme lower left corner are connected by a small coloured line. (e) There is also a dot outside the frame-line at top left.

Variety 6.—(a) Two small breaks in the left outer frame-lines are noticeable. (b) There is a small white space in the background before "5."

Variety 7.—(a) The white outer circle round "5" is broken in northwest. (b) There are two small flaws in the center of the upper outer frame-line.

Variety 8.—(a) Shows a small coloured dot at the right on the inner circle, about level with the tip of the nose. (b) There is a small dot outside the right vertical outer frame-line; (c) also a break may be found in northeast corner of the upper horizontal frame-lines.

Variety 9.—(a) In the left upper corner outside the design of stamp a coloured dot is visible. (b) In the inner part of the arms below a diagonal line is added, running from the central vertical line to the top of the small inner shield.

Variety 10.—(a) At the right of the upper right-hand rosette one of the ornaments is broken.

On comparing the above description with the original stamps, it will be seen that at least six or seven varieties can easily be recognized, while the remaining few will require a closer examination; though, I wish to repeat again, that only ten varieties exist, and that I was able to classify every one of the 145 stamps that served me for this study.

I may add that the 10 kreuzer value has given me less work than the forego-

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By FRED J. MELVILLE (Stamp Collectors Fortnightly).

Mr. Melville very kindly sends the Managing Editor an advance proof of an article appearing in the Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly of July 19. Quite naturally Mr. Melville takes a great interest in the coming exhibition and his personal note to the editor is as follows:—

"It is good news that New York is to be the center of the next great International Philatelic Exhibition and in the preliminary announcement on this side I have tried to indicate what I feel sure is the spirit in which the enterprise will be supported here."

The year after next will be America's Philatelic Year. It will be the turn of our cousins across the Pond to claim the co-operation of the entire philatelic world in the creation of the greatest philatelic exhibition ever held in America, and probably greater than has been held elsewhere.

Progressive in all things America has made enormous strides in philatelic development since the last great international stamp exhibition was held in New York in 1913. The time has come for the United States to take its due place in organized philately to show what American philatelists have been doing, and to gather together in the States the cream of the collections of the world in friendly competition.

America's call will not go unheeded in Great Britain, for philatelists here will be all out to extend the fullest support to the organizers of the forthcoming New York International Philatelic Exhibition. The support that is sought is the participation of every philatelist as an exhibitor and as a visitor to the great show.

I feel confident that, remembering the splendid co-operation of American philatelists in the recent London Exhibition, and in many other of our British philatelic enterprises, the philatelists of this country will rejoice to have the opportunity of sharing in the assured success of the great enterprise America is planning for 1926.

My purpose in thus prominently giving the preliminary announcement of the forthcoming exhibition, is to ensure that all in this country who have good things to show will decide early to participate, and will use the ensuing interval in perfecting and preparing their exhibits so that Great Britain will shine with distinction in the American exhibition. Two years, as we found in London, is none too long a period to devote to the making of a great international exhibition success. It is none too long a time to have to nurse and cultivate and

study a collection to enter along with the highly-studied collections which have been growing in numbers and in richness in the United States.

The proposal to hold an exhibition in America in 1926 has been in the air for well over a year, and the original idea was to hold it in Philadelphia in connection with the proposed general exhibition in commemoration of the Sesquicentenary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. I think that the Philadelphians are well-advised, and have been actuated by the most public-spirited good will, in inviting the Collectors Club of New York, in conjunction with "The Association of Stamp Exhibitions, Incorporated," to transfer the scene of the exhibition from Philadelphia to New York.

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THE EARLY RISE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHINESE POSTAL SYSTEM.

By RICHARD CANMAN.

(The writer wishes to state that the bulk of his information has been gleaned from the Chinese postal reports and bulletins as well as his dear friend and counselor Mr. Chow Chu Tze, the late Prime Minister, Provisional President, Minister of Education, Minister of Finance and Minister of Communications of China.)

As philatelists, what we are primarily interested in is the stamp; nevertheless, the ancestry of the stamp is of vital interest, and for this reason we are taking up the early development of the Chinese postal system.* It is said that Confucius mentions the word "Yu," which means post, in a statement as early as 479 B. C.: "The influence of righteousness travels faster than royal orders by stages and couriers." This is a bit of history that is very well known to the Chinese and brings the point out clearly. It is a well established fact that in Chinese history in the centuries before the birth of Christ, a Chinese general would often indicate a special delivery letter by attaching a feather to it. This method was frequently used during periods of hostility and in mobilizing troops for urgent service.

The Chinese postal report says emperor Wei Wen Ti, in 225 A. D., wrote to General Wu Chi as follows: "As the country under your jurisdiction is so far away from the capital, the interchange of letters is difficult." In a similar manner many statements in Chinese history bring out proof that letters were frequently sent prior to 500 A. D. An abbreviated form of writing was in vogue in order that letters and postal documents of all sorts could be expedited.

Until 500 A. D., the post was under the control of the Minister of War. The bulk of the matter was army despatches and official correspondence. Letters under those prevalent conditions often took a full year or longer to reach their destination.

It is interesting to note that the Tang line of emperors (618-705) developed this system to such a degree that postal stations of a crude sort were established every thirty Li through the empire (30 Li are equal to 10 miles). There were already at that time the astonishing number of 1297 land stages and 360 water stations, connecting different postal routes.

The next period of development is well described by Marco Polo, the renowned traveler, who visited China in the 14th century. Almost all the large cosmopolitan cities have a street, bridge or a statue named after this famous man. The temples throughout the nation have images of Marco Polo alongside of Buddha. The writer has seen these images in South China, Canton, Macao,

*The writer has travelled over many parts of the Chinese territory and is particularly familiar with the postal system in North China,

and Hanchow as well as in North China and Peking and the famous Western Hill Temples. The writer wishes to say that on his trip to Hsi Ling (the western tombs) the present resting place of the Manchu emperors, he passed through the city of Marco Polo. This city is now practically deserted but the enormous walls surrounding it are in an excellent state of preservation, and also a 32 span bridge which crosses the river in front of the town; these are said to have been originated by Marco Polo. Getting back to our original subject, Marco Polo said that there were over 10,000 mail stations in the empire. These were spread at intervals of 25 miles, affording sumptuous accommodations to the 200,000 horsemen that often rode both night and day to get the letters to their destination. The carriers always had a yellow flag attached to their collar and are said to have changed horses without alighting. The mail was often sent in sealed caskets having the royal insignia on the side, as nearly all of this mail was imperial mail.

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We are pleased to state that A. Pike has completed indices covering years 1918 and 1919 and they will be published in the WEEKLY and then printed. Our readers will welcome information and the many calls for indices for these two years will soon meet.



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repetitious enthusiasm, we may say
the climax. It is called "The Com-
e Philatelist," and from beginning to
it is a volume that we can recom-
d without any qualifications what-
ever. From cover to cover it is a clever,
able and comprehensive review of its
ect. Certainly Mr. Melville is at his
best in this volume, which for proselyting
is in a class by itself, and we are
glad, ourselves, to pay cold cash for
the books with the idea of
contributing them to a number of alleged
ands who profess to see nothing log-
or likeable in philately, even after
explanations on the subject. With
very first words, Mr. Melville hits off
billy what philately is. He says, "Phi-
ly is stamp collecting, with under-
standing." Much more could be said
to what philately is, but we doubt
ther a definition more pat could be
n. Mr. Melville proceeds to dissect
stamp and uses the four heads of
er, "design," "gum" and "margins";
he proceeds to elaborate on the dis-
tensions between these "parts" of the
p. He describes the physical qual-
ity of the stamps and then their senti-
mental suggestions; he tells of the
rent classes of stamps in a readable
and he succeeds in imparting infor-
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AN INVESTMENT OR A HOBBY—II.

By CLARENCE J. WEST.

Recently (see MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, July
7, 1924, pp. 361, 362) I presented figures
based on the increase in value, over a
period of twenty-four years, of the
stamps of the United States for 1847 to
1900; which indicated that a general col-
lection of these stamps was not profitable
from an investment point of view and
that used stamps increased in value to a
much greater extent than unused ones.
While these figures were perfectly defi-

nite and established the points in ques-
tion for the stamps of the United States,
it seemed desirable to compare them
with figures for some other country. For
this purpose, I have chosen the stamps of
Great Britain, since its postal history
covers even a greater period than does
that of the United States. It is, perhaps,
not surprising that I have found the
same situation with this country. The
following table tells the story:

Years	Catalogue Nos.	Unused	Used	Unused	Used
1840-1850	2-7	\$ 99.25	\$ 3.42	\$169.50	\$ 24.85
1850-1860	8-31	671.37	11.47	851.35	51.24
1860-1870	32-56	91.08	7.15	162.20	35.92
1870-1880	57-73	325.95	14.49	537.30	75.80
1880-1900	74-124	209.46	72.77	344.02	298.54
		\$1,397.11	\$109.30	\$2,064.37	\$486.45

A comparison of these figures shows
that during this 24-year period, the un-
used stamps increased in value 147.7 per-
cent, the used stamps 445 percent. The
corresponding figures for the stamps of
the United States were: unused, 210 per-

cent; used, 372 percent. Although far
from being identical, the ratios for the
two countries are of the same order, and
appear to bear out the conclusions
reached in my first article.

WARNING.

On July 4 a party claiming the name
of Allen arrived in Worcester, Mass.,
in a Dodge sedan bearing Florida num-
ber plates. He claimed casually to have
been a druggist in Chicago, and that he
was touring the south because of his
wife's health. Allen stated that he had
bought out a concern called the Golden
Gate Stamp Co., and in swapping "items
needed" for his collection, he produced
two dress-suit cases in which were sev-
eral hundred approval sheets with a
lithographed heading of the Golden Gate
Stamp Co., Oakland, Calif., while above
was the changed address rubber-stamped
Berkeley, Calif.

Allen called upon a number of Worces-
ter collectors and subsequently upon
comparing notes they came to the con-
clusion that there was something
crooked about the party's transactions.
One collector in that city is out \$15
through a careless acceptance of settle-
ment of an account.

We think it advisable to give this in-
formation for what it is worth, and
further information from any quarter
will be welcome. Leaving Worcester
his next objective appeared to be Spring-
field. Any interested party will please
write Frank L. Coes of the Coes Wrench
Co., Worcester, Mass., and thus save
time in correspondence.

PHILATELY IN ROUMANIA.

By A. O. TITTMANN.

(It has been some time since our readers
saw the name of Mr. Tittmann in the WEEK-
LY. They will be pleased to see it now, in
this short but interesting message from Buch-
arest.—W. O. W.)

This is the first time I have visited
Roumania. The trip across the sun-
baked plains of Hungary was hot and
uninteresting. But it became interesting
and pleasant after entering the mountains
of Siebenburgen, a country settled by
Germans from Flanders, 700 years ago.
Then through the oil well regions of
Roumania to the capital, a town of
380,000 before the war, but now num-
bering 800,000 including many Russian
refugees. Philatelically speaking Buch-
arest is very insignificant. The dealers
have no stocks, mostly war or post-war
issues. "Finds" no longer occur, and
what one runs across, of old stuff, are
"culls." There is going to be a philatelic
exhibition in Bucharest, next October, un-
der the patronage of the King; so this
will be the fourth philatelic exhibition held
in Europe this year. The Roumanian
peasants are the "sorriest"-looking spec-
imens of humanity I've seen in Europe,
and in the general make-up, or lack of
make-up, remind me of the Mexican
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THE BEAVER CANCELLATION.

(Montreal Gazette Editorial.)

A reader forwards to *The Gazette* an envelope posted in Winnipeg and bearing a special cancellation stamp, used by permission of the postal authorities, announcing the Canadian Stamp Exhibition and Philatelic Convention to be held at Winnipeg, September 17th to 20th. In the centre of the design is a beaver, reproduced from the first Canadian stamp, issued in 1851, and known to philatelists throughout the world as the "three-penny beaver." Incidentally, the Montreal postmark on the covering envelope includes a legend, in both languages, conveying the information that "Your postman sells stamps," while another arrival by the same mail carries an appeal to help prevent forest fires. These legends are an effective means of publicity, involving only the nominal cost of a die, and there can be no possible objection to their utilization so long as they are restricted to matters of events of public concern.

GOVERNMENT COLLECTION IN OKLA.

Roy W. Bryant, informs us that his city, Oklahoma City, Okla., has been favored with the exhibition of the United States collection of stamps which has been journeying around the country. It received a good deal of publicity in the local press. It is quite apparent that any enterprising stamp club can secure this exhibit by making application of the Postal Department. It should prove to be a valuable bit of publicity.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—In the *New York Times* under the heading "Shipping and the Mails" appears every morning full information in connection with the trans-continental air mail. Our thanks are given to Willis M. Pott, who sends us a specimen of the new airplane cancellation, for this item of news.

—Jos. A. Steinmetz, Morris Bldg., Phila., Pa., has lost some airplane covers between Rawlins, Cheyenne, Cleveland and Reno. It is possible that they may fall into the hands of someone who can furnish the desired information as to their recovery. Some collector in Philadelphia may be able to give the desired assistance.

—Dealers are urged to refrain from sending approval selections to Walter Gerstner, 521 E. 81 St., N. Y. City. This request comes from the mother of the boy and should be heeded.

—H. H. Anvelink, 2410 Prairie St., Milwaukee, Wis., would like to know the present address of the Frank L. Meisch Co., formerly 71 W. 23 St., N. Y. City.

—The Mack Stamp Co., Goshen, Ind., has issued a complete check list of Harding precancels.

—We are indebted to J. V. Beverhoudt for specimens of the new Canal Zone stamps accompanied by information regarding the new issue.

—L. A. Beebe, 64 Bruce Ave., Yonkers, N. Y., has opened a shop in the stamp business at 81 Nassau St., N. Y. City. Mr. Beebe is well known as an old advertiser in the *WEEKLY* and collectors visiting New York will find him in Room 402.

—An article in the *Dearborn Independent* states that the postal authorities at Moscow announce that the official name of what was formerly called Russia is now "Union of Socialistic Soviet Republics." They also announce that no letters addressed to Petrograd will be delivered, as the new name of the former capital is now Leningrad.

—"I am figuring to go to Detroit to the A.P.S. imbroglio in August, and hope to be able to produce something for you there. I am going cross country per auto, and if the old Velie holds together I'll get there in about ten days (barring constables and other accidents). After the convention I expect to do a little touring in Ontario, my native province."—CHAS. S. THOMPSON, Los Angeles.

—We are pleased to see that the coming Stamp Exhibition and Philatelic Convention to be held in September, under the auspices of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society, Canada, is being advertised by a

special beaver philatelic postmark which is a striking example of postal advertising. The effect of this postmark must be one that will result in general good for collecting, and we commend the enterprise of our Canadian confreres. Mr. Frank S. Thompson informs us that the cancellation will be continued in use at Winnipeg until the close of the exhibition in September. The first run of the cancellation was made in the presence of the Exhibition Executive on the afternoon of July 22, 1924.

—We have had a call from Mr. Will Falley of Mill Valley, California, who shows us a striking variety in the last three stamps of the top row at right of the sheet of 5c Walloon stamps with the plate number F15754. One of the lines enclosing the figure 5 at the right, bottom, of the stamp diverges under the 5 and cuts across into the outer line of the circle. The variety is a decided one and Mr. Falley informs us that it was discovered by Mr. Donald Burbeck of Mill Valley. We are pleased that these gentlemen give early notice of the discovery, and in return for their consideration we beg the philatelic vote for Mr. Falley, who is a candidate for assemblyman from Maran County, California.

—From Mr. L. J. Ragatz of Madison, Wisconsin, we have received the following clipping from the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*, of June, 1924: "The annual competitive postage stamp exhibit was recently held in the state Historical Society Museum, Madison. Forty boy and girl collectors from seven to fourteen years of age entered exhibits. The specimens shown were of a select character and filled four large museum cases. These were judged at the end of the week by Forest Middleton and John Kulp, Madison philatelists. Prizes of packets of American and foreign stamps were awarded. Winners of first prizes were Chauncey Juday, Theodore Dodge, Lyle Anderson, June Johnson, Edwin Coyne, Frederick Wessel, Robert Nagler and Carl Schmedeman. The prizes given were presented by S. J. Rahn and John H. Kulp, Madison; W. S. Aldrich, St. Joseph, Missouri; the Fennel Stamp Company, St. Louis; Metropolitan Stamp Company, New York; M. C. Phillips and Company, Hartford, Connecticut; the Rueger Stamp Company, Dayton, Ohio; and by the museum itself."

—The *New York Times* gave a good preliminary account of the New York City convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans.

—*Littell's Living Age* occasionally runs an interesting philatelic article as the following contribution to a recent issue shows:

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This is partly because these letters are so rare. At a recent London auction one of the few private letters brought back from America on the R-34's voyage sold for as much as \$32. A souvenir label which the Australian authorities placed upon letters brought from England to Australia by Sir Smith in his London to Melbourne is very much sought, and worth £50.

The gem of all air stamps, however, is the United States 20-cent issue, which was printed by mistake with the air upside down. Only a hundred were issued before the mistake was covered, and the keen eyes of our authorities raised the price to £150.

Three years ago Theodore Chaix of Paris began to bring out his *logue historique et descriptive des bres de la poste aerienne* (historical descriptive catalogue of air stamps)—a useful and interesting which is now going into a third edition.

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readers of my latest ad. y prospects whom I ought to sell. y buyers!—'Twouldn't be so bad make 10,000 bucks.—But, wot th' deuce!* Original last word censored. Not A. S. 's version.)

FIRST AIR MAIL—GERMANY TO U.S.

By J. L. RIEDEL.

ne official Bulletin of the German al Department announces that the airship, "Z. R. 3," will leave Fried- hafen, where it was built, at the end ugust, on a non-stop flight to Lake- , N. J., where it will be handed over e U. S. air force.

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RECENT ISSUES.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

(Courtesy Calvin W. Rice.)

THE NEW SERBS.

The Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes has obtained its newest stamps from London, and they prove to be a handsome series printed from intaglio plates by Messrs. de la Rue and Co. In general design the lower values follow the previous American-printed issue in showing a profile of King Alexander to left on an oval medallion, but the head is much larger, and allows better scope to the engraver to present a good portrait. In the new portrait his Majesty is wearing pince-nez. The frame, too, is of a new pattern, being taken entirely from Serbian motifs, instead of the conventional ornamentation of the earlier issue. It was originally intended that the entire series should be in this one design, but among the essays submitted by the printers was one which, in place of the oval medallion, has the profile in a square panel, which shows up the portrait to still better advantage. As this was so pleasing a result the Serbian authorities decided to use it for four of the denominations.

The inscriptions are in Cyrillic characters at the top and in Roman letters at the bottom, and it will be noted that the form "Kraljevina" (kingdom) is adopted throughout, in place of the form "Kraljevstvo," which appeared on the 1921 issue, although it was altered for the supplementary values ordered from America in 1923. Mr. Y. M. Yovanovitch, the Serbian journalist, tells me the

words have the same meaning; the form Kraljevstvo, he says, is older, and less used, having even a poetic touch in it, because of its mediaeval origin; Kraljevina is the modern and less romantic form.

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As a convenience to collectors who are exhibiting at The Hague Exhibition, which precedes the Christiania event by a few days, arrangements have been made for the transmission of exhibits direct from The Hague to Christiania, under the custody of the president of the Dutch exhibition, Mr. Van der

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A stamp of half a centime is a very low value; with the franc at 80 to the £ one could buy 16,000 of them for 20s. The denomination was introduced in France in 1919 for use on newspapers, which are delivered by the publishers in bulk to the post-office for delivery to subscribers.—*London Daily Telegraph*.

DEATH OF WM. W. RANDALL.

Contributed by J. M. BARTELS.

It is with deep regret that I announce the death of an American Philatelic Society member, Mr. William Wainwright Randall, who died in New York July 2nd, age 69. Practically his entire life was devoted to the theatrical business. As manager of many companies he traveled very extensively through the United States for many years. He was a native of San Francisco. For a short period, 1897-98, he was a member of the firm J. M. Bartels Company, and was later again associated with the same firm in 1910 as editor of the *Philatelic Gazette*. He rendered valuable assistance in the preparation of the first edition of Bartels Envelope Catalogue and Plate Number Lists. He was also co-author of Bartels' Check List of Panama stamps. Later he formed a collection of U. S. Postal Cards and published a valuable list of the numerous types of the 2c card revalued 1c. He is survived by his widow and one son.

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We have received word from a number of readers of the philatelic activities of the Russian Soviet Government as reflected in the official bulletin of the Soviet stamp bureau. A number of appeals have been issued in the official bulletin which are certainly curiosities of philatelic literature. They are written by someone who tries zealously to fit philately into a conventional frame and are designed to "rouse" the proletariat. The existing stamp societies, the present commercial structure and the philatelic press of today are presented as a menace and as "preying" on the true collector. The idea is that the organized philatelists in Soviet Russia will aid collectors in other countries to down the stamp bourgeoisie and the Russian philatelic organ, using Esperanto, is intended to create for the collectors of all countries a true medium of communication. The purposes of the red philatelic internationale are good in some respects but of all the tilting at windmill stuff ever heard of, the plea for organization for protection against philatelic birds of prey is unique. We have no reason to express any particular compassion for Russia, but we tremble at the thought of the cruel experience that she is about to undergo. We do not wish even our worst enemy to become interested financially in the philatelic publishing business. Soviet Russia will soon know what "oppression" really is.

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We have heard from Mr. Willis H. Kerr, of Emporia, Kansas, who submits some intimate details about Mr. H. T. Clarke, of Omaha, with whom Mr. Kerr as well as other boys used to roam in the old Clarke store at Bellevue, which was the headquarters of the Clarke Brothers business. Mr. Kerr has both varieties of the three cent centennial green envelope with the "Clarke's centennial mail express to the Black Hills via the Sidney short route, postage ten cents," frank on the front and other printed description on the back. The two franks, insofar as their printed descriptions are concerned differ in various details, and it is evident that there were two printings of this interesting frank. Mr. Kerr says:

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We have been made aware that articles on the dealing situation in this country have created a little wave of interest, and we have been asked to pursue the subject with the particular idea of giving some constructive advice to show how conditions may be improved. We do not pose as any authority on this subject, but we do call to our aid, many years' working experience in stamps and having recently served as president of the American Stamp Dealers Association, we should consider that the insight gained in that position was of some importance. The fault with the stamp dealer oftentimes is that he does not consider his profession with the enthusiastic regard that characterizes those who follow other lines that sometimes are not to be compared in, let us say, dignity, with the stamp business. We would not have a stamp dealer cockily assertive in his daily intercourse with people with whom he comes casually in contact nor do we advocate that he placard himself with the proud assertion, "I am a stamp dealer," but we see no reason for a dealer of some standing to avoid any revelation of his means of livelihood. We do not say that dealers are at all ashamed of their business, but we assert that not a few of them are too content to hide their light under the proverbial bushel. However, time will efface the older dealer of

today who is somewhat tinged with tradition, and a new generation of dealers will supplant him. Better things will come from these new commercial factors as avowed stamp dealers. We should say the most important question before us is that of honesty in all its implications in the conduct of the stamp business. It is accepted as a fact that any business cannot aspire to a position higher than that held by its average exponent. If the stamp dealers do not slowly but surely strengthen the moral lines, they are not progressing as they should, and we believe that the time will come when there will be a definite improvement over the present conditions. The day of unselfish devotion to a common cause is approaching, and the backbiters among the dealers are going to subside. In time a virile crew of stamp dealers will succeed to the front line position, and with a demand for an improved moral tone, they will place commercial philately in a position where it will command a reasonable respect in the eyes of the world. Briefly, what the stamp trade needs is fairness in its ranks and a determination by dealers to respect their own business as the equal of any other legitimate pursuit.

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We are very glad to print anything that is of a light or humorous nature, but we must be careful not to be gratuitously offensive to those who may work earnestly for the advancement of philately as they see it, even though the methods they use do not seem to be in keeping with the ideas of the critics. If we did proceed on the lines laid out by some of our correspondents, we should be in hot water most of the time. A few of our readers are very militant and they take no little satisfaction in lambasting our critics, our rivals and all manner of persons not of our faith. Now, this is all right, and it is comforting to feel that we are deserving in the estimation of these correspondents, but we have no wish to become ironical or condemnatory of our friends and neighbors, as they are in many cases. We like to see that collectors are rather independent in their thoughts and under no one's dominion, but nevertheless, there is no reason to work hardship on the well-disposed efforts of others. It is just to say that readers who have any axes to grind take the shortest course and write to the ones

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The publishers of the new catalogue doing as they said they would; and those who have subscribed to the service looking over the first installment of Advance Sheets. The first two sections run well through the United States 6c used and unused, the 12c used, rare 15c—both ways, the common 13c, and we are quite impressed by the orderly manner in which the advance in prices have been made. There are startling elevations, but we find for instance, 10c of 1847 now priced at \$3.50 used. The 5c of 1851 is at \$35.00 used. 12c black of the same issue is up dollar to \$10.00, while the 90c used 1891 has the odd price of \$11.00; the 90c of '69 has come into its own in one flight goes to the dizzy heights of \$40. The advances are seemingly advised, and rather than there being objections to them, we take it there will be surprise that there were not more drastic raises. Merely to vary the monotony we add that the one cent blue, type of 1851 had a fainting spell and dropped from \$200.00 to \$100.00 used. From on, the examination of the advance sheets will be one of the most popular of indoor sports.

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We have received a long letter from Mr. A. H. Pike, whose work as a champion of philatelic literature is well known, that makes us wonder if there is any chance that a proposal that Pike makes for a library that will be circulating public library could be established under his supervision. This would

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 We have received a telegram from Mr. E. Grinnell from Gorham, New mpshire, in which he says that he has wonderful affidavit signed by Emer- , and those who read last week that Emerson was the son of Mr. and s. John S. Emerson, the latter having a missionary to Honolulu will be rested in hearing of the nature of affidavit which no doubt will be reled by Mr. Grinnell. We understand t the son mentioned, Mr. Emerson, is historian of the family, so to say, it is possible that he has in his position evidence that may be of impor- effect in proving Mr. Grinnell's con- tion that his Hawaiian are a genuine ie of the missionary stamps.

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 The authorities at Washington have ed an order dated July 24, 1924, in ch postmasters are enjoined to ex- se the greatest care in mail segrega- ; as mail matter that is duly stamped marked "air mail" is not always t by airplane because its special na- is not detected by the clerks at the patching office, and the consequence is it is given the regulation train trans- ation. While it is pointed out that s preferable that patrons bring their mail to the post-office or place it in special air mail street boxes as such provided, it is admitted that it is not ays convenient or possible to do so that the public has a right to mail an mail letter anywhere with the assur- e that it is the duty of the postal serv- to find the letter and give it the ial attention to ensure air mail de- ch. Of course, it is irritating that r intended for air mail and paid for rdingly be sent by the ordinary ns, and the collectors who have ed our attention to this disappointing umstance may take what consolation / can from the knowledge that the shington headquarters is making y effort to see that the mail gets the ice that is paid for by the postage ps on it. We might add in this ection that the Department calls at-

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AIRMAIL POSTMARK.

An advertising postmark is being used which will prove very interesting to lovers of cancellations. The first specimens came from New York and Chicago and doubtless it will come into common use. It makes a striking cancellation as will be noted from our illustration:—



AUSTRALIAN EXHIBITION.

The Christ Church Philatelic Society will hold the third Australian Philatelic Congress and Exhibition in November next, at Christ Church, New Zealand. Entries must be lodged with the secretary, P. R. Jackson, Christ Church, not later than Sept. 30, and any of our subscribers desiring entry forms can secure them from Mr. Jackson. A copy of the Syllabus just at hand indicates a well balanced and spirited competition.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Herman W. Boers writes us that the city of Detroit is free from the small-pox epidemic and that any newspaper reports to the contrary should be ignored. It is true that two months ago the city received a visitation of this epidemic but it was quickly subdued. Mr. Boers wants us to make this statement an emphatic one.

Delegates to the convention are assured that Detroit will be a comfortable spot during the convention period. In fact, we are advised that arrangements have already been made with the Weather Bureau to give the delegates a superb temperature. Mr. Boers informs us that the average maximum August temperature for the past ten years has been 79.

EARLY LOW VALUES SPECIALIZED.

The following letter from Miss Mabel McClenthen shows that the ladies are beginning to be numbered in the ranks of the specialists. Miss McClenthen lives in Jefferson, Schoharie County, N. Y., and her letter is especially interesting because it shows that specialization has its possibilities even to those who have access only to a limited number of the low values of earlier U. S.:—
 "Your department on early low values is most interesting,—what I look for first when MEKEEL'S arrives. Perhaps the material may not be immediately useful to me, personally, but it is interesting to read of other people's rare finds, though one may not hope to own such rarities oneself.

It must be confessed that it is a little discouraging to small collectors with poor eyes and thin purses to read of the specialists who can "explore" thousands, and even hundreds of thousands of their chosen stamps. We sigh with what resignation we can muster, and try to imagine how satisfyingly pleasant it must be to be a "real" collector:—and then we read with delighted appreciation all that they write for us of the results of their studies.

But on studying my own small collection more closely I find to my great satisfaction that one can "specialize" so to speak, with a stock of no more than 57 of the 2c red-browns of 1833. Of these 57 copies I have bought only three items,—an unusual yellowish shade, a pair cancelled "Examined," and a band of three, the middle one stitch watermarked. The rest have all been bestowed upon me by various kind friends, and from a collector's point of view are a strictly unpicked lot. But among them I found these interesting little bits: 2 arrows, 4 with quite unusually wide margins; 1 shift,—clearly a shift, though not extensive; 1 partial double perforation, on cover; only 17 showed "dots," but of these one was imbedded in the edge of the portrait medalion, and several were in the fifth pearl, which always charms me, though they seem to be common enough. One member of one of the 5 pairs shows 2 white lines side of the 2, the other only one, and there are white spots in other parts of the stamp—dry printing, I judge from a suggestion of yours. Other copies show white lines and dots, and they are all different—un-

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like Mr. Moore's, who wrote last October. One other specimen of mine shows two sizes of dots, a peculiarity I haven't seen mentioned in your department, a small dot in the white oval, and a much larger one outside the design and lower down.

I am sending for your inspection three stamps that puzzle me, but which you will probably recognize instantly. If you have any time to spend on the education of one lone individual will you please kindly write in brief answers to my questions? I should be very grateful to you for your kind courtesy. To know about these 2c would help me in judging others I have."

W. J. Bleakie of Sabattus, Me., submits three very interesting three cent 1861 covers. One has an irregular black block cancellation showing in white letters, "Ohio." The postmark on the cover is Cleveland. I have never seen this cover before.

Another from "Sta— Springs, Conn." has the cancellation "1867" in large, irregular figures about half an inch high, covering on both stamp and cover. The year-dated cancellations of this type are well-known on the three cent green from 1870 on, but I have never before seen one earlier than 1870. Does anyone know of any earlier year-date of this particular type?

The third cover is "O.K." in black letters in a circle from Norfolk, Va. The "O.K.s" on almost any of the earlier U. S. stamps are fairly scarce and nice property.

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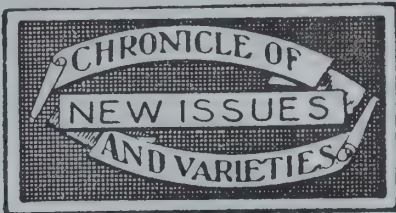
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United States.**Scott's 1925 Advance Sheets.**

The United States section of the advance sheets for the 1925 Scott's International Postage Stamp Album made their appearance on July 26th. While the changes are not great, those that have been changed reflect the upward tendency of the issues of our country. The stamps of the United States have never been in greater demand and more popular than today. In judging the new prices it must be remembered that quotations are for specimens in good condition, and good condition must not be confused with fine copies, which in the case of our early issues, demand greater premiums.

In the Postmaster Provisionals, we find the two 10c Baltimores advance, and also the Providence 5c and 10c moving upward. The balance of the Postmasters' issues remain as heretofore.

In the case of the 1847 series, the 10c in used condition moves to \$30.00, a well merited advance, for the stamp is popular and in good demand. The minor split varieties all advance. The reprints of this series move to \$4.00 and \$6.00 respectively.

In the case of the 1851 series, I find the only U. S. that I have noted that drops in price—the 1c Type III, No. 32, dropping from \$200 to \$100. Several of the other denominations advance, the 5c in used condition going to \$35.00, and the 12c to \$10.00. Most of the unused specimens all took advances of a few dollars each.

Practically all of the minor varieties, such as splits and part perfs. of the 1857 issues took very fair increases, for these stamps are becoming more popular every day. The brick red 5c used goes to \$30.00, the red brown to \$25.00 and the 10c Type II to \$1.75. The 10c Type I has stood still, although I have always considered this an under priced variety. In fine condition it is really scarcer than the imperforated stamp.

With the exception of the 10c August issue of 1861 in used condition which moves to \$17.50, all of this first series stood still. In the September issues the 3c pink, the 5c buff and shade varieties,

the 10c and the 24c all move upward in both used and unused condition.

Th changes in the 1862-1866 series are mainly limited to the minor varieties.

In the grilled series of 1867, I am glad to see the price on the 3c, 18 x 15, eliminated, for there are a great many who still doubt the existence of this variety. Most of the other grills take fair advances, especially in unused condition. I know of no series of our issues that are more difficult to obtain in fine condition than these several stamps, and this applies not only to the rarer varieties but to the common ones as well.

The re-issue of 1875 all advance with exception of the 1c which is still fairly plentiful.

In the 1869 series, the 1c unused, the used and all of the higher values have advanced slightly. The very popular 90c, which is still a difficult stamp for the dealer to keep in stock, moves to \$85.00 unused and \$40.00 used. Most of the reissues of this series take increased prices.

There are only a few changes in the Bank Note series, and what changes have been made are slight, with the exception of the grilled Continental varieties, which take on substantial advances.

In the later issues there are a great many changes but none of them are sufficiently large to attract attention.

I see that all of the Columbians through the \$2.00 advance—several of the high 1894 and 1895 series move into new levels, while the coil stamps especially the early ones, rightly increase. This year that evasive 10c Panama Pacific perf. 10 will go to \$1.50, and I still consider this cheap. The 3c perf. 10 unwatermarked goes to \$1.50. I am sorry to see that the perforated 10 and perforated 11 5c error stood still for these stamps are quite popular, and readily bring prices that warrant an increase.

During the last year, used Department stamps have become quite popular and as a result, used specimens are now priced in many cases the same as the unused specimens. This applies in the case of the Agriculture, the Executives and some of the other scarcer varieties. The dollar State Departments have all been increased.

The Newspaper stamps have jumped here and there, especially in the cases of the rarer varieties.

There are many changes in the envelopes and the renewed activity in the later surcharged issues will be reflected in the new catalog. The last 3c variety on the colored papers are now all priced at 25c, and it is likely these stamps will prove good property, for I know of no large stocks held anywhere. The three 2c on 2c errors are now priced at \$5.00, and the other scarcer varieties have increased proportionately. The Daytona Type VII goes to \$8.00, but it is still too low, for only in the neighborhood of one hundred of this stamp exist as originally issued, although there has been an attempt to issue through the same

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Air-Mail—Saves Time.

The Department is advertising Air-Mail Service by using on the regular mail a special cancellation showing illustration of the air-mail plane and with propaganda reading "Air-Mail—Save Time." I have seen these from Chicago, New York, Flint and several other cities. Mr. W. A. Beach kindly sends a card from the latter city.

Oddities in Overprinted Envelopes.

In my Chronicle for July 21st, mention was made of the fact that Mr. M. Bartels had shown me a number of oddities in the way of surcharged envelopes with St. Louis overprint. I mentioned that the lot consisted of the on 5c oval die, the 2c on 4c oval die, two types, that is, Type II and Type III both on the same 3c blue envelope and the 2c on 2c amber. Mr. Bartels calls my attention to the fact that in this little lot there were nine different varieties, including not only the above, similar varieties of the 2c on 2c on blue and white, including the two types of surcharge on the 3c buff paper. In remarks, I stated that it was my opinion that such varieties were made to order for it seemed odd that the entire should come out at one time in one place. Mr. Bartels writes me that he has investigated, and has every reason to believe that these have equal standing with the other several varieties of a nature.

AUSTRALIA.—Mr. R. Roberts send copy of the 1d green on multiple Crown and A paper.

BELGIUM.—Mr. Henry Hooreman send for chronicle the 30c due stamp in new series. The color is bright red.

NAURU.—We understand that all stocks on hand of the provisional stamp of this island were officially destroyed March 14th.—*Stamp Collecting.*

NEW HEBRIDES.—We regret to say that Mr. A. H. Davis, of Birmingham Messrs. J. H. Smyth, Ltd., of Sydney and our Australian contemporaries confirmation of the issue of the provisionals mentioned in *Stamp Collecting* for May 10th, with others, the set comprising the following:—

Mult. Crown CA:—1d on 1/2d, 3d 1d, 5d on 2 1/2d.
Wmk. "R.F.":—10c on 5c, 30c on 50c on 25c.

Mr. Davis notes that the type used the French currency surcharges is considerably smaller than that on the English denominations, which is similar size to that previously employed.

The *Victorian Philatelic Record* announces these provisionals in the following caustic comment:—

"We can force ourselves to believe that a shortage of stamps may necessitate or possibly even two, issues of provisional surcharges, but when it occurs a third time in as many years, we cannot but wonder. Moreover, why not have been content with two values—3d, 1/2d and 5d on 2 1/2d? That we may succeed in swallowing, but not the ut

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[eowl]

ion of 1d stamps for 3d and of 1/2d
mps for 1d. Obviously, the profits
de on the last ventures have proved
strong an argument for the local
horities. Decency compels us to with-
d our true opinion of this latest raid
philatelists. By the way, what are
dds on some of these stamps being
y rare' and against the papers hav-
got mixed again?"

The *Australian Philatelist* adds the
nificant remark: "So far the values
French currency have been found on
paper only, but we feel sure that
odd sheet or two on Multiple CA
er will eventually be 'discovered'!"
amp Collecting.

SWEDEN.—We have received from the
ssau Stamp Co. a set of eleven values
ed to commemorate the Eighth
rld Postal Congress, held at Stock-
m, July 4th. The stamps are all of
same design and show views of the
ernment buildings in the centre with
gure figures of value above and the word
e" at the right. Across the entire
re is the year date and at the base a
line inscription describing the event.
e values and colors are as follows:
red on cream, 10ö green, 15ö purple,
red, 25ö orange on cream, 40ö olive
en, 30ö blue, 45ö brown, 50ö grey, 60ö
roon. We also understand there is
dark grey.

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THE NEW CANAL ZONE.

(Courtesy Emil J. Rall.)

The Taft Agreement between the Republic of Panama and the United States was abrogated June 30. Certain reciprocal obligations between Panama and the United States have now ceased, Dr. Morales said, inasmuch as no new treaty has been signed.

Dr. Morales said that the abrogation of the Taft Agreement is the reason United States postage stamps are now sold at Canal Zone post-offices instead of Panamanian stamps with the words "Canal Zone" printed upon the face of them as heretofore.

"Since last year," Dr. Morales said, "the President of the United States was authorized by Congress to abrogate the Taft Agreement and the State Department advised the Government of Panama that the agreement would cease to be effective on April 30, this year.

"Negotiations between the two Governments followed at Washington with an effort to find a basis for a new pact to replace the Taft Agreement and so settle other matters pending between the two nations.

"On April 30 the new agreement had not yet been signed and President Coolidge agreed to postpone the abrogation until May 31. On May 29 the negotiations were still under way and President Coolidge issued an Executive Order making the abrogation of the Taft Agreement become effective June 30."

Dr. Morales would not comment further on the treaty negotiations.

The postage stamps of the Republic of Panama, which have been used in the Zone post-offices for fifteen years or longer, have been superseded by a new issue of United States stamps. This action was announced yesterday in a circular issued by C. H. Calhoun, Director of Posts on the Zone.

This circular states that all Panama postage stamps and other stamped paper, surcharged "Canal Zone," will be withdrawn from sale at the close of business on June 30 and no sales of such stamped paper will be made after that date.

To replace the present issue of postage stamps there has been issued to Zone postmasters, United States postage stamps, surcharged "Canal Zone," in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 15, 30 and 50 cents and \$1.00; postage due stamps in denominations of 1, 2 and 10 cents; 1 cent postal cards and stamped envelopes in denominations of 1 and 2 cents.

Though none of the old issue of stamps will be sold after June 30, they shall nevertheless be valid for postage until and including July 31. Stamps of the old issue in the hands of the public after July 1, and until August 1, may be either used for postage or exchanged for other stamps of the new issue but shall in no case be redeemed for cash.

In the early construction days the Canal Zone used a United States stamp but the Republic of Panama complained that the Zone P. O. took away a large portion of the revenue from the Panamanian post-offices. and in the Taft Agreement it was specified that thereafter, Panama should have 40 per cent of the postal receipts of the Zone offices.

This revenue amounted to from \$20,000 to \$35,000 approximately, every year and Panama has been enjoying this for the past 17 years.—*Star and Herald*.

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A TALE OF TWO CITIES.

By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

The Managing Editor—"I am leaving the office for a two weeks' trip and anticipate a fine time."

Foreign Issues Editor—"I am off myself for a vacation but hope I have enough copy in for the two weeks."

Hereby hangs a tale!

In company with Mrs. Wylie and Miss Edith, we left Beverly Thursday, July 10, for a trip through the Canadian provinces directly north. We visited Saratoga Springs, Ticonderoga and Ausable Chasm on our way to Montreal and at Quebec took the boat up the Saguenay. Continuing our journey from Quebec, we went to Halifax and here our drama really opens.

Our first thought was to locate Donald King, the well known specialist in British North American stamps, and we had no trouble in doing so, and a nice hotel chat resulted, covering a wide range of philatelic subjects including frauds, freaks, foibles and facts.

On the following day at the Green Lantern I religiously recorded my attendance at Halifax Rotary with no less a companion than E. A. Smith of Webster, Smith & Co. Mr. Smith has been collecting for many years and is a devoted follower of philately. Much to our regret we were compelled to forego an afternoon outing of the Rotary Club at a nearby seashore resort.

We also met Fred Ronnan, an old timer. He seems like a busy man. If in doubt, visit his office and survey the wild array of books, papers, pamphlets, etc., scattered all around. We thought our desk a pitiable fright, but Fred takes the honors away from us.

Ere we left the city (meaning three persons this time) a delightful hour was spent at the Waegwoltic Club where we met Mr. and Mrs. King with two charming daughters and were pleasantly entertained.

A visit to Wolfville gave us a fine introduction to the Gaspereau and Cornwallis valleys, which for beauty and productivity will compare with any part of the known world. A visit to Grand Pre followed, then on to old Digby through the famous Annapolis valley.

Standing on a street corner at Digby there came a singular experience. Across the way we saw someone wig-wagging in an excited manner. Could it mean us? Of course not! However, it continued, and as we advanced there came into view the features of Percy Smith, editor of foreign new issues, and Mrs. Smith. Our vacations had brought us to Digby and we were all billeted for the same boat out of Yarmouth.

Truly the world seems small at times.

TURPIN'S TESTIMONIAL.

Quite recently F. B. Turpin, the well known dealer of London, took out an advertising contract with the WEEKLY. In making payment for advertising he sends us these words of commendation:—

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DR. RICH HAS BEST OF THE ARGUMENT.

By K. E. PARKER, M.H.C.

Hurray for Dr. St. J. Macrymichalos! Now that the row over the collectibility of Neuropean stamps is over and the discussion of the proposed philatelic (or philotelic) stamps seems to have died down, along comes this gentleman and opportunely provides another moot subject.

I am not going to argue against his philology; he ought to know that very well, having the roots of about every word in his own name. I am not defending Mr. Rich, altho I agree with him. I am not even taking the middle ground of puzzlement held by Mr. Poole in his definition in your "Dictionary," altho he states facts.

Mr. Rich is right in saying that after a letter has been stamped it is free from further taxation, yet there has been a tax already paid. However, I submit the following historical fact, which may or may not be connected with the logic leading to the origin of "philately." In the early days, before the time of stamps and even long after their time in many countries, their use was not obligatory, nor was it compulsory that the letter be PREpaid. Looking at it from the angle of the poor chap who received the letters, stamps certainly brought relief from taxation, thereby justifying the "a" ("without" or "free from"). And official stamps release even the senders from paying anything.

There are thus three ways of looking at the matter: as the sender of the letter looks at it before stamping and after stamping his letter, and as the receiver looks at it. From the first angle, Dr. M— is right, but from the other two he is wrong. Let him take his choice, and let us take ours. The word has been used too long to change—imagine the American Philatelic Society changing its name!

The derivation was unfortunate enough without Dr. M— adding a further complication. "Timbrology" would have been better, but it is now out of the question. Anyway, I had rather be a lover of freedom from taxation, along with our suddenly economy-shouting politicians, than a lover of taxes. We fought the Revolution over the question, and I thought it was settled that Americans hated taxation; the question may then be considered as dead as the dinosaur.

Anyway, there's more than one freak word in the English language, and I prefer one with a wrong derivation to one with a wrong meaning.

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WHY I COLLECT STAMPS.

By M. T. DOME (can be serious).

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To waste my spare time, not squander it; to spend money for pleasure yet save it and enjoy the knowledge that such investment is mental as well as material.

To play in a game where any man can become expert yet none may ever know it all, where enjoyment is limited, not by the purse but by the player's own power for deriving pleasure proportionate to his keenness of intellect.

To glory in the "pride of ownership" which is the heritage of all who own fine things, and to preserve personally for posterity an interesting study which may be added to and enjoyed as I have enjoyed it, or on which may be realized in money far more than on any equally pleasurable hobby, sport or pastime of equal cost ever devised.

To have at my command the inducement and power to travel in mind throughout the world from the quaint days of 1840 to the present, to dream of the senders and receivers of letters and the means and methods of transport. To study graphically step by step the advance in intercourse between peoples as well as the advance in civilization, art, printing and the shortening of time and distance.

For mine is a hobby that can be equally enjoyed by the man of moderate means or the very wealthy, in a single room or a palace, that has no closed season but is open the year 'round, rain or shine, day or night; that a man may ride while young and grow old together without its losing its hold on him or he on it. For, like the oil in the widow's cruse, the pleasures of collecting stamps are inexhaustible, the more enjoyment you get out of it the more yet to be gained.

Some who collect stamps may have other and better reasons than mine through added pleasures that I have not as yet enjoyed.

But can anyone advance any better reasons for not collecting stamps or trot out a hobby that will out-class this of ours?

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

"Grosser Ganssachen-Katalog 1924," Section II (Canada—Faridkot). On request of the "Berliner Ganssachen-Sammler-Verein" (Berlin Society of Entires) edited by Dr. phil. Siegfried Ascher, Berlin. Published by Robert Noske, Borna (District of Leipzig). Price 1 mark+40 pfg. for registered postage. Sections IV-VI in preparation.

Section II of the new "Ganssachen-Katalog" expected by so many a collector is just published and contains the countries Canada—Faridkot. This section contains also—what is very important—Deutsches Reich (German Empire), German Colonies as well as the Occupied Districts. According to the carefulness of describing this, Section II may be looked upon by no means as a simple catalogue, but rather as a Handbook. Particularly must be mentioned Ceylon in regard of the extraordinary rarities of this country—Danmark, that is very carefully described—Chile, described in a different manner at all in comparison to other editions, etc., etc.

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WINNIPEG CANCELLATION.

The Winnipeg Philatelic Society has obtained an advertising cancellation for the exhibition soon to be held in that city. It is very unique, a beaver being shown in the center of a double lined circle containing the words "Second Annual Canadian Postage Stamp Exhibition." Four maple leaves ornament the design, while at the bottom is the name of the city with date of meeting.

Frank S. Thompson favors us with a specimen and from his letter we quote as follows:—

"I expect you have already seen the new cancellation in use from Winnipeg advertising the coming Exhibition. You may be interested to know that through the kindness of the Postmaster the Exhibition Executives were privileged to witness the installation of this special die on the afternoon of the 22nd inst. The visitors were given the opportunity of having any letters presented run through the machine, immediately following which time on the die was changed to 2.30 p.m. and regular mail taken care of. I am inclosing a cover bearing one of these first impressions, which please accept with my compliments. Mr. Severn will have received one direct."

THE MELON CUTTING.

During the past few weeks the Home of the Postage Stamp, White Plains, N. Y., has been advertising what the firm calls "The Melon Cutting." This packet contains 300 varieties of stamps cataloging in excess of \$12 by Scott's 1924 catalog. The price of this packet is only \$1.02 and the specimen submitted for our inspection calls for this printed word of approval. We are positive that any subscriber purchasing this packet will have extra good value for his money. We confess that we are prompted to give this bit of complimentary mention from the fact that the firm is using not less than 5,000 lines of advertising space during the current year, and for years has been a satisfied advertiser in the WEEKLY.

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The Managing Editor upon his return from a two weeks' vacation trip found seven five-year renewals of subscriptions, and all were sent in a very matter-of-fact manner, just as if five-year renewals were commonplace events in their lives. However, we know that such is not the case and that these applications for membership in our Honor Club are all tangible evidences of the hold the WEEKLY has upon its subscribers. We feel quite safe in asserting that no other publication of any kind anywhere in the world can boast of such an Honor Club as the WEEKLY is favored with.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

GRIT, COURAGE AND GAMENESS.

By L. A. BEEBE, YONKERS, N. Y.

(Mention has been made in our columns of the severe experience Mr. Hollister has been passing through, but this letter from Mr. Beebe puts the situation in such a light that we must give it publicity in the WEEKLY. Our check has already gone to Mr. Beebe, with the hope that it may carry sunshine to one who is making a brave battle for life. We hope your answer to this will be prompt.—W. O. W.)

Very few indeed, members of the philatelic fraternity at large, have ever known of the physical condition of Mr. C. H. Hollister of Mukwonago, Wisconsin.

Tied down to a wheel chair for a period of over 17 years, this young philatelist has preserved his pluck and good cheer and "carried on" through thick and thin. He entered Columbia Hospital, Milwaukee, early last summer and first submitted to the removal of left leg, which had been useless and such a care during all these years that Hollister told the surgeon before the operation started to dispose of it before he regained consciousness for he had seen all of it that he ever wanted to.

That operation successfully concluded and patient strong enough to stand the journey, he returned home and waited through several long weeks to sufficiently recover his strength to submit to a more serious operation, which was performed at the same hospital late in the summer, for the removal of all the dead and diseased portions of the other leg.

On Friday, April 4, 1924, Hollister was operated on for the third (and we trust the last) time. In a letter dictated to a close friend he says, "Again I came within sight of death but decided to stay on this side. Am in a cast now and will be the next few weeks and it is rather hard to write, so must make this brief."

"This is my last operation and I think I will be able to walk after a fashion and perhaps better than looks possible. I am not sure yet when I will be home or how long I will be here after the cast is off."

Those who have had correspondence with Mr. Hollister and are awaiting replies will therefore have patience, for this plucky philatelist will straighten up in the near future all matters pertaining to his stampic affairs that accumulated without attention during the siege attendant on his last operation.

A good friend of Mr. Hollister, Mr. L. A. Beebe, is out with a circular letter suggesting contributions to be used in putting young Hollister in the way to earn a living. This may take the form of the purchase of an automobile or turning over to him of the cash and stamps contributed by friends and well wishers of Hollister and Beebe. Beebe tells us that response has been most generous. J. M. Bartels of New York has contributed \$110 catalogue value of worth while stamps, several dealers and collectors contributing cash to amount to \$10 each, besides many stamps which can be disposed of and turned into contributions.

To all of the foregoing the WEEKLY is here to say "Amen," and support and

give publicity to the campaign which Beebe of Yonkers, N. Y., Henry A. Fowler of Chicago and Aaron L. C. penter of Germantown, as a appointed committee are pushing. not wait for a subscription list, but communicate at once with Mr. L. A. Beebe at Yonkers, N. Y.

JAPAN NOS. 171 AND 177.

By CYRUS A. YARRINGTON.

I have read the note by Mr. Beebe Young regarding certain Japanese stamps listed by Scott in their Addenda as 171 and 177 and can confirm Mr. Your statement. These stamps have never been issued and so far as I can find have never even been printed.

I am greatly surprised at the reading with which Chronicle editors have been listing every issue, imaginary or otherwise, about which their Japanese correspondents write them. They seem have thrown away all their own caution which has been exercised so carefully in the past in regard to speculative issues and are willing to list anything a body writes them about. This matter of non-existence is also true of the late addition to the stamps of Japan, namely the pin perforated issue of the so-called earthquake stamps.

These were listed in Scott's *Journal* for April and May and cover the numbers 193, 199 and 200. These stamps with pin perforation were never regularly issued by the government. It is true that an obliging postmaster of small village at first had them through a sewing machine and punched with holes to make it easy to separate them. Then, one of the large Japanese companies had this done in their own office, but to call them a regular issue worthy of a place in the catalog is ridiculous as listing the numbers 193, etc., which have never seen the light day.

To go into the matter more thoroughly they ought to list them for the different spacings of holes, as for example—"perforated by the Singer Sewing Machine" or "Pin Perf. by the Davis Machine," etc. If anybody wants to get true pin perf. variety, just borrow an old sewing machine and run your stamps through it. And they would have just as genuine copy as any you can here.

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& Revenue design, whose possibilities were mentioned when it was obtainable at 6d. Since then it has transpired that not only was it in use for a short period, but that it was issued in comparatively small numbers and no considerable stocks appear to exist. The result has been a rapid appreciation in price, and it is now selling for about 7s6d.

Sometimes, when a stamp becomes obsolete after a short life, it afterwards transpired that a large number were bought up when current, and the stocks are in the hands of speculators who rush the price up. This does not appear to be the case to any extent with the above stamp, but a good example is the 4d and 6d stamps of St. Helena in the Postage & Revenue design of K. George, which were only issued about a year. These stamps are still quite good, and in fact well worth picking up at the low prices ruling at the moment, due to the last of the speculators' stocks coming on the market. Just after they were superseded, however, the price rose to 20sh to 25sh per pair, largely as the result of Continental speculation.

It is noteworthy that this speculation is often carried to much greater lengths on the Continent than here, and stamps which really exist in quite large numbers are forced up. It is safe to predict that a stamp like the 2fr Belgium, in the Tin Hat type, would never have reached its present exalted price level if it had been a British Colonial issued in similar numbers.

Key-Plate Types.—The new types of Key-plates that are being used for certain Postage & Revenue in the well-known De La Rue design (which is not now used for nearly as many colours as during the Edwardian era) may be classified to the excellent manner detailed by Mr. Roberts in the last "P.M." as Die I and Die II. The difference is so marked and easily distinguished that they should not be neglected by the general collector of Colonials. The minor variations in duty plates may well be left to the specialist, but the former is more distinctive than the old Plate I and Plate II of the Victorian era.

Fortunately, in many cases, the change coincides with the change in watermark, so we are spared any great increase in collectible main varieties.

Indeed, in some cases it affords an easier means of telling the watermark

without soaking the stamp or using a detector, and is especially useful on stamps printed on a thicker paper where the variation of watermark is less easily seen. A good example of this is with the 50c Mauritius, K.G., old watermark. This only exists as Die I, whereas the stamp on script watermark only exists as Die II. A glance at the scroll at the bottom is sufficient to determine the presence or absence of the distinguishing "buds" on the ornamental scrolls.

The first-named stamp is a useful one to pick up now, as it is likely to show a substantial increase. It does not appear to have been imported in any quantity, but it can still be picked up quite reasonably. The 2R.50 stamp in K.G. type, old watermark, like its predecessor with the Edwardian head, is likely to turn out well, and in fact almost all of the K. George stamps of this Island may be very profitably bought at present prices.

St. Kitts.—The Tercentenary stamps of St. Kitts, which were in little demand as long as current, suddenly leaped into favour as soon as it was seen they were a rising market, a good commentary on those purists who assert that financial considerations are of small moment, but who generally take good care themselves not to purchase stamps on the down-grade.

The values above 5sh of this series are undoubtedly rare, but were hardly ever used for genuine postal requirements. The biggest proportional rise will doubtless be shown by some of the low values, which on numbers issued may easily rise to a dozen times face during the next year or two.

North-West Pacifics and Nauru.—Some of the latest issues of the N.W. Pacific Is. may turn out quite good. The permanent issue should be out soon, and then we may find stamps like the 4d purple and blue are really rare items. The first issue rather suffered from over-speculation, but this cannot be said of the above-mentioned items.

A somewhat similar history attaches to the stamps of Nauru. Some of the last issues, before the permanent issue came out, are sure to be good. The 1 1/2d in both types is a case in point, and may well be secured now, as it was issued long after the main supply of sets were imported and is thus missing from most of them.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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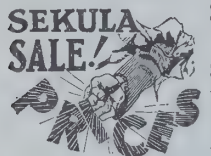
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By P. A. McELWAIN.

I turned over the pages of my modest collection to see if stamps suggest any legal topics. I record my first impressions, which may be put down under two classes:

I. Legal topics which all or some stamps necessarily imply.

II. Legal topics which they suggest—sometimes perhaps a little far-fetched.

Many of the topics may be thought to be political rather than legal, but they really come within the domain of constitutional or of international law.

I.

(a) Stamps imply legislative authority and legally fixed charges for postage. The sovereign's head informs us that the Post Office is a province of the Government. Most of the Empire's stamps bear witness to the fact that the law requires many documents to be taxed and that the tax may be paid by affixing adhesive stamps. A comparison of the new Gambia stamps with the older issues suggests that postage stamps could not, until recently, be used for revenue purposes. At any rate, the new issue makes it clear that they can.

(b) The Trinidad "Lady Macleod" reminds us that the carriage of mails has not always been a government monopoly.

(c) Watermarks have a direct bearing on the legal status of many colonies. Thus C.C. and C.A. are used for Crown Colonies and for some Protectorates. Self-governing dominions adopt watermarks of their own—Australia's Crown over A, New Zealand's NZ and Star, South Africa's springbok's head. Are Canada and Sarawak the only portions of the Empire without watermarked stamps?

(d) The Postmaster stamps of Bermuda, as has been pointed out in the *Stamp Lover*, are evidence of a statutory perquisite.

(e) The Bermuda commemoratives recall the antiquity of the Island's constitution.

(f) The Arms type of St. Vincent refers to the Law Courts.

(g) Levant, Morocco Agencies and China on Hong Kong tell us of the capitulations under which some of the Great Powers have certain privileges and authority within the borders of other nations. These rights are more fully developed in

(h) The various "Protectorate" stamps remind us that certain parts of the Empire are not really within the British dominions and their natives are not British subjects. Protectorates arise in two ways: (1) by treaty when the protected territory has certain unity and civilization, e.g., Zanzibar, which is a protectorate with a reigning sovereign and is administered under the Foreign Office; (2) when land has been ceded on a large scale to the Crown or to a chartered company which has been superseded by the Crown. This usually occurs in countries when civilization is or was primitive, as in parts of West Africa and Uganda. Fiji made more than one application to be taken under the British flag before its aspirations were realized. Protectorates sometimes develop into colonies, as in the cases of Nigeria and of British East Africa, which has become Kenya Colony.

(i) I notice nothing in the stamps of such mandated territories as Tanganyika to suggest the League of Nations.

(j) Cyprus stamps have for many years borne the British Sovereign's portrait, but until its annexation by Order-in-Council on 5th November, 1914, it was not part of His Majesty's dominions. Until that date it was a kind of leasehold property. Similarly the part of Kenya known as the Protectorate of Kenya or "the coast strip" is leased at an annual rent from the Sovereign of another Protectorate—Zanzibar.

(k) The New Hebrides is perhaps the only instance of one country being governed by two others. The Condominium stamps acknowledge the joint shares of France and Britain in the government.

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(n) The South African stamps remind us that this Dominion is legally bi-lingual.

(o) The King's head, and the Crown as in Fiji and British Columbia, are symbolic of the country being part of a Monarchy.

(p) The "Olive Blossom" of Barbados raises a nice question of international law—what is necessary to constitute annexation? The stamp does not commemorate the discovery of the island, as stated in Gibbons. Barbados was on the map for a century before 1605. The stamp commemorates the landing of a party from the good ship "Olive Blossom" on their voyage to Guiana. These pioneers purported to annex the island by leaving an inscription "James K. of E. and of this Island." Under this heading might come the new St. Kitts-Nevis stamps, which recall the peculiar and interesting history of the Islands—but that is another story which finds a slight analogy in the recent history of Papua.

(q) The Coats of Arms on many Colonial stamps, e.g., Barbados, Dominica, Trinidad, Antigua, suggest a special kind of property and show the design of the official seals of the Colonies.

(r) The colour often represents international agreement.

(s) The stamps issued for Ascension follow the transfer of this naval station from the Admiralty to the Colonial Office. It is now administered with St. Helena.

(t) The change of coinage apparent when various issues of Canada, Ceylon, British Honduras and British East Africa are compared, show that the legislative authorities have been functioning in the matter of currency.

(u) The British South Africa Company stamps remind us that much of the Empire has been acquired and settled by great semi-political trading companies which owed their existence to no Company Act but to Royal Charter. Other examples are: The British East India Company, the Hudson Bay Company, the Niger Company, the British East Africa Company. The first, third and fourth of these issued stamps.

(v) New Zealand, Gibbons' type 191, is a forcible reminder that Mr. Lloyd George was not the originator of State Insurance.

I had not intended to stray outside the British Empire, but am tempted to do so by two well-known types:

(w) The recent European plebiscite stamps are closely connected with the Referendum.

(x) The late German colonial stamps were deliberately designed to keep the German Navy Law before the people and to help build up the navy for "the Day"—which has closed.

II.

(a) The stamps, say, of Australia and Cape Colony invite consideration of the distinction between the legal status of the various States of the Commonwealth and of the South African colony. The distinction is now a matter of ancient history, but it may be recalled, for it is, or has until very recently, been perpetuated in such Crown Colonies as St. Lucia and Mauritius.

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The Australian colonies were acquired not by conquest but by settlement. They were never subject to legislation by order in Council. The Cape, on the other hand, was acquired by conquest, was, for a considerable part of its history, subject to such legislation.

(b) The moirés of British Honduras illustrate a precaution to prevent fraud. Shall we say disposal of stolen goods in the event of the consignment falling into enemy hands.

(c) The "Contingent" stamps of Malacca recall the Army Act, while new pictorial 6d is reminiscent of Merchant Shipping Acts, and the fine stamp of New Brunswick of Railway Clauses Consolidation Act.

(d) The many "errors" suggest law of negligence: can they ever suggest the law of fraud?

(e) Mauritius, type 3, should set the law of libel in motion.

(f) The new Turks and Caicos stamps with their two crowns suggest that the designer thought that the Majesties are joint sovereigns as King William III and Queen Mary II. That he forgot that the crown is only one. Finally, to stamps may be applied well-known maxim of equity:

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TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS, 1900-1908.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

By an Order in Council of 1848, the Turks Islands were separated from the Bahamas government, and with the Caicos Islands, constituted a separate Colony, styled The Turks & Caicos Islands, under the supervision of the Governor of Jamaica. "The Post-office of the Turks & Caicos Islands" was established on December 11, 1854, but notwithstanding, the stamps issued April 4, 1867 (1d, 6d and 1s, Queen Victoria, line engraved), and subsequently, were inscribed simply "Turks Islands", and in 1900 the official title appeared on its postage stamps for the first time.

In the latter part of 1899, the authorities decided upon a change in design for postage stamps, incorporating the seal of the Dependency. These stamps were designed and printed from line engraved plates by De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London, and received at Grand Turk in October, 1900. On the 29th of that month a resident of Grand Turk wrote:—

"The remainders of the old issue, some £600 worth, have all been bought up by one of our merchantile houses. The postmaster (J. C. Crisson) has a small quantity on hand, but will not sell any, retaining them for purely postal uses, and he refuses to sell any new ones until the old ones are used up. He has sufficient to last until the 10th of next month, when the new ones will be placed on sale. Until then I am unable to buy any stamps at all, as the postmaster franks all letters himself. The new set includes 2d, 2s and 3s in addition to the old values."

The series comprises 9 values (the 2d, 2s and 3s being new denominations), the 1/2d to 1s being in the conventional size (18 1/2 x 22 1/2 mm), and the 2s and 3s in the large receipt size (25 x 30 mm). All are single line perforated 14. The colors for the most part are dull and unattractive, and of the series, the 3s, in brown lake, makes the best appearance. The lower values are printed on paper watermarked Crown CA, in sheets of 60 (6 horizontal by 10 vertical), and the 2s and 3s on Crown CC paper, in sheets of 30 (6 horizontal by 5 vertical).

The design embodies the seal of the Dependency within a circle, a three-masted schooner on a sea, while on shore on the foreground are salt heaps, a man filling a barrel, and two other barrels and a rake nearby. Salt raking is the principal, and practically the only industry of the Dependency.

In the lower values (1/2d to 1s) "Turks and Caicos Islands" in colored letters, conforms to the circular seal at the top, and in the upper corners, within small circular openings, is the Melocactus communis. "Postage" in small colored caps appears at the foot of the circle, with the dates "1848" and "1900" in colorless

figures at the sides. The former date has reference to the political separation of the islands from the Bahamas government. The value in words ONE PENNY, colorless, is also at the foot of the stamp.

The design of the 2s and 3s is simply an elaboration of that of the lower values, the seal being superimposed on a larger disc, with scalloped ornamentation. The dates at the foot are in color instead of colorless as for the smaller size stamps.

The 1/2d to 1s stamps are known with the watermark missing, but this is not due to printing on unwatermarked paper, but rather to carelessness in cutting up the sheet, or feeding it to the press. The 2 1/2d also exists with inverted watermark.

The watermark Crown CA is arranged in groups of 60 subjects (6 horizontal by 10 vertical), one for each stamp, enclosed by a single line watermarked frame—four such panes of 60 forming a complete sheet. These are connected with each other by narrow vertical and horizontal margins, not watermarked, while the outer edges of the sheet bear the watermarked inscription + CROWN AGENTS FOR + THE COLONIES +—reading up at the left, and down at the right, with the words CROWN AGENTS also across the central margin. The crosses facilitated the ready sub-division into smaller sheets. Thus it is that pairs are found (from the first and tenth horizontal rows) one stamp having no watermark.

Nov. 10, 1900. Seal of the Dependency, Postage. Engraved and printed by De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London. Watermarked Crown CA (1/2d to 1s) or Crown CC (2s and 3s). Perforated single line 14.

1/2d green.
a. no watermark.
1d rose.
a. no watermark.
2d sepia.
a. no watermark.
2 1/2d blue.
a. no watermark.
b. watermark inverted.
4d orange.
a. no watermark.
6d violet.
a. no watermark.
1s purple brown.
a. no watermark.
2s violet.
3s brown lake.

Multiple Crown CA Watermark, 1905-08.

In 1904 a new style of watermark was introduced for British Colonial stamps, known as multiple Crown CA, which was first used for the King Edward series of the British Virgin Islands, issued June 1, 1904. The watermark devices were made slightly smaller, and repeated very close together over the

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The 1/2d and 1d of the Ship series were issued at Grand Turk, March 13, 1905, but the quantities were small, and they exhausted within a week. A further lot was received in the following month, April.

In 1908 a new value, 3d, was added to the series, being printed in violet on yellow paper, this being in accordance with the Crown Agents' color scheme evolved in the previous year. The printing was small, only 170 sheets of 60, a total of 10,200 stamps.

1905-08. Seal of the Dependency.

Watermarked multiple Crown CA.

Perforated single line 14.

1/2d green.

Mar. 13, 1905

1d carmine.

Mar. 13, 1905

3d violet on yellow.

Mar. 20, 1908

The 1/2d, single watermark, seems to have exhausted not long after issue of the multiple watermarked variety, while the reverse was true of the 1d, of which the supply was evidently very small. In April, 1908, the 1/2d was to be had only on the multiple watermark paper, and the 1d on single. In December, 1909, these two varieties were available, and all other values of the Ship series, the 3d, 2s and 3s included.

Under date of 27th December, 1912, Government Notice, No. 78, notified that stamps of the King Edward series would be withdrawn from sale on 31st March, 1913, and after that date, the King George V series would "then be sold concurrently with the Ship issue until the latter is exhausted. The following denominations of the Ship issue, of which the plates have been destroyed, are exhausted, namely, 3d, 2s, 3s."

In May, 1914, the 1/2d (multiple), 2d, 2 1/2d, 4d, 6d and 1s Ship series were still to be had, and these remained in the Islands until early in 1917, when they were sent to the Crown Agents in London to be sold. In September of that year, the Crown Agents advised through the *Colonial Office Journal*, that "the remainders of the 2d, 6s and 1s stamps of the Ship issue on single Crown CA paper have been destroyed."

Late in 1917, mint sheets of several values of this series were sold at auction in London, at less than face, which gave rise to a report that the Ship remainders had been sold at less than face value, a most unusual proceeding for a British Colony. Information was sought of the Dependency authorities, who advised:—

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I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Signed, G. WHITFIELD SMITH,

Commissioner."

When the writer visited Grand Turk in September, 1920, there were still a few sheets of the 6d and 1s Ship series stamps in the post-office, which had been overlooked at the time of sending the remainder stock to London.

The stamps of this series, with the exception of the 3d, 2s and 3s are all greatly overpriced in the catalogues, and can be bought for considerably less than the figures there shown. Of the 2s and 3s (catalogued at 50s and 30s respectively, by Stanley Gibbons, 1923), it has been stated only 1800 and 2400, respectively, were printed, and of the 3d (catalogued 6s) only 10,200.

At a London auction (Plumridge) in November, 1917, 70s was obtained for a "1/2d error of color, indigo." Little or nothing is known of this variety, and offhand, one might say that it was a finished proof.

Geographical.

The group of islands forming the Turks & Caicos Islands extends for a distance of 75 miles from east to west, and 50 miles from north to south, and constitutes a part of a long chain of low islands and banks, extending from off the Florida coast to the Navidad bank, north of the eastern end of Haiti. The area is stated officially to be 166 square miles, but as no survey has ever been made, this is probably under the mark. The population is 5615, of which number 75% reside in the Caicos. Less than 5% are white.

The Dependency really consists of two separate and distinct groups, the Turks Islands proper, and the Caicos Islands, being separated by a channel 21 miles wide, the Turks Islands passage, or Le debouquement des Isles Turques, of the Old French cartographers.

The Turks Islands group proper consists of six cays, only two of which are inhabited (Grand Turk and Salt Cay), and a large number of rocks. A three-pointed bank which surrounds the group offers serious danger to navigation, and has been the scene of many shipwrecks.

On the western side of the passage lie the Caicos Islands, of which the principal are South Caicos, East Caicos, Middle Caicos, North Caicos, Providenciales, and West Caicos.

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I studied eethicks wile I was in a sh-water college studdin baseball, and was easy to take as anything, what I an. They awlways wuz two or three ers with eethicks wich we could have hem days before this here Foolstead g begun failin to operate eggscept at nteer prices, and this here brand of icks they had cost about fifty cents a t fer the wirst, and about \$2 a gallin e the best.

'alkin about akqwirin some o' them inal kuvvers, me, I gotta swell ext. I got them wine stamps on pints quats, an' some of the bigg ones on my Johns, and then I got a coupla 50-in bars with \$4 an' \$4.80, an' a dmill tank with a \$9.60. But oh lady, dotta see my \$20 upta \$100 on cover. m is the false teeth from the bridle ch in Liongrin, if you git what I am vin' at. Them babies would bust you a gross of Greek griddle cakes, lst every one is on orijjinal (2 jays right, aint it) box car. I gotta .Q., an' a Katy, and a Sufferin Pasic, and a D. & R.G.

I course youre gonna say right off the that I aint got no eethickal biness to e them bocks cars, unllest I boughten offn the R.Rs. concerned, but wot I n is, they aint concerned, as far as I see, fer one hot afternoon when gas sellin right here in Lost Anguish ves fer 8c a gallin, me 'n a photog-ter friend of mine we went down in yards and made a reduction of them with a reducin camera, and brung n home in our Virgin Queen, I mean Lizzie, and when we gottem here we le a enlargement, and the R.R. never y we lifted em offn the track, and we t either. Course I know it ain't ickal to photograff U.S. stamps of variety but we stuck a pieca board them stamps when we done the cin, and when we enlarged them we took off the board and the ps never showed in the negatives at of this I am absolutely possative. opping you are the same,

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In order properly to understand the circumstances leading up to the issue of these labels, it is necessary to have some slight understanding of the extraordinary situation in Cork in the summer of 1922. With the exception of those who were actually in the neighbourhood, very few people realize how completely Cork was cut off from the outer world, owing to the Republicans being in possession of all the country south of the line Limerick to Waterford.

The only direct means of railway communication between Dublin and Cork was via Mallow Junction, twenty-one miles to the north of the latter city. This junction had already once before been partially destroyed, and now, about July, 1922, was little more than a heap of bricks and stones. In addition to this, the main railway bridge just south of Mallow was blown up and practically destroyed. This was one of the most important bridges in the country, and carried all the traffic between Dublin and Cork.

As a result, the entire rail communication between the two cities was for a long time cut off. Later, however, matters were improved by the erection of a small wooden shelter by the side of the line, just south of the ruined bridge and junction. This was the new station, and was dignified with the name of Mallow South.

Passengers from Dublin had to alight in the ruins of what had once been an important and bustling junction, and to make their way as best they could through the battered town to the new "station." Here, if they were lucky, they found a train which took them on their way after many delays.

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and even in the big cities the supply was very limited. As has been briefly outlined above, Cork was cut off from Dublin in the course of the struggle between the two factions of the Irish, and so further supplies could not readily be obtained.

In this emergency the I. R. A. authorities ordered a supply of 1d, 2d and 6d stamps from the Eagle Printing Works at Cork. Apparently the I. R. A. wished the stamps to have the head of one of their leaders, supposedly Pearse, but the lithographer at the Eagle Works was unequal to the task, and could not produce a satisfactory portrait. The order was consequently executed in the design illustrated.

It seems evident that but for this fact the stamps would have been issued in the ordinary way and would have become postage stamps. As it was, the I.R.A. delayed sending supplies to the G.P.O., Cork, while they sent one of their men to London with instructions to get a stamp of the requisite design produced there. This idea, however, failed to materialize, as the messenger is reported to have been arrested on arrival in London.

The supply from the Eagle Printing Works was delivered to the I.R.A. headquarters at Union Quay four or five days before the Free State troops landed at Passage in Cork Harbour early in August. A number of specimens were given to friends of the I.R.A. and to various persons at the I.R.A. headquarters. In addition to this, small lots may have been sent to West Cork, as specimens are believed to have been used on letters from Dunmanway to Dublin, but confirmation of this is lacking.

Meanwhile, the Free State troops, having landed at Passage, were fighting their way into Cork. The bulk of the I.R.A. were holding distant posts, and the few defenders had to retire on the city, which they did in good order. Instead of making a stand in the city itself, they set fire to their headquarters and went away to the West.

It is believed, therefore, that practically the entire consignment of these stamps was destroyed in the fire, as the retiring forces of the I.R.A. did not wait to save anything. It would appear that the stamps, which had been delivered to the order of competent authority in the form of the Government in power at the time,

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should presumably have the status of a series prepared for use but not issued.

As regards the stamps themselves, there are six minor varieties of the 1d and 2d, as the stone for these contained 120 subjects made up from transfers of six stamps. The 6d stone contained, so far as I can ascertain, 40 subjects only, in transfers of four varieties. It has been reported in the philatelic press that the sheet was of eighty stamps, thus necessitating two impressions from the stone for each sheet. Of the transfer of four, No. 1 has a coloured mark or flaw across the top of the large circle, while No. 4 has a broken "S" in "POST." There also exists a double impression of this value, and tête-bêche pairs may be found.

The 1d and 2d denominations are extremely scarce, and an outside estimate of the numbers surviving of each might be 250. Furthermore, nearly all the 2d stamps which I have seen have pencil marks across them. The 6d is more common, and there are probably a thousand or more of these, this total of course being that of all varieties on both papers.

It has been definitely ascertained that the designs were cleaned off the stones almost immediately, and that with the exception of a few of the 6d, there were no remainders. Although not having the status of issued stamps, these labels may be regarded as an extremely interesting product of Irish Republican Army authority in Cork, and they certainly have more claim to recognition than the better-known Sinn Féin labels of 1906 and 1916, which were produced purely for propaganda purposes.

REFERENCE LIST.

Lithographed in Cork to the order of the Irish Republican Army. July, 1922.

1d pale chestnut-brown. Wove paper. Perf. 11. (a) do. Imperf.

2d pale yellow-green. Wove paper. Perf. 11. (a) do. Imperf.

There are six minor varieties of each of the above.

6d dark blue. Wove paper. Perf. 11. (a) do. Imperf.

6d dark blue. Laid paper. Perf. 11.

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—J. W. Fox, of Pottsville, Pa., submits an extract from the U. S. Post-office Guide published in 1851, giving the particulars of the issue of the 1c Franklin and the 3c and 12c Washington with the requirements under which they were issued.

—A. O. Tittmann writing from Vienna makes a correction in connection with an advertisement which appeared June 9, headed, "Bavaria's Mad Monarch." The Ludwig pictured on the Bavarian stamps of 1914 was not the "Mad Monarch" at all, but his perfectly sane cousin and the son of Luitpold the Hunter shown on the 1911 set. Ludwig the Second, the splendor and art-loving king, has never been featured on any stamp. He was drowned in the Starnberger Sea to-

gether with his physician in 1882. So much for historical accuracy.

—An interesting Harding memorial souvenir from Marion, Ohio, will be distributed at the convention of the American Philatelic Society to be held in Detroit. W. G. Windhurst is the donor of the memorial and he writes that 175 copies are to be presented to the members of the Society attending the convention. The memorial consists of an envelope bearing a Harding stamp and postmarked "Marion, Ohio, Aug. 2, 7 P.M., 1924." This is the exact hour at which Pres. Harding died in San Francisco and at the left in tablet form is an inscription appropriate for the event that the cover will celebrate.

—We have received a short story from E. W. Determan giving the particulars of a find that he recently made in his home town. Nothing very valuable was found but he lays great stress upon the pleasure that comes from looking over a mass of waste with the expectancy of unearthing something that may be of great value. One docu-

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would be interesting to know in which collections the eight \$500 revenue stamps repose. Mr. Determan writes that his city, Vincennes, Ind., many interesting documents, books, letters located in the Library of old St. Xavier's Catholic Church, some of them in the French language. suggests "Alice of Old Vincennes." Maurice Thompson to any who are interested in reading a good patriotic story.

—From the Broadway Stamp Company we have received a copy of Green Book, a list of stamps and plates that is prefaced by an interesting little article, "Why I am a collector."

—The indications point to an undue degree of interest in the convention of the A.P.S. this year, and we notice that a few collectors have written in to say that they regret very much that they are unable to make the trip just at this time.

—A writer in an English paper writes that the only two cities where browsing around the stamp shops may bring succulent reward are London and New York, now that Berlin is out of the running.

—"A letter received from Sweden a few days since was prepaid with a one stamp purple, about 1½ inches square. It commemorated the World Postal Congress held in Stockholm this year."—HENRY A. WAHLBERG.

—W. J. Zink, Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio, would like the street address of F. T. Matthews, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

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—Our attention is called to the fact that Edgar F. Blow, the London dealer, has changed his address to 18 Fitzroy Road, Barnes, London, S.W., 13.

—We have received a card from Franklin Coombs, proprietor of the Metropolitan Stamp Co., of New York, from Rotterdam, Holland. Mr. Coombs is enjoying his trip and is taking it leisurely.

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ssau street, and pressure will un-
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Subtreasury and its site. The plot is
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ncy, bonds, and similar obligations,
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e and other stamps, and of all the
ious flags which have been used by
American or Continental Armies."

-We have had a visit from Mr. Stan-
Ashbrook of Cincinnati and we are
re impressed than ever before by the
usiasm of Mr. Ashbrook for early
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-Mr. A. F. Merrell, manager of the
nada Hotel, San Francisco, is sched-
l to arrive in Chicago on his way to
Detroit meeting. Mr. Merrell was one
e president of the C.P.S., and he has
y fond philatelic recollections of
icago.

-Mr. H. L. Lindquist, editor of the
lectors Club Philatelist, has been re-
cting old friends in Chicago, prepar-
g to continuing his trip to the A.P.S.
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-Under date of August 1, 1924, the
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turns to the battle in favor of "phil-O-
tely" with a persistence worthy of a
better cause, perhaps I may have a few
inches in which to slap the naughty boy
thrice upon the left wrist. As I am a
"doctor" myself, though not a medical
one, I hope my degree above this para-
graph will convince my excitable oppo-
nent that I am not quite the ignoramus
he tries to make me out as being.

The learned and presumably medical
doctor has confused what was clear
hitherto. Mr. Herpin, in the 1864 article
cited, gave a clear, straightforward deri-
vation for the new term. He took the
Greek adjective "philos"—meaning *fond*
of, and "ateleia,"—meaning *freedom*
from tax—to coin a word indicating
"love of objects showing that a letter is
free of charges to be paid." Postage
due stamps were unknown in those days,
presumably. Now comes the learned
doctor with a post-mortem psycho-anal-
ysis to show that Mr. Herpin didn't
know what he derived or how.

However misformed the word "phi-
lately" may seem, it is etymological puri-
ty incarnate compared to the barbarous
"numismatics," in which *two* Greek suf-
fixes are appended to a misspelled Latin
root ("nummus," a coin). So our cru-
sader, whose first name would appear to
be "Saint" and whose second we
presume is "Jedediah," whose last name
is a compound of "makros" meaning
long or large and the proper name abbre-
viated to "Mike" in English-speaking
countries, is indeed swallowing a camel
and straining out a mosquito.

Yes, Dr. Saint Jedediah Long-Mike, I
have some little knowledge of Greek
philology—and even "phil-O-tely."

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

We notice in the *American Mercury* that Hendrik Willem Van Loon contributes an article entitled "The Wages of Peace" in which he has a passing reference to the Czar of Russia in a philatelic aspect. He says: "But the Muzhiks in their everlasting patience rejoiced, wept tears upon the pictures of the Little Father and would have kissed his boots had he ever shown the tips of his little toes outside of the palace, which, of course, he never did being by nature a shy and retiring gentleman with a love for stamps and Dresden china." A number of our writers seem to have the idea that the pursuit of stamps is no proper occupation for a man of robust dimensions mentally and physically, but if we could be instrumental in having a parade of all the philatelic heavy-weights, both brains and brawn considered, the afore-said authors would shrink into themselves, in the reviewing stand, while the earth trembled from the measured foot-beats of these ponderous personalities, as they marched past. Contrary to the expression voiced here and there that philatelists are of a "spiritless" temperament, we should say from observation covering a good number of decades that they are almost too vital and peppery at times. The old-fashioned idea that stamp collecting is indulged in only by lady-like persons is exploded and the modern writer should watch his fingers as he pounds

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out his screed, else he write himself down as one who is hopelessly behind the times.

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We have had another illustration of how philatelic fact or fiction when once started on its journey, will travel around the world for many years. It will be remembered how the WEEKLY took occasion to threaten H. L. Mencken when he said, that he would run for president on a platform that spoke about stamp issues in a manner to which we humorously objected, and said that he would not get the philatelic vote; and added that he could consider himself a dead herring or words to that effect, lacking that important support. A short time later one of the Hearst newspapers said that the philatelists claimed to have political power enough to elect or defeat a candidate that was favorable to them on the one hand or objectionable on the other. This was almost too much to believe as a serious observation, but the die was cast and now there seems to be an increasing tendency on the part of newspapers to either regard philatelists as a political menace or as a body of men needing psychopathic attention! Another clipping has been received evidently taken from a western newspaper as the correspondent's envelope is postmarked Ogden, Utah. The clipping says that "it has been claimed by the stamp collectors' spokesmen that the hobby has a great hold in secret on a large number of citizens of this country; in fact, the stamp collectors say that they are in a position to make or unmake presidents. We shall see whether the boasts of these philatelists are idle, in the coming election." This is almost unparalleled if it is intended as an observation made with sober face, and we hope that the editors who may be somewhat removed from the centers of population are not beginning to confuse philatelists with members of organizations having a political animus.

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In Great Britain investment in stamps is frankly advised for reasons based on the heavy taxation that is enforced there. While we shall not attempt to follow the turns of the argument as it may be applied, we are impressed by the remarks made in the course of an editorial by the *London Philatelist* that certainly have a way of showing how serious the question of income tax has become. We suppose it is all right to advise investment in stamps in order to make a showing that would not be unduly penalized by the taxing bodies, and we have no doubt that one of the reasons for the investment of so much money by a large number of collectors in this country is based to some degree upon the income tax question. Of course, as we have said time and again, we think the man who

really has no particular liking for stamps but who regards them as a good investment is entitled to our mild admiration, but we assert that the man who as he contemplates his stamps finds a thrill that he can get in no other way has every license to think that he is doing the right thing in placing as much money as he can in stamps that may in time prove a good investment, as well as a sentimental satisfaction.

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We have received a communication from Mr. George H. Grinnell, which he submits to us with a feeling of elation as he thinks that he has welded another link in the chain that connects his stamps with the country of origin, as he claims. We submit this affidavit feeling that it is due to Mr. Grinnell to let those who are interested in the case know of its latest developments; and we are sure that many a collector is following Mr. Grinnell in his determined course to prove beyond question that his Missionary stamps really originated in Hawaii. We suppose that if he finally brings proof to bear that his stamps are not counterfeit, there will be many who will rejoice in knowing that his perseverance has been successful in achieving an end that has always been in Mr. Grinnell's mind as a conclusion bound to prevail. Mr. Grinnell writes: "Rev. Oliver P. Emerson, who is a Congregational Minister, has just given me the following affidavit and also a splendid photograph of the letter written by his mother who was a Missionary stationed near Honolulu from 1831 to 1888. The affidavit is in his handwriting:

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We make our devoirs to Mr. Gustave de Lachasse of Avignon, France, who is a philatelic veteran in the best sense of the word and who has made the long trip to this country in order to attend the annual convention of the American Philatelic Society at Detroit.

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Evidently the little reference that we had several weeks ago to Dr. Evan answer in the *Chicago Tribune* to the effect that there was no danger whatever of getting any disease from handling stamps has made a deep impression: we have had a number of inquiries asking what issue of the paper the question and answer appeared in. For the benefit of those who may wish to keep the clipping we reproduce it as it appeared in the *Chicago Tribune*, of July 8: "N. Danger From Stamps. Mrs. F. writes: My husband is a dealer in oil stamps, and as such handles them continually. Is there any danger of contracting any diseases such as tuberculosis or anything else that person who originally used the stamps might have had Reply. No."

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Our publishing pal, Mr. E. C. Bailey of Decorah, Iowa, who soon out-distances us many years ago when both of us turned our attention to U. S. locals original cover is not above giving a bit of interesting information regarding precancels of his native heath: "I note in a recent issue of the WEEKLY that the precancel 'Decorah' is one of the classics. Now somebody is always ready to take the joy out of life but I'm here to say they 'ain't no sich animal.' I have personally examined the plate from which all Decorah precancels have been made and there is not a wrong or defective letter in the plate. Some one has found a stamp with a blurred impression that looks like a 'B' in place of 'D'—but that's as far as the classic part of it goes. If there is a real Decorah



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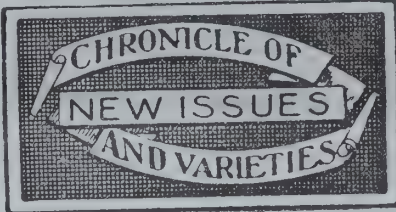
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United States.

Transcontinental Air-Mail Service.

In my Chronicle for August 4th, mention was made of the fact that letters intended for delivery by air-mail were being carried by rail, and I expressed my opinion at the time that this was possibly due to the similarity in color and size between the 8c air-mail stamp and the regular 1c, and between the 24c air-mail and the regular 2c. I expressed this opinion to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, and suggested that a change of color in the case of the air-mail series might overcome the trouble caused by the similarity.

Mr. Glover writes me under date of July 19th as follows:

"I am loath at this time to change the air-mail stamps and I believe I can express the opinion of the Postmaster-General because, with our Philatelic Agency established and now doing such a tremendous business, the Department would not want to have the Philatelists throughout the country feel that it was entering the class of many other countries in issuing new stamps every few weeks, and, of course, that would be the thought which would be laid on our doorstep by many collectors.

Believe the objection which we have been encountering with regard to the improper handling of mail matter intended for the Air-Mail Service will be overcome to a very large extent by the delivery to many of the postmasters of special rubber stamps for the purpose of stamping conspicuously all Air Mail, which will be picked up at the various offices. This procedure has already been inaugurated at some of the larger offices with splendid results, and even at this moment I am turning over in my mind

the thought that a special sticker, which could be adopted by the Department for use on the face of such envelopes, might be used to great advantage in this respect. This, however, is just a thought on my part, and is not under contemplation at the present time as it has not been given real serious consideration as yet."

Under date of July 26th the Postmaster-General issued an order effective immediately, extending the air mail service to insured and collect-on-delivery mail (third and fourth class matter exclusively), notwithstanding the parcels are sealed. Limit of weight and size for the present will be the same as for other parcels now acceptable for transportation by airplane service. The rates of postage will be the same as rates of postage for other air mail. The limits of indemnity will remain the same as those fixed for regular transportation. In giving receipts the postmaster shall mark them "Via air mail" and a separate record must be maintained of all insured and collect-on-delivery mail sent in this manner.

Under date of August 1st the Postmaster-General advises us that the continuous air mail service between New York and San Francisco, which was authorized for a thirty-day trial beginning July 1st, will operate on the schedules now in effect until further notice.

The information Service of the Post Office Department frequently mentions the satisfaction this service is giving to large industrial concerns and others, throughout the country, who are using the air mail service for their important business correspondence.

The British Empire Chamber of Commerce in speaking of the service says, "So new is this service that many business men are not familiar with the conveniences it offers, and the real savings in time and expedition of commercial transactions it affords. It will be a matter of the briefest time before a special night service will be put into operation between New York and San Francisco. The business man or banker can finish his day's correspondence, go home and while he sleeps, his mail is being carried to its destination."

The *Public Ledger* in its business section for August 6th says, "A banking problem of importance that eventually will be solved by airplane service is the collections of commercial banks on each other. 'Floats' is the term they are called in the banking world. The Federal Reserve alone has \$68,000,000 in

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daily process of collection from all la cities. Omitting the one- and two-points from the total, it was found the total amounts to \$16,191,780, and the amount of interest was \$2,248 d. Airplane service will reduce the time which funds in the course of transfer non-interest bearing."

New Find of 1876-1879 Covers.

Someone literarily inclined could write quite a romance around a correspondence recently found which took place between two sisters, one being located New Haven, Conn., and the other tending the Huguenot Seminary at Wington, Cape of Good Hope. correspondence which was located New Haven took place between 1876 1879 and covers were found going l ways. Those mailed from this cou took a 27c rate in the earlier part later when the rate was changed to 15c charge. The covers consist of 24c in combination with a 3c, two in combination with a 3c, and two 10 combination with a 7c. Those of a date had the 15c Continental and American, each on separate cover. I derstand that the better portion of correspondence which is addressed to Misses Landfeair is in the hands dealer who is likely to offer it at au during the coming Fall.

Revalued Provisional Envelopes.

Mr. H. Clay Reed advises that he located a further variety of the 2c envelope, namely the Die A on an size 8, watermarked 20, low back, the Des Moines overprint.

Canal Zone Envelopes.

Mr. Reed has also shown me c of the 1c and 2c United States envel with the Canal Zone overprint, w were chronicled some weeks back. are both size 5, watermarked 25, knife 81. In the case of the 1c re is the circular die C, and the 2c r die H.

We wish to thank Messrs. E. W. F ing, Lloyd B. Blough, G. B. Precha and S. Hyman for notes of interest.

AZORES.—The following new i have been recently issued by this col 40c chocolate, perf. 11; postage series, 8c, 16c, 32c, 40c, 48c and 80c. R. Roberts sends copies of each and that the 8c and 32c, have a mar frame at each side composed of a co of seven parallel green lines, broken three sections of 54mm each, the between each section being about 13r

ECUADOR.—Mr. Emil J. Rall advi the following new issues: 2c on brown and 1c rose, revenue stamp, charged "Casa-Correos." The over on the former is green while that o latter is black.

GERMANY.—From Mr. R. Robert have received the 3 mark claret, lim graved pictorial, Marienbad on ch wire watermark.

GIBRALTAR.—Mr. R. Roberts copies of the 4sh grey and carmine 8sh lilac and green, both on script w marked paper.

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ITALIAN SOMALILAND.—Express Letter. Two new stamps were to be placed sale on 1st inst., of 30 and 60 besa respectively, in the same design and as the corresponding stamps for Somalia.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

MOZAMBIQUE.—By a decree of May 18th new values are about to be added to the current pictorial series, viz.:—24c, 70c, Esc. 1.20, Esc. 5, Esc. 10, Esc. 20.—*Stamp Collecting*.

IRELAND.—We have received the following from Messrs. Bright & Son: On examining some sheets of the 100k large Eagle type in orange and black, we have discovered a very distinct error which we do not think has been noticed or chronicled before.

The error occurs on No. 68, of a sheet of 100, and has an 'I' instead of a 'T' in the word 'POCTZA,' thus reading 'CZIA.' The sheets we found this on are on the thick paper, but as it is a variety, probably exists also on the thin stamp on thin paper."

SWITZERLAND.—Mr. R. Roberts reports appearance of the 5c blue grey on w.

TRANSJORDANIA.—Mr. R. Farage undated of June 9th last advises as follows:

The article reproduced in your MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, of 24th March, from *Stamp Collecting* regarding the last set issued in Transjordan is not quite correct. The writer of the article does not seem to know the Arabic language and is unable to give correctly neither the metric transliteration of the Arabic characters nor their true translation in English.

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The initials in the first line are for: 'Dhikra Qudoom Jelalat' meaning: 'Commemoration of the coming of his Majesty.' The second line means: 'King of the Arabs' and the third line reads '11th Jemad El-Thani 1342.' Jemad El-Thani is the 6th month of the Mohammedan year and not the second month. The months run as follows: Muharran, Safar, Rabi I, Rabi II, Jemad I, Jemad II, Rajab, Shaaban, Ramadan, Shawal, Dhul-Qidah and Dhul-Hijjah. Rabi and Jemad are repeated. Alawal and Al-Thani expressed often in the European languages by the Roman numbers I and II mean: the first and the second respectively. Jemad El-Thani 1342 means therefore Jemad the second (the sixth month) of the year 1342."

FIVE CORNERS LOCATED.

By G. V. STEWART.

While glancing through the "Early Low Values Specialized" column of MEKEEL'S, of June 16, I note that in reference to some two cent stamps of 1883 you say: "Five Corners" is the cancellation on one stamp. Where was 'Five Corners'?"

Five Corners is a town, perhaps I should say village, located in very nearly the southwest corner of Cayuga County, New York. It is about five miles from Cayuga Lake and about seventeen miles north of Ithaca.

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Geo. L. Lewis, Ashland, Wis.

Rev. Edw. K. Thurlow, pastor of

Christ Church, Sheffield, Mass., takes out his membership in the Honor Club and writes such an interesting letter that we should publish it "pro bono philatelo." He writes:—"A few days ago in looking over some stamped envelopes I found one received in 1901 which I saved because of the Pan-American stamp upon it. It reminded me that in the past thirty years I have lapsed several times in my philatelic good health, also that I must renew my subscription to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS very soon or else lapse again. So I am sending a check for five years of good health. It may interest other readers to know that I get a great deal of inexpensive pleasure from the WEEKLY. I specialize in the stamp line in ships and navigators. Each week I mark with a red pencil the stamps offered of this kind and a goodly number I assure you. As my salary like that of most parsons won't admit of the purchase of all that I would like I buy once in a while, keep the cost within bounds, and can thus mark up some of them again the following week. Thus my life expectancy is running strong all the time." We are of the opinion that Mr. Thurlow has discovered a very proper way of taking a keen delight in even a limited field of collecting activity.

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H. B. Phillips, treasurer of the Berkeley Philatelic Society, Berkeley, Calif., a sterling philatelist and a longtime subscriber of the WEEKLY sends in his application for membership in the Honor Club and his letter is of sufficient interest for us to make this quotation from it:—"In the last number of your paper I read an account of how my old friend Gen. C. A. Coolidge had reached his 80th milestone in life's journey. With it came a green subscription blank wanting to know why a renewal for more than

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To Geo. L. Lewis of Ashland, Wis., belongs the credit of having taken the degree of the Honor Club five years prior to the institution of the present organization. We are very glad to have the privilege of adding his name to our list.

Our mail is full of many words of appreciation of the WEEKLY, and we are positive that our old friend C. H. Stiles, of New Bedford, Mass., is sincere when he writes that he cannot get along without the WEEKLY. Mr. Stiles is a member of the A.P.S. and is a philatelist of thirty years' standing.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

PRESENT DAY COVERS.

By G. M. STAPLIN.

A short time ago I started making a collection of present day covers and the result has been so gratifying that I believe a short description may be interesting to some of your readers.

It may also be an incentive to some to make similar collections as there is plenty of material available. This is especially true in the case of those who have access to mails of large concerns. In my own case, the covers are practically all addressed to various officials of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and they are therefore doubly interesting.

Among several hundred covers that I have, are a few that are more or less unique:—Special delivery stamp used to pay registry fee; special delivery stamp used alone on cover; postage stamp used for postage due stamp; postage due stamp used for postage stamp; undated registered cover; cover with precancelled stamp used on first class mail.

These items may not have any great value now, but they correspond exactly with what philatelists are so eager to find among the past issues and are, I believe, worth saving. At any rate they are very interesting and a collection of this kind is easily made, as Uncle Sam's postal employees are only human and therefore are liable to error.

I mount them loose-leaf, using 5x8½ or 6x9 white sheets, according to the size of the covers, the only ornamentation being a black line border which I draw on each page. I print a line or two at the foot of each page, calling attention to the peculiarity of the cover on same. My books have proven interesting to scores of people who never had any idea of collecting stamps.

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MY SPECIALISED SWEDEN.

By BARON E. LEIJONHUFVUD.

I started collecting stamps when quite a child. The first stamps were skilling Bancos, which my parents permitted me to remove from their early correspondence. They were beautiful copies of all the values in considerable numbers. Like all young boys, I was unwise, and let an American dealer in Philadelphia tempt me to part with these treasures (in two meanings) for a small amount, but which seemed high to me at the time. I sent him for years a large selection of current Swedish stamps (figure type) in bundles of 100, carefully cleaned and strapped with strips of paper. In one year I sent him as many as 40,000 copies of all kinds. I took my payment in stamps from his stock books, and in this way I got together a very fine collection for a schoolboy. By the time I reached the University the collection was very nice and the copies mostly good. In a moment of weakness I parted with it, and the spirit of collecting fell to a low ebb. After years of travel (during which time I bought up current stamps in the countries visited) I settled down to business in Sweden, and the real stamp collecting commenced.

Perhaps countries with long winters and plenty of snow, and the dark evenings, cause a young man to turn to a recreation indoors which in a sub-tropical or even southern English climate he would not think of. I collected all the world, with a tendency towards specialising Sweden, England, and some colonies. The task became too expensive, and I had to limit myself to try and get together the best and most complete specialised collection of Sweden that has ever been formed. I did not, however, stop my general collection from growing. But Sweden forged ahead, and about 1910 I felt equal to trying to compete in the Bern International Exhibition. In 1911 I took my collection, now very much improved, to Vienna; and in 1912 I got the third Gold Medal in London. In 1913 I sent a still finer collection to Paris and got a large Gold Medal. The same year New York had a splendid Exhibition and I intended to exhibit, and had got all my items into the catalogue, when at the last moment I was unable to sail. Since then I have been too busy to take notice of a few local exhibitions,

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and the war coming into our lives caused Philately, in the form of International Exhibitions, to stand aside. It is to Mr. Melville's credit that his Exhibition in May this year was the first to give the collectors of the world a chance of meeting again. He did not invite philatelists in the late enemy countries, and it may be he was wise; in any case, Germany was too miserable to take part. I exhibited only twenty-eight stamps in the section for rarities, and this time *hors concours*.

An event which to me was a charming surprise was His Majesty's gracious invitation to come up to Buckingham Palace and have a proper look at his wonderful collection of Great Britain and Colonies. It was the finest philatelic feast that I and probably all the guests had had. A number of members of the Royal Philatelic Society, and some well-known American collectors, probably also members, were invited. I believe I was one of the few not born in England or the United States that were invited. We had tea, and His Majesty spent fully an hour and a half in animated conversation with his guests.

For personal reasons I decided last summer that I had better part with all the Swedish philatelic treasures gathered together during a period of over thirty years. I had presented my daughters with the stamps, and knowing how difficult it would be for them to turn the collection into cash, I thought it best to make an effort myself. It was not an easy matter to select the place for disposal. Paris was out of the question, and only Stockholm, London or New York could be considered. As, however, each country seems to appreciate its own stamps best, I selected Stockholm, and having done so there was perhaps but one agent equal to trying to help me, viz., Mr. E. Lichtenstein. He opened an exhibition of my collection on Saturday, November 10th, and had the lights arranged to produce the effect of daylight (the so-called Aga lights), as in Stockholm the long winter evenings are closing in. The exhibition is still going merrily for the visitors and the buyers, but not for me. It is with an aching heart I hear of anything disposed of; such is the love one has for stamp treasures. But I must not turn back having put my hand to the plough, and the painful dissolution must now go on. Many items in the sale catalogue are entirely unique, and the Swedish Government ought to buy them for the Postal Museum.

I have, of course, dealt with dealers in many lands and had many pleasant as well as unpleasant episodes. I should say that in most cases the large dealers are as fine a set of business men as the honourable merchants in any other business; the bad reputation that some dealers have got is somewhat of a mystery. You see much about them in the warning columns of the philatelic papers, but you meet few in the flesh in a lifetime. Of course, crooks exist in all businesses, and it is a mistake to deal with that class. If I were to give preference to any dealers, I should say that the Strand in London holds the most select com-

panies and individuals in the stamping line.

Sweden is too small a country to be able to support many first-class dealers, and before the war Berlin was far closer for any large local business. The firm of H. Lichtenstein and Co. the oldest of the stamp-dealing firms in Sweden, and I have had a great deal of business with the present director, is now commissioned to sell my dear stamps. I feel sure that he will take a pride in doling out the carefully selected treasures to the best advantage.

I have had the pleasure of many "finds"—the best ones in this country and I shall refer to one or two in connection with the illustrations. A well-known collector has to put up with a great number of varied applications, and has often the painful duty to tell ignorant folks that the copies sent for inspection, which they fondly imagine valuable treasures, are simply worth nothing. When no stamps are enclosed, silence is best. And often when these worthless copies have been sent, my time has been permitted me to write a word; I just returned the stuff registered. Collectors are known to be most obliging each other, as the hobby is a strong bond. The only exception that I know of is that of Monsieur Rénoultière von Ferber. But in his case it was probably necessary to refuse all, or he would have had time for his own work or pleasure. I know he was a most charming personality, and I was just arranging to have a look at his Swedish stamps when he broke out. To see his treasures in auction room, or even in the ever-courteous Monsieur Gilbert's private office, not the same as to see his collection in the Rue de Varennes.

The finest collections that I have seen are the famous Duveen collections. They are now being sold in the United States by Mr. Charles Phillips; but in the good old days before the world trouble it was one of the best recreations to have Duveen show his wonderful stamp collection in his model house in Park Lane. Every stamp was picked: perfect philately and in perfect condition. It is only eleven or twelve years since Mr. Bacon was engaged in writing up these great collections, and he would receive any visitor in case Mr. Duveen was late.

When I first became a member of the Royal Society, His Majesty was Prince of Wales, and came sometimes to meetings to display his own stamps. Earl of Crawford was our most charming President, and Mr. Tilleard equally charming Secretary. In every one on the Committee was a philatelist and a charming man, and meetings were most instructive.

Of the International Exhibitions the one in Vienna (1911) was the greatest success. All stiffness was absent, the social gatherings had a tone of cordiality which no other city ever offered to the same extent. The Exhibition most beautifully housed and arranged, and I feel sure everybody went home with a number of happy memories. I have in my possession the telegram which was received at the official banquet of

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The last Exhibition was probably the largest collection of valuable stamps ever brought together, and I almost regret that I did not compete.

My collection now for sale is exhibited in a well-situated building in Stockholm's "Park Lane," called "Strandvägen," in a locality formerly used as a restaurant. The exhibits lean against the walls, where suitable mouldings have been placed for the frames to rest on, and the room contains one long stand with frames facing in two directions (as in the Horticultural

Hall) which runs along the centre. I am not going over to inspect it, as I feel it is a kind of funeral, the last official act in connection with a hobby that has given more moments of pleasure—innocent pleasure—than perhaps any other recreation in this world. Of course, I am hoping to get good prices, though the money will not compensate me for the loss of my treasures!

To this outline of history and a few philatelic and personal remarks belong four plates of illustrations. Plate A shows the entire sheet of 50 öre, Shield issue (1858-1872). It is unique and of great philatelic interest. It was meant as postage and insurance for a small parcel containing jewelry. As the fee, fifty kroner, just required a sheet of 100 50 öre stamps (the highest value at that time in Sweden), the Postal Authorities in Gothenburg folded it, after cancelling each stamp, and slid it under the string which tied the parcel. The gum is on that account untouched. The recipient in London put it aside as a curiosity, and not until 1912 did I hear of it, when Messrs. Bridger and Kay, Ltd., drew my attention to this stamp in their stock. It was probably the greatest surprise in my life to see a complete sheet of the Shield issue in perfect preservation. The type fault "örf" instead of "öre," which was well known, could by this "find" be placed in the sheet; it occurs in the third stamp of the bottom row counting from the left.

Plate B shows four items: the quarter-sheet, unused, 4 skilling Banco, the only block of such a magnitude. It came from an office in Paris and was bought by Professor Lindström. At his death the firm of H. Lichtenstein in Stockholm (the one which is now commissioned to sell my collection) bought up all his stamps, and I had the first pick of these rarities: six of the illustrations on the plates shown are from this collection. The quarter sheet is letter a, Plate B. Three more blocks (blocks of 4) are shown on the same Plate B. They are letters b, d and c. The first and the last represent part of an entire set of the 1885 reprints, perforation 13; the letter d is an imperforate block of the 3 skilling Banco, private print, of which there are only a few sets in existence, two of which are in my collection.

Plate C has two rarities from the Lindström Collection (h and e); the block of sixteen of 6 öre "Lösen" (Postage Due) is from the second issue, 1877, and printed on both sides. As previously mentioned, there were two sheets of 100 printed a second time, but very few have been kept. This block is the largest one in existence. My collection contains also three single copies of the other sheet in pale yellow; the large block is bright orange-yellow. The block of eight 17 öre, grey, perforation 14, is among the largest blocks of this very rare stamp. The original colour was violet, or red-violet, but in 1869 a limited number of sheets were printed in grey. Of the two remaining rarities on Plate C, the block of 4 of the olive-grey, 6 öre, Figure issue, perforation 14, is extremely rare. The stamp, 5 öre, error, brown instead of green, King Oscar, was printed in 1891 and is perforated 13. Only one sheet is known to have been printed in brown, and very few copies got into circulation. After the members of the Postal Union had had their copies very few remained, and at the time I procured my copy only two were known in private hands. There are now ten unused copies and one used copy known. It is said that a few copies still exist in the Post Office in Stockholm.

Plate D shows some of the most remarkable stamps in the collection. No. 1 is a corner strip of the 3 skilling Banco with full "Tumba" margin, unused, and the only one kept from this rare issue. It came from the Ferrari Collection. No. 2 came from the Avery Collection, and is also the only 24 skilling Banco unused with corner margin. No. 3 is one of my most remarkable "finds." I found seven stamps in 1913 of the Gustaf V stamps, which at that time had no watermark, printed on paper with watermark wavy lines; there were two values, four 10 öre, red, and three 5 öre, green. The odd stamp was given away and found a place in the Postal Museum.

The two strips are as yet unbroken. The strip shown is the 10 öre, but the watermark is only visible (on the photo) between each two stamps, i.e., on each side of the vertical perforation. Many have been the attempts to get these strips away from me, but until now without success. As no others have been found, it appears that one sheet of each value was printed on the wrong paper, and the rest are probably destroyed, this watermark not being very striking to the eye. No. 4 is the famous 3 skilling, yellow, error of colour, which came from the Ferrari Collection. I have published its history in the Exhibition number of the *Stamp Lover* this year, and I had to go back to its first owner, a schoolboy in Stockholm, who, now a retired Lieutenant-Colonel, wrote out the history of its discovery and its fate as far as he knew; the rest was easy. It is the rarest stamp in Europe, and, being unique in the absolute sense, should be of equal rarity to the few other stamps of the same quality. It is a fine copy, and finally completed my collection. I have already remarked how it came to be printed on the paper of the 1857 8 skilling Banco paper, and in this stamp's identical colour! But I love this rare stamp the least of all my treasures. It is study, long possession, and search for a stamp that makes you love it when you succeed! No. 5 is a provisional of 1889 where the printer has taken a sheet of the 6 öre, lilac, instead of 12 öre, blue, for surcharge. These stamps were only in use during three months, by which time the new value, 10 öre, had been printed. There are three copies in my collection, and no one in Sweden has ever heard of any others. I discovered them in a young man's modest collection, and we very soon came to terms! The surcharge is in blue, which was the colour used for surcharging the 12 öre sheet. No. 6 represents a first proof of the 12 öre stamps. It must have been printed in 1872 before the figure stamps came into circulation; but the authorities did not approve, and this, to my taste, beautiful design was never used. No. 7 is another proof; it belongs to a series of several designs tried in 1884 before that of the well-known King Oscar's head was selected. It is line-engraved and printed in blue. No. 8 is a specimen of the 1910 figure stamps in two colours, 4 öre, carmine and blue, in which the centre (which is in blue) has been shifted sideways when the second colour print took place. I have personally never valued the many varieties of these stamps, but in Sweden there seems to be a considerable money value attached to these freak prints, the one shown on the plate costing about £5. No. 9 is another curiosity, but not from the same view-point as the previous number. I have only found this one copy among the hundreds of 24 skilling Bancos that I have handled and examined. It appears that some substance has got in the way while printing, and the left top corner has a bar instead of the figure 24. I accepted it as a curiosity in my collection, especially as the stamp itself is a good one. But people who love what I call freak stamps should put them in a special album; there are enough freaks to bring together a large collection. I had very few among my stamps, and only if the stamp itself had some philatelic or money value.

The collecting of stamps from different plates and retouched plates is very interesting, and a smut or a piece of stick or cotton or any foreign material can easily cause a stamp to look very curious; but as these "type-faults," as some philatelists call these vagaries, do not occur again in each sheet, but are little accidents, I have never taken much notice of them.

I think the first philatelic society of which I became a member was the Royal Philatelic Society. After my various exhibitions and some small notes in the philatelic press, I was invited to join a great many societies. I am, in fact, not quite sure how many I do belong to. The Berlin, the Junior, the Herts, Stockholm's Filatelist Sällskap, the Société Française de Timbrologie, and the Collectors Club in New York have all claimed me. In several I am a life member, and some of the others are good

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enough to send me their journals, though I have not paid any subscriptions since the war broke out. I have traveled a lot and made many fine "picks" in out-of-the-way places, but I have never found anything for the special collection except in Sweden and England.

I have collected philatelic literature in a small way, and appreciate articles of research; they help the collector very much, especially when trying to learn a difficult country. I was elected a member of the Philatelic Literature Society and received its publications with much pleasure. I miss the fine journals which I believe ceased to appear when Mr. Bacon became His Majesty's Curator of the Royal Collections. I may be wrong, but I have not to my knowledge heard from the Society since about that time.

When thinking of my many years of "hunting" for the rarities of Sweden, and the sale just started, my emotions are varied; but each time some spirit is whispering the Latin saying: "Sic transit gloria mundi."—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

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GOULD COLLECTION OF OLD MONEY.

In an old leather-bound ledger, Walter B. Gould of Bangor has a collection of paper money which, if it were rated at its face value, would be worth several thousand dollars. It includes samples of the currency authorized by the Colonial Congress in '76, some of the fractional currency issued during the Civil War, and many bank notes issued by Maine financial institutions in the period before and after the Civil War.

The attitude toward "Continental" has not changed in the 150 years since the colonies revolted against Great Britain. "Not worth a Continental," as a contemptuous phrase, is just as true today as it ever was, Mr. Gould says. None of his samples of very early currency are worth even their face value, and some of them are absolutely worthless.

Any of the fractional currency issued during the Civil War is worth face value or more now, he says. These notes, running from 5 to 50 cents in value, can be redeemed at any bank, but they are the only part of the collection which would bring a price.

The value of the Confederate bills which are in the ledger is determined by the clearness of the engraving. Some of the \$50 bills are worth 25 cents, the others are worth less or nothing.

The notes issued by forgotten Maine banks are interesting. Few of them have been seen for many years. There is currency signed by officers of the old Norumbega and Maritime banks of Bangor, and other notes issued before 1861 by banks in Ellsworth, Old Town, Frankfort, Rockland and other Maine towns that no longer have banks. In the collection there is also an abundance of "shin plasters," the private script with which lumbering companies paid their laborers in the early days.

Yellowed by time and in some cases torn by rough handling, these bills are interesting because they reveal why Maine people were suspicious of paper money almost up to the 20th century. There was such an abundance of currency that "hard money" was extremely scarce.

Mr. Gould, who for many years conducted a wholesale and retail candy business in Bangor, remembers days when all the money that came in was either currency or pennies, which were not then and are now good as legal tender for over one dollar.

The collection represents 25 years of effort on the part of Mr. Gould and he has collected from Maine to California. He has bought thousands of the old bills and has sold many to western collectors. Though the value of most old bills is little, he enjoys making the collection because he believes the historical interests in and value of paper money is equal to that of postage stamps.

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DEATH OF HUGO GRIEBERT.

By FRED J. MELVILLE.

(It can truly be said that one of the greatest philatelists of the present day has passed on in the death of Hugo Griebert. We feel a deep sense of grief in the personal loss that is sustained in the death of this former advertiser and friend. On visits to the great metropolis we always met with a warm welcome at the office of Mr. Griebert. His stock of stamps was one of the finest in London, and as Mr. Melville aptly points out, his services to the literature of our hobby have been of an extensive character. A large number of American collectors will join with our English friends in mourning the loss of this great philatelist. —W. O. W.)

It is with great regret that we learn that Mr. Hugo Griebert passed away in a nursing home in London on July 23rd. His health was the cause of his early retirement from the business which he had so successfully built up in the West End, and since his withdrawal from active business life, the state of his health became rapidly worse.

Hugo Griebert was one of the best known and most respected figures in the London stamp world. He commenced to deal in stamps about the age of seventeen, in 1886, and during the thirty-eight years which have elapsed he carried through a surprising number of transactions of great magnitude. He was established at 13 and 14, New Bond Street, when he transferred his business to No. 170, Strand, in 1907. It was in the autumn of 1921 that he disposed of his stock to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd.

During an active philatelic career of nearly forty years, he bought many large stocks, dealers' stocks, Government remainders, and of course many collections. At one period within a few months of each other, he purchased the huge stocks of Faustino A. Martins (a rich store of Portuguese colonials and especially Portuguese India), the great stock accumulated by Charles Roussin of Paris, and the wonderful stock of Italian States belonging to Signor Icilio Arturo Loli of Bologna.

Since his retirement from active business, Mr. Griebert, although fighting against an incurable malady, made several memorable appearances in the philatelic world, notably at the Ferrary sales in Paris, where he, as the adviser and trusted agent of Mr. Arthur Hind of Utica, bought many of the greatest gems and rarities of the Ferrary collection. He also took an active interest and part, though his sufferings were keenly apparent to all who met him, in the great International Stamp

Exhibition held in London last year. There he not only secured for London a sight of the Hind treasures, he showed the results of some of his life studies in the philatelic field.

His remarkable study of the first issue of Turkey, which gained a gold medal in the "single issues specialised," was typical of the more abstruse studies of little-known stamps for which Mr. Griebert was well known. In the same exhibition he showed a valuable study of the first issue of Hungary, and through his long career he laboured with the zeal of the student-enthusiast in the intensive study of stamps of the South American continent especially, and in many other long unpopular countries, which owe their rise in philatelic favour largely to his researches.

As a student he was also a frequent writer. Most of his shorter studies appeared in his house organ, "Griebert's Philatelic Notes and Offers," which he started in 1908 and continued until his retirement in 1921. In addition he published two monographs which are likely long to remain the standard authorities on their respective subjects:—"A Study of the Stamps of Uruguay," published as one of the Stanley Gibbons Philatelic Handbooks, in 1910, and

"The Stamps of Spain, 1850 to 1854," which he published himself in 1920.

Mr. Griebert's wide and deep knowledge of stamps, and his love of research, earned him the greatest regard amongst his many advanced clients, to whom he freely gave from the rich stores of his own discoveries in helping them to evolve their own collections and to solve the philatelic problems presented therein. Although he achieved a distinct success in the trade in stamps, he was essentially a stamp-lover, and was never content for long to be parted from his stamps. At a time when one might have thought his mind and body were too harassed to allow him to dabble in stamps, in a nursing home, where I dropped in to take tea with him, he pulled out the drawer of a writing table and showed me an accumulation of stamps, mostly common ones, and some torn off from the letters that were brought to him daily from his home. It pleased him to amuse himself even in a simple way with stamps, for stamps were a passion with him throughout his long career, and his profession was his hobby.

Mr. Griebert leaves a widow and a young family, two sons and a daughter. To Mrs. Griebert, so well known and greatly liked in the philatelic world, and to her children, philatelists the world over will tender their profound sympathy in the loss of one of the greatest philatelists of our time.

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JAMAICA PICTORIALS OF 1920-21.

(Continued from page 411)

The Four-Penny stamp was issued on January 21st, 1921, printed from an engraved plate of 80 subjects, i. e., 10x8, on white paper watermarked old type CA multiple upright, perforated 14 comb. The design is treated in upright rectangular style, the format being smaller than the last of the series, and of the same size as the 2d, and principally depicts the Cathedral at Spanish Town. A brief history of this building is as follows:

With the decline of the first Spanish city, that of Seville, situated on the north, near the present St. Ann's Bay, the "Villa de la Vega" or City of the Plains, was founded about 1523. The Spanish name "Villa de la Vega" was corrupted by the English to "St. Jago de la Vega" or St. James of the plains, and later to "Spanish Town." The application of "St. Jago de la Vega" was probably due to the fact that the Spaniards usually referred to the island as "Santiago," and their records invariably were written "island of Santiago called Jamaica."

In the days of Columbus, the Church and State were far more closely related than they are now, and such an adventure as his, as well as the colonization of the island, of necessity required the blessing and probably the active co-operation of the Church, so it is reasonably certain that a mission existed from the time of the occupation, but we do know that the Spanish King, in Jan. 1515, wrote his ambassador at Rome expressing his desire to found an Abbey at Jamaica, nominated one of his chaplains for the post and begged the Pope to create it. His desire must have been granted, as we learn that in March, 1522, he wrote to the Pope reporting the death of Sancho de Matienzo, "Abbot of Jamaica," and nominated his successor; again, in Sept., 1526, the King wrote the Governor of the island stating that Peter Martir, "Abbot of the island" had represented that Pedro de Mazuelo, Island Treasurer, was using the Indians contracted for and engaged on the building of the Church, for other purposes, and delaying the work; he commanded that this interference with the work must cease at once. The earliest records indicate that the site was occupied by a wooden Church building as early as 1523, apparently extended and improved as is suggested in the preceding paragraph, and completed about 1530. This building seems to have stood until 1655, when the town was captured by the British under Admirals Penn and Venables, and the Church and a monastery were seriously damaged by the "fanatic soldiery." The Church was restored, as the records report its complete destruction by a terrible hurricane in 1712. The present building was erected in 1714, and is therefore probably the oldest, and certainly one of the oldest, of British Colonial

Cathedrals, although it did not attain Cathedral status until 1843, when Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, so appointed it by letters patent dated November 28th of that year. Its furnishings bear out its antiquity, as it possesses altar plate in pure silver dating from 1769, among which is a flagon dated 1777, but inscribed as re-fashioned from the old plate of 1685, the maker's name is signified by the letters S. W., and are apparently identical with similar initials which exist on a pair of candle sticks in Trinity College, Oxford, dated 1759. Some very fine pieces of statuary within its walls carry great British names, one of the best being a monument to Thomas, Earl of Effingham Baron Howard and his wife Catherine, by Bacon. Another, is to Elizabeth Mary, Countess of Elgin and Kincardine, by Sir John Steell, noted in Edinburgh for his statues of Sir Walter Scott and the late Prince Consort, and in New York for his colossal figure of Burns. It is enough to mention these two, but there are many other fine pieces by both these and other famed sculptors.

The view of the Cathedral which appears on this stamp, shows the tower which was added in 1817, and forms the vignette which is printed in deep rich sepia set in a frame of green, the whole giving a very pleasing effect, so that the stamp is sometimes described as the handsomest of the series. At the top, the figures of value appear at left and right in colour in white tablets set on deeply shaded squares, between are the words "Postage Revenue" in small white letters below which is "Jamaica" in heavy white block type set in a slight curve to conform to the vignette. At left and right are side panels on which are shown bunches of oranges, at bottom the figures of value again appear as above, with the words "Spanish Town Cathedral" between in small white letters. A variety which is constant, exists; it is No. 15, enumerating across the sheet from left to right. The figures of value in the upper corners of this specimen, show a stop in positions usually used when writing or printing the term 4d. At the left it appears beside the d, thus 4d., and at the right below the d, only on this specimen and in the upper corners only, are the values printed in this manner, on all others the value is printed without period.

The stamp in the same design and colours, but on the new script paper, was noted as on sale at the Cross Roads P. O. on Dec. 5th, 1921, but the official record deals with its appearance when first issued on the old paper only, and appears in the *Gazette* of Jan. 20th, 1921: "Stamp Office, Kingston, 17th January 1921.

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To the left and right of the design are bunches of Oranges. The colour of the border of the design is green, the colour of the design is brown.

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The Six-Penny stamp of the series should have been issued in June, 1921, has not yet appeared. A printing was from an approved design, and an initial supply of 362,400 was sent out to colony from England, arriving there May 1921, but when examined for issue in June, the printing was found to be satisfactory; and the subject of design, "The Abolition of Slavery," considered to be of a possibly inflammatory nature, because of certain conditions existing in the island; and for reasons the issue was suppressed, the tire stock in the island being destroyed by burning in July. Not long after, probably due to the pernicious system adopted by the Crown Agents of British Colonial stamps to dealers in London, the stamp was reported at once made the subject of energetic



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test to the local Government by the
naica Philatelic Society, and is now
ieved to be under investigation. A
ond and smaller supply of the stamps
s received in Oct. and has apparently
n held pending the result of this en-
ry and if it be affirmed that the stamps
re sold by the Crown Agents, it would
m that the local government will have
option but to place the present stock
e island on sale there.

In order to provide a stamp of this
omination, the Georgian 6d of Nov.
, 1912, was re-issued on the new Script
er about Oct. 21st, 1921, and is still
use (March, 1922).

The suppressed 6d Pictorial, has not
n officially recorded, but it is possible
describe it as follows:

Printed from an engraved plate of 40
jects, i. e., 5x8 in one sheet on white
ver watermarked Script CA multiple
the right, perforated 14 comb. The
mp is of "maximum size," its area is
ctly that of the 1½d Contingent, and
will be noted that the plate is composed
the same number of subjects arranged
the same way, while the watermark
gests that paper intended for the
d was used, as although all the other
orials were first issued on the old
er, the 3d and 5sh as late as April
1, the paper for the 1½d Contingent
s changed to Script as early as Feb-
ry of the same year. The design is
ated in transverse rectangular style,
l the vignette is a copy of a litho-
ph in the Picture Gallery in the Mu-
m at Kingston. This lithograph is
R. Cartwright, of 1 Warwick Place,
iford Row, London, and depicts the
ne in the square at Spanish Town on
gust 1st, 1838, when the Governor,
Lionel Smith, read the Declaration of
edom from Slavery to about 8000
ple assembled there. The picture
ws the Rodney Memorial, also seen on
2sh stamp, in the background; King's
use, also seen on the 2d stamp, ap-
rs at the left, with the Governor, the
hop, and the Revd. J. M. Philippo on
steps, the first with the document in
hands. The Parliament Building is
a at the right, the assembled crowd in
foreground, and a flag staff bearing
Royal Standard is at the right centre.
The whole vignette is printed in Indian
l and is set in a frame of blue-grey,
effect is not pleasing. The design
of the frame is far from ornate, simply
s, panels, and a scroll or two. At
top is the word "Jamaica" in heavy

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3c green	.02	.05	.01	.05	.01	.05	.01	.05
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President Rotnem's address, read by the Secretary, felicitated the other officers on the good work accomplished during the year, and praised the Ways and Means Committee for the progress made in settling claims against the Sales Department which had been robbed by two dishonest members, the losses of which are being paid as rapidly as possible, and it is hoped to pay more this year. A detailed report was made by the committee, which stated that \$1,340.38 of claims had been liquidated. The illness of former Secretary Swartz was regretted and wishes for his speedy recovery expressed.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in every fund and the Secretary reported a membership of 556.

Business sessions were had each day of the three, and an entire revision was made of the Constitution, some of the changes being necessitated by the incorporation which had been effected under the laws of Minnesota. The initiation fee was made \$1 and annual dues \$2, to take effect September 1. Sixteen new members were proposed and the veteran Vahian Mozian was made a life member. A new seal was adopted. Place of next meeting left to Board of Governors.

The *Stamp Collectors Magazine* was chosen as the official organ.

The entertaining features comprised a trip Monday night to Luna Park, Coney Island, by auto; an auction by M. Ohlman on Tuesday; a bourse on Tuesday night, at which a large number of stamps and much money changed hands; and a banquet on Wednesday night, at which Mr. Hoffman was the toast-master, and addresses of great interest were made by Professor Chittenden, Frank W. Crane, of New York Times; W. C. Henry, of Los Angeles; President John L. Stroub, of the New York Philatelic Society; Mr. A. O. Litt, chairman of Committee of Arrangements; and Treasurer N. R. Hoover.

white block type, with scrolls on both sides, at the corners the value 6d appears in colour on the white bosses of shields supported by crossed branches of laurel. At the left is the word "Postage" in small white letters, reading up, on a coloured panel imposed on a scroll, with lines above and below. At the right is the word "Revenue," reading down, printed and set similarly to Postage. At the bottom on a narrow coloured panel are the words and figures "Abolition of Slavery 1st Aug. 1838." in small white characters, below which is another scroll and lines.

It is currently reported that another design has been prepared and approved for a stamp of this value to complete the Pictorial series. Rumor states that the vignette is a picture of the harbour and town of Port Royal, set in a nautical frame, on which anchors and ropes are prominent.

(To be continued.)

FIVE-YEAR HONOR CLUB.

Gustave Larson, Worcester, Mass.
Theodore Mainhart, Johnstown, Pa.
R. C. Smith, Richmond, Ind.

Gustave Larson, who takes out membership in our Honor Club this week, has been a subscriber to the WEEKLY for the past ten years and predicts that his interest in the hobby will certainly last for another ten years. As a move in the right direction he sends check for a five-year renewal. Mr. Larson is a member of the Philatelic Society of Sweden, New York Philatelic Society and the S.P.A. He specializes in the Scandinavian countries and some of the German States.

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As we go to press an application for membership in the Honor Club is received from R. C. Smith of the Richmond Coal Co., Richmond, Ind. We enter his name upon our list with pleasure.

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The officers elected are: President, V. W. Rotnem, of Minnesota; Vice-President, E. W. Heusinger, Texas; Treasurer, N. R. Hoover, New York; Secretary, Wm. Lycett, New York; international Secretary, W. J. Coleman, New York; Sales Manager, A. E. Hussey, Ohio; Exchange Manager, George S. Chapman, Alabama; Auction Manager, M. Ohlman, New York; Counterfeit Detector, J. H. Hoffman, New York; Attorney, T. V. Morgan, Maryland; Publicity Manager, Samuel Bennett, New Jersey; Librarian, W. R. Ricketts, Pennsylvania; Assistant Librarian, M. F. Bennett, New Jersey; Trustees, G. C. Cuenod, T. E. Flick, R. W. Rogers, all of Texas. A Board of Governors is constituted by the new constitution, and will be organized early in September.

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NEWFOUNDLAND PICTORIALS, 1923-24.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

The first consignment of stamps of the pictorial series, received at St. John's, by parcel post, via N. Y., by the steamer Rosalind, on July 5, 1923, and issued July 9th, comprised the following quantities:—

1c,	1,250,000
2c,	1,250,000
3c,	700,000
4c,	50,000
5c,	50,000
6c,	100,000
8c,	25,000
9c,	25,000
10c,	25,000
11c,	25,000
12c,	25,000
15c,	5,000

With a large remainder stock of the 15c Cabot (4900, May 27, 1922), printings of the 15c pictorial have been very small, and the 5000 received by the "Rosalind" on July 5th, were exhausted by July 31st. A second lot of 2400 came by the steamer Silvia, August 9th, and a third lot in September. The 4c pictorial also exhausted in August, and a further lot arrived shortly afterwards. On March 16, 1924, the 4c, 5c and 15c pictorials were not in stock, and the 4c and 5c Caribou and 15c Cabot remainders were serving. In August, 1924, the 15c, 24c, 30c and 60c Cabot, and 1c, 4c, 5c, 24c and 36c Caribou were still available.

The colors of the 4c and 6c (foreign post card and letter rates, respectively) are not in agreement with the Postal Union colors of red and blue, and of this the postal authorities are aware. This disregard of regulations of the Postal Union is not surprising, as Newfoundland has had a 6c foreign letter rate since May 17, 1918; although it was not until November 30, 1920, that a higher rate than 5c was approved by the representatives of the Union.

Locally, the stamps of the new series received much criticism, and especially, the workmanship, which is very poor compared with the fine engraving of the American Bank Note Co., in the Cabot series. The frames of some values are heavy (2c and 8c in particular), although as a whole they are much better than the earlier productions of Whitehead, Morris & Co., Ltd. (Guy and Coronation series). The small size is convenient for use on receipts and other documents requiring their use fiscally, but the stamps lack the clearness which a larger size would have given them.

Air Mail stamps of 10c and 15c were ordered at a time when it seemed likely that a contract would be entered into with Major Cotton for the winter carrying of mails, but this did not materialize, and in October, 1923, the planes were shipped away from the island. There being no use for air mail stamps, they were cancelled.

The 20c and 24c stamps of the series did not arrive with the first consignment of stamps. Through some mixup in telegraphic correspondence, work on the 20c was held and it was said that as someone "higher up" objected to the design of the 24c, this too was held. The probability is that the authorities desired to lower the stock of the 24c Caribou before bringing out the 24c pictorial. In

his report for the year ending June 30, 1922, the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs (W. W. Halfyard) wrote under date of March 1923:—

"The Department has now in preparation a new series of stamps which will be ready for sale within a few months. The set is a pictorial one and consists of 14 regular postage values, i.e., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 20 and 24c, also a 10c and 15c stamp for aerial service. It is unlikely, however, that we shall issue any of the values over 15c this year."

Work on both values was ordered to proceed at the end of September, and the 24c was received at St. John's on April 15, 1924, and the 20c on April 26th—10,000 of each (100 sheets). A small quantity of the 24c was released by the Deputy Minister of Posts and Telegraphs on April 22nd, and of the 20c on April 28th. Subsequently orders booked from abroad were supplied by the Wholesale Dept. of the G. P. O., but for many months they were not on sale to the public except in complete sets.

The 20c is orange brown in color (although dark green was selected by the Post Office Department), and the 24c sepia; the shape of the former being a horizontal rectangle, and the latter, an upright rectangle. Both are printed from line engraved plates on unwatermarked paper, in sheets of 100 (10 x 10), with plain margins, except for a cross mark for quartering purposes in each of the four margins. The 20c is perforated comb 14 x 13½ and the 24c single line 14.

The frame designs of the 20c and 24c are identical with those of the 12c and 4c respectively, and the inscriptions are similarly positioned. A descriptive title appears under the vignette in minute colored letters—on the 20c reading "Placentia, from Mount Pleasant," and on the 24c "Topsail Falls, near St. John's" from photographs by Doyle and Holloway respectively.

National War Memorial Stamps.

On Commemoration Day, July 1, 1924, the 8th anniversary of the battle of Beaumont Hamel, Newfoundland's National War Memorial, in honor of those "who gave their lives by sea and land for the defense of the British Empire in the Great War, 1914-18", was unveiled by Field Marshal Earl Haig. Detachments from the English, French and American men-of-war in port participated in the ceremonies.

The Memorial stands on King's Beach, in the eastern part of St. John's (opposite the landing pier of the Red Cross Line), where Sir Humphrey Gilbert, on August 5, 1583, read his commission from Queen Elizabeth empowering him in her name to take possession of the island. The Royal Arms cut in lead were affixed to a post, a salute was fired, and the flag of England raised. This was the first official hoisting of the British flag in "British Dominions beyond the sea," and incidentally, the founding of the British Empire.

Early in May, 1924, the suggestion was made that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs issue a special stamp, or a

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series of low face value, depicting Memorial, and the various groups statutory which form it. The figure representing the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, the Royal Naval Reserve, the allegory of Freedom (which mounts the Memorial) in particular would lend themselves effectively to production in stamp designs.

The authorities thought favorably the suggestion and as the shortness of time would not permit the preparation of stamps in special design, a suitable print (1916—July 1st—1924) applied part of the remainder stock of the Caribou (Beaumont Hamel) was considered. This project would doubt have been carried through had it been for a change in government. The country was in the throes of a General Election, and action had to be deferred until the results of the poll on June were made known. The Opposition successful, and when the new Minister was sworn in on Monday, June 9th, portfolio of Minister of Posts and Telegraphs fell to Mr. W. J. Wood (vice M. E. Hawco).

Stamp Sales.

The revenue of the Department for the year 1921-22, was \$368,303.71, an expenditure of \$1,311,834.25. Of latter figure \$628,683.27 represents postage subsidies. The value of stamps and stationery sold during year was \$226,536.76, as against \$247,137.53 in the previous year.

Slogan Cancellations.

In the G. P. O. at St. John's, are electric cancelling machines, which place the postmark in the form of a slogan lined circle, lettered around the inner edge. "St. John's, Nfld. 1924", and "MAY 6 PM" in two lines in the center. flag of seven wavy lines extends to right, and this at times is removed and replaced by a slogan die.

The first to be used was in 1918: "I will—win the war—don't waste similar in type to those used by most of the larger cities in the States at period. This was removed early in January, 1919, and the wavy lines re-installed.

About the middle of May, 1921, flag portion was removed (from one machine only), and a special die inserted—"Buy—Made In—Newfoundland Goods." Another variety appeared March 14, 1922: "Have you contributed to the—War Memorial," which was in use until the end of August.

On March 1, 1923, a fourth variety came into use "Address—mail to Street or—Box Number," and for six months was in concurrent use with the "Buy Made in Newfoundland Goods"—i.e., one on each machine.

The latter was replaced on October 17, 1923, by one furnished by the G. P. O., London, lettered "British Empire a lion facing the left, with five wavy lines at either side—"Exhibition 1924." Varieties four and five were being used concurrently in August, 1924.

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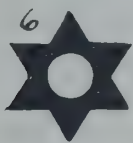
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UNITED STATES CANCELLATIONS.

By F. O. SELIANOFF.

GROUP 6—STARS.

is is a pleasing cancellation, and d in various colors, makes an at- tive display in a collection. I have only one Star cancellation prior to issues, a small solid star on the 3 1857. On the '61, '67, '69 and '70 are d solid stars of various dimensions



colors; in circles, colorless in blocks in circles, serrated circles and in s, combined, and last in small s in oval with horizontal bars. On s from 1870 to 1890, there are many ions which have not been found on earlier issues, and from 1890 to the are still some new varieties. The group contains many rare and obso- lutions, something like 500 varieties and used at several thousand posts. The following are a few of the important that I have seen and

id Stars:—Monument Beach, 3 ½ circles, date, Barnstable Co., s, oblong, octagon postmark; Ains- i, W. Ter., green cancell.; Valley, Pa. (eight pointed); Milford, ornia, S. A. Doyle, P. M. (Polar purple); Cannonsville, N. Y. (out- star, green cancell.); fifty varieties on 3 cent 1861 from 5 to 30mm, all ent; Pratt Junction, Mass. (very star); Castile, N. Y. (purple); Steuben Co., N. Y.; Cannonsville, ; Glenallen, Va. (octagon postmk.); nd, Ind. (inverted wtmk.); Berlin, a. (blue cancell.); Amsterdam, N. Y.; City, Mont. (red cancell.).

rs in Circles and Combined:— ington Prairie, Iowa (double); ale, Cal. (8 pointed); Waltham, (small star in center of 7 arrow ed blocks); Happy Camp, del Co., Cal. (violet); small star in of globe, beneath a small animal and less line, all in block '61; 9 pointed '61; the same, with solid target in s, '61; very small star in block, s, 15 different stars in circles, '61; in double circle, '61; Star open in s, serrated circle, '61; Double star, agon frame and five small balls, '61 s; Diamond shaped star in circle; 7 pointed star in circle; star with al in center surrounded with elec- rays shooting out in all directions; all stars in oval, three curved lines and below, 3 cent, 1869; 6 diamond d stars in center of sun rays, 1871, 9 and '83; La Salle, Nia. Co., N. Y., H. S. Kinsby, P. M., oblong frame, frame in middle, blue cancell.; Skow-

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Stars in Circle and Horizontal Bars:—Spring Valley, Minn.; Caldwell, Texas; Salt Lake City, Utah; St. Louis, Mo.; Kansas City, Kans.; Brownsville, Texas; Los Angeles, Calif.

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Additions from 1890 to 1900:—A description of cancellations pertaining to stamp issues, only as relative data. 10 pointed star on 2c 1890; star with square in center, '90; 4 pointed star and 4 ornaments, '90; 4 pointed and large colorless center, '90; 5 pointed and large colorless center, '90; star with circle and target in center, '90; star with small square center surrounded with ornaments; small star in double lined diamond shaped frame, '90; the same, single lined, '90; colorless star in center of circles, Columbian issue, '93; star in double lined circle, Columbian issue, '93; star with colorless target in double circle, '94; triple star, '94; double star outlined, '95; large Polar Star, violet, '95; very small colorless in circle, '95; 6 pointed star with colorless oblong square in center, '95; ornamental ring forming a colorless star, '95; star and crescent, '95; small colorless in block and 5 small colorless targets, '95; 13 pointed colorless star, '95; 5 pointed colorless star formed by spearheads, '95.

Except in some instances when a few 4th class P. O. continued to use this cancell. there are hardly any to be seen after 1900 and then only as Com. Machine cancell. There are some precanceled stars which shall be described in part 3 under the caption of "Commercial and Historical Cancellations."

As to clearness, beauty and different colors, I shall here describe a few desirable "Star" P. O. cancellations: Althlone, Calif., '86, colorless in circle, violet; Gibraltar, Mich., '82 (rare); Cherokee, Kansas, '82 (very rare); Ithaca, Ohio, colorless, solid, '80; Red Kern, Md., '80, purple; Tempe, Arizona, Maricopa Co., '83, purple; Alexander, Va., florated star with triangle, '61; Sebastopol, Calif., circle, blue; McDowell, Arizona Ter., purple; Napa City, Calif., 4 pointed (rare); Paradise, Ky., '83, solid star with 5 small dots; Meridian, Ill., '80, red; Port Byron, N. Y., solid; Odell, Livingston Co., Ill., '80, green (rare); Oneida, Illinois, blue; Thomasboro, Ill., '82, blue; Visalia, Calif.; Townline, N. Y., '81, violet; Petersburg, Va., outlined solid circle, '70; Mellenville, N. Y., '79, circle, blue; Detroit, Pa., circle; Haywards, Calif., '91, in circle (rare); Port Hunter, N. Y., '82, fancy circle, red; Arlington, Va., '82 (fine); San Pablo, California, '82 (rare); Rentchler, Ill., '80 (a beauty); Wyandotte, Mich., '82, Cogwheel, double lined circle Pmk. (rare); Melrose, Iowa, '80, red; Pittsford, N. Y., '80 (very fine); Canton, Ohio, purple; Garrison's, Putnam Co., N. Y., '81, blue; East Olden, cester, Mass., '82 (rare).

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

While expectations ran high as to the
 attendance at the Detroit convention, it
 is seen from indications that no dis-
 appointment will be felt on the score of
 numerical showing at Detroit. The
 number of delegates already present is
 such as to be impressive, and the interest
 in the affairs of the national organization
 is at the highest point; and, too, credit
 must be given for the increased general
 interest that is felt in philately. From
 near and far, new and old members are
 gathering at the headquarters in Detroit,
 and on the eve of the convention it is but
 just to say that the meeting will be one
 worthy of large letters on the scroll of
 the A. P. S. There is a feeling that the
 proceedings of the convention will be
 lively. Talk of proposed legislation goes
 on, and it is seen that there is a division
 of opinion on certain of the proposals
 that will come before the convention.
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 most to systematize everything so that an
 orderly meeting will result, and they are
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 ments in the meeting. One of the most
 drastic suggestions is that advising the
 merging of the sales department and the
 office of secretary under one administra-
 tive head. We forbear to comment at
 this time on it as a fuller understanding
 of the subject will be necessary before
 one may cope with it intelligently. Sev-
 eral measures are to be offered looking
 for relief from conditions as they apply
 in an individual sense to certain sections,
 and we believe that the personal element
 will not be lacking in the discussions at
 the sessions. Taking the view of the dis-
 interested by-stander we may say with
 every assurance that the convention in a
 preliminary sense gives reason to feel
 that it will not suffer by comparison with
 conventions of other organizations hav-
 ing a somewhat serious purpose. This is
 well, and while the annual meetings of
 our national body have always been re-
 moved from triviality, yet it is only in
 later years that the earnest application of
 those interested in the legislative side has
 come to fullest flower. We rejoice in the
 feeling that philately is coming into its
 own; and we have at hand evidence to
 that effect in the annual meeting of the
 A. P. S. at Detroit.

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In this issue we shall try to have some
 further references to the convention;
 and we shall by no means slight the an-
 nual meeting of the American Stamp
 Dealers Association, as the conventions
 of that organization latterly have had a
 decided influence on the morale of the
 dealing body in this country. A good
 attendance is assured at this convention
 of the A. S. D. A., and it will be inter-
 esting to see what further evidences of
 progress will be unfolded at the meeting.
 While it is true that the transactions of
 this body by their nature are of a secret
 kind, yet there are always general con-
 siderations that are discussed that de-
 serve publicity. The idea of improve-
 ment in a commercial sense is one that
 should be enlarged to its fullest useful-
 ness; and we speak in behalf of the great
 majority of dealers in this country when
 we say that they are in sympathy with
 the thought of bettering trade relations
 as affecting interchange among them-
 selves, and, of course, with their cus-
 tomers. While some of them admit that
 they are backward in giving material
 support to the movement, yet they prom-
 ise that as time goes on they will devote
 more attention to it. As the average

tone of dealers becomes elevated, the
 pleasure that collectors will have in fol-
 lowing their pursuit and buying their
 stamps will be enhanced, and one need
 not be particularly forward-looking in
 saying that in a few years remedial
 measures that are now in their infancy
 will have become accepted as paragraphs
 in the code of business ethics. The Mon-
 day morning session of the dealers' or-
 ganization is a success so far as attend-
 ance; and such particulars as are intended
 for public consumption will be given in
 an early issue.

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In the Boston Sunday Globe of August
 3, 1924, we find an article covering al-
 most a half page that is headed "Postage
 Stamp Romance with Wealth at the
 End"; and with the sub-heading "Brain-
 tree School Teacher Wins Long Fight to
 Prove his 71 'Missionaries' are Genuine,
 Worth Up to \$12,000 Each." It is ap-
 parent that Mr. G. H. Grinnell has en-
 listed aid from important sources, judg-
 ing from the wonderful publicity that his
 stamps have attained. It is something to
 find an article of this kind in a Sunday
 newspaper of the circulation of the
 Globe, and the well-written account of
 this romance of postage stamps is one
 that will cause a wide-spread interest on
 the part of the public on the subject of
 the missionaries, the three varieties of
 which are illustrated in the article. We
 are particularly impressed by one of the
 sub-heads in the story, "On the Right
 Track At Last" which leads up to the
 very affidavit that we presented in the
 preceding issue. The conclusion of the
 writer of this remarkable article is inter-
 esting, and even in case we find space
 for the article in its entirety elsewhere,
 it will do no harm to submit it here. "And
 now, with this precious letter safely in
 his possession, Grinnell is starting back
 to Los Angeles. He will probably put
 his Missionary stamps on the market
 when he returns. The school-teacher
 collector does not talk much about that
 phase of the situation. The fact that he
 has just found the key that will unlock
 close to \$400,000 to him seems to affect
 him not at all. He does not collect
 stamps for business, but for pleasure.
 And his chief satisfaction in the Mission-
 ary Stamp affair seems to be that he has
 at last justified himself in the eyes of all
 those who branded him as the "bogus"
 stamp collector at the time of his \$65,000
 law suit several years ago. "I challenge
 any stamp collector to produce as good
 a pedigree for his Missionary Stamps as
 I have," he said, proudly. And Grinnell
 will tell you that to a real stamp collector
 months of toil and trouble are a cheap
 price to pay for the privilege of being
 able to say that.

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 cannot escape the conviction that he
 that his stamps are absolutely genui-
 and in answer to the charge that they
 not possess wholly the characterist
 marking the known genuine stamps
 the first issue of Hawaii, he maintai-
 that notwithstanding the discrepancies
 a technical sense, they are bona fide e-
 anations from the Islands. He reali-
 that the decision of the Court must ha-
 its effect on those who have followed
 case, and the obstacle presented
 caused him to throw himself into the
 for the good reputation of his stan-
 with more determination than ever
 fore. He has gone to lengths that
 speak his earnest beliefs. Judging fr-
 his words, Mr. Grinnell now feels th-
 it is a task to be carried through to c-
 pletion to prove that his position is u-
 assailable. He says that he will dev-
 all the years of his life if necessary
 giving his stamps an unimpeachable
 of health. The evidence provided by
 affidavit of the Rev. Oliver P. Emers-
 is a concrete example of the intelli-
 activities of Mr. Grinnell, and one m-
 believe the testimony of one's senses a-
 say that Mr. Grinnell has buckled to
 work effectively. He has shown us a-
 davits, and it is hard to remain unshak-
 in the light of their disclosures, and
 can only say at this time that he h-
 made progress of astonishing kind s-
 the handicap was placed on his poss-
 sions by the dictum of the court. V-
 hope that when Mr. Grinnell can accum-
 late evidence that is incontrovertib-
 there will be a suitable recognition of
 position, and from what we know of
 case, without any wish to pre-judge
 so far as subsequent developments m-
 be concerned, it is the most astoundi-
 instance of philatelic kind that has ev-
 made its influence felt in our little wor-

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We have had a communication fr-
 Mr. Charles S. Chevrier of Trent-
 New Jersey, in which he takes issue w-
 Mr. Melville for certain of the stan-
 ments in the article in our paper of Ju-
 28 entitled "The Riddle of Rhodesia"
 Our correspondent says, after quoti-
 Mr. Melville, as follows: "We rega-
 postage stamps as documents as sac-
 as any other official documents, and
 do not see how anyone can justify t-
 application of a postmark dated 1913
 some date in 1923 or 1924. It is an abu-
 of the official evidence of the postmar-
 Mr. Chevrier says: "I fail to get M-
 Melville's meaning. How can any-
 justify the cancelling of a stamp at a
 time that has not done postal duty? It
 a fraud upon the collector pure a-
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cancelled is worthless. I am surprised to find that any reputable stamp firm would have had anything to do with the transaction, no matter what the profits were, and no one can wonder they sold them as such. If they will do this where will they stop? I feel sure that all of your readers will agree with me when I say that stamps cancelled to order are worthless and should not have a place in any collection. I have gone over my stock and destroyed every stamp so cancelled. I found a good many of them in circulation received from wholesale dealers of standing. If there is not a stop to these fraudulent practices the hobby will receive a blow it will never get over. But that outsiders, not one bit interested in stamps, are becoming dealers, thinking in an easy way to make money? If it is the sooner the serious collector learns to know them and strike them from his list the better." The stand taken by this dealer is one that must be commended, and at the same time there has been a misunderstanding that the post-marked order cancellation is not a sheep that is dyed black in indelible ink. The fact is that it has long been the custom of my post-offices throughout the world to cancel an unused set of stamps that might be bought, upon the request of the dealer. The custom has prevailed by sufficiency if nothing more, and while there are collectors who taboo post-marked to order stamps even when the post-marking is done on a wholesale basis, yet there are many who accept them, while realizing that they may suffer in interest in comparison with the genuinely post-marked stamp. It is, of course, best not to condone any short-coming but rather to eliminate it at one stroke as Mr. Mulford does, but the title that is given to the custom of years is not surrendered easily as might be hoped. The fact is it is impossible in some instances to tell the difference between the postally cancelled stamp and the one used to order a stamp, a complexity to the subject that makes it all the harder to answer by a simple "yes" or "no." Whether all collectors would take the high stand that Mr. Chevrier does is a question, and we have no doubt but that the words of our respondent while striking a responsive chord in the breast of many a reader also cause some to speak in defense of the cancelled to order stamp. We remember how the Columbian sets bought by the post-office were cancelled by obliging clerks at the request of the collector who wanted his stamps "used," and we have no doubt that such a collector would resent the implication that his stamps were fraudulent in any of their uses. Yet there are other collectors who will say that stamps so treated have long been rubbed off their sentiment. In our experience, we say that the question is one that will excite no little difference of opinion.

view of the fact that we have some-thing to say about the stamp activities of Russia, we are under the necessity of giving space to the following communication from Mr. Montgomery Mulford,

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949 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, New York; and we admire Mr. Mulford's stand because he seriously opposes what at best may be called a demoralizing influence, if allowed to run unchecked, that aims to promote antagonisms among stamp collectors who are singularly free from all forms of class consciousness. We have not been insensible to the campaign for the Soviet organization to be composed of stamp collectors, but it is our belief that collectors cannot have any justification for supporting a movement that has a political bias in connection with philatelic interest. The fact, too, that there is a certain lack of philatelic certainty in the teachings of the manifestants does not strengthen the case of the committee, and we cannot think that any considerable support could be given to so radical a movement as that indicated by the sponsors of the Soviet society. We believe that little or no interest will be felt in this country in the progress of this allegedly non-partisan club but which underlying has a motive that advocates disruption of lines of conduct which have been established through years of successful usage.

"To Every Right-Thinking Philatelist: In the June issue of the *Stamp Planet* (Florida, N. Y.), of which I am one of a trio of associate editors, I argued against sponsoring that Russian Soviet Organization made up of stamp collectors. Now that I observe the story in MEKEEL'S, would you allow space for the following?

The leaders of this 'Phelintern' are men who declare that the club now officially organized is non-partisan. But can we believe them? Is it not rather a propaganda scheme to spread the Communist ideas—at least to foster good will toward the Soviets who rule at Moscow?

One of the leaders who is among those advocating Esperanto as the tongue to be adopted in which all will speak and write in, declared that the members had better learn this nova language, which will 'one day be used by the workers of the Soviet World Federation.' Aren't the Soviets idealistic? A world federation? At every opportune moment the Marxians will speak upon the Communisto Manifesto.

However, if it can be shown that this is truly a non-party society, I shall join. But I am from Missouri! And furthermore, I cannot see a Soviet omitting to talk about his doctrine which most of the world has repudiated, any more than I can imagine La Follette surrendering to the Conservative Republicans.

We must not degrade Philately into a propaganda bureau. We must sincerely abolish nationalistic antagonisms. The collecting of stamps is international, and

GREAT A. P. S. CONVENTION.

From a wire received from Detroit we learn that a most successful convention of the A. P. S. was held there. J. Brace Chittenden and Charles J. Phillips are the new members of the Board of Directors. It was voted to raise the dues of the members to \$3 per year. The 1925 convention will be held in Los Angeles, Cal. The attendance was large, and the convention closed with a great banquet. \$1,000 was voted for publicity purposes.

An extended report will be given next week.

should remain strictly international in practice as well as in theory.

The president of the Philintern is a Communist. The executive committee is of course made up of various states—one member representing the U. S. A.; but does this alter the case that the Soviets will not hold a share—the greater share, in the society? Better have the society's headquarters in Switzerland, preferably in Geneva, for is not this place the meeting ground of Internationalism?"

NEWS CLEANINGS.

—Several of our subscribers have made inquiry in regard to the prospects of getting a return of their money on remittances sent in connection with the North Polar Flight cards. At last reports the expedition had been held up because of lack of funds. If more stamp collectors will send in more dollars it is possible that the flight may be duly financed. In the meantime we can only await developments.

—E. W. Munson sends us a clipping from the Post Office of May, 1896, in which was a strong protest against commemorative issues. Mr. Munson considers this quite apropos in view of the fact that thirty years later the subject is still before us for consideration. It always will be.

—In connection with the splendid publicity features of the S.P.A. convention at New York, a fine article appeared in the New York *World*, of Sunday, August 10. It is well put together and must work out a good advertisement for our hobby. Our thanks to John U. Hoffman for the clipping.

—Alfred F. Lichtenstein, calling our attention to the death of Hugo Griber, pays a warm tribute to this veteran English dealer. He expresses the sentiment that the philatelic world has lost in him one of its great leaders—a

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—The party who desired to know the address of Frank L. Meisch can reach him by addressing 71 W. 23 St., N. Y. City. We are indebted to D. D. Berolzheimer for this information.

—We have received from Albert C. Gakenheimer full page clipping from the magazine section of the Baltimore *Sun* of August 10. It gives space to a feature article entitled, "Two Cents Stamp Sends Men to Risk Their Lives." There are no fewer than five large illustrations showing the perils that the mail carriers are compelled to face in storm, ice and snow. The whole story is so finely displayed as to compel attention.

—The El Paso *Herald* August 8 printed a fine column article by G. A. Martin entitled, "The Science of Philately." The fascinating and educational features of the hobby were treated in a very interesting manner and we highly commend club activity of this kind.

—Carl Wold sends us two newspaper clippings. One shows Joseph Hoffman in the act of examining an exhibition entry at the recent convention of the S.P.A. The other pictures Edward J. Vogel of Readville, Mass., exhibiting a book in which are 536,000 stamps, many of the pages being arranged in fanciful designs. Mr. Vogel took the book to the White House and Pres. Coolidge autographed it.

—Mr. Lowell J. Ragatz writes: "The following from Mrs. Gaskell's 'Cranford,' refers to some English letters written about 1780: 'The paper was very yellow and the ink very brown; some of the sheets were (as Miss Matty made me observe) the old original post, with the stamp in the corner, representing a post boy riding for life twanging his horn. Do you recall having seen any of these post boy impressions here called 'stamps.' If so, just what were they like?' We are at sea here and shall make no attempt to pull for the shore. Perhaps some sapient reader will have some very simple explanation to give.

—John Kukell, of Blaine, O., sends us the following bit of information received from a Hungary correspondent:—

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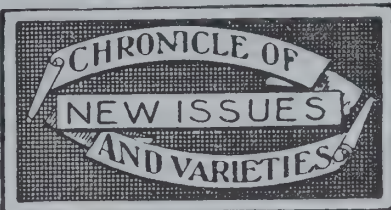
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United States.

New Rotary Print Stamps.

I am officially advised by the Department that they contemplate having ready for delivery during October next, new 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c and 10c stamps in the current design, perforated 10, in sheet form from the rotary press. These will be distributed generally through the larger post-offices in precanceled form, the precanceling being done at the Bureau.

At this time it is not expected that stamps in this form will be distributed in other than precanceled condition, although they will be available in unused condition at the Philatelic Agency.

The work of precanceling our postage stamps at Washington is being done so efficiently and the saving is so great, that it is only a matter of time as we stated many months back in our Chronicle, before practically all of the precanceling for even the smaller offices will be done at Washington.

I understand plates are about to be made for these new emissions, and the Bureau will possibly put in new presses to take care of this additional work.

Unusual 3c 1851 covers.

There was recently located in Philadelphia an attractive find consisting of some six hundred covers, mostly of the 3c 1851, but some few scattering 1c, 5c, 10c and 12c. These were sold locally by the well known auction house of Stan V. Henkels & Son.

The choicest piece in the lot consisted of a block of ten of the 3c 1851 on an envelope on cover lightly cancelled "Cairo, Ill., Aug. 20." The stamps were in superb condition with margins on all four sides and the piece was acquired by your editor at \$200. He also paid \$140 for a wonderful horizontal strip of ten of the same stamp, beautifully cancelled on entire cover "Washington, D. C., Oct 21, 1855." A third beautiful cover consisting of an L shaped strip of ten, 8 vertically x 3 horizontally, postmarked "Natchez, Mi., Aug 21", changed hands at \$210. The stamps were in very fine condition and were each cancelled with the word "Paid." A block of four on cover with the 6c envelope sold at \$27.50; a block of six partly severed horizontally sold at \$40; while a block of seven brought \$61. Horizontal strips of four went from \$7 to \$10, in accordance with condition. A 5c slightly damaged in

combination with a 10c in addition to a couple other covers of less importance sold at \$42. A vertical pair of the 12c, very fine, along with the 3c, sold at \$47.50, while a single copy of the 12c with 3c sold at \$40. A very fine single copy on the cover of the 12c in the finest of condition, with large margins on all sides, lightly cancelled, "Cairo, Ill., Dec. 1" went to a Philadelphia collector at \$35.00. Dr. Chase paid \$60 and \$87 per hundred respectively for two lots of the 3c on the cover. Ten covers with six horizontal strips of three, and four vertical strips of three, found a new owner at \$32.50. Twenty-five horizontal pairs and ten vertical pairs sold at \$27.50.

In the case of the 3c 1857, there were two copies of a new railroad cancellation unknown heretofore, reading "Ea-Br-Illinois Central R. R., September 9" sold at \$16 and \$17 each.

The lot had been absolutely unpicked and was found in the effects of an autograph collector, who had acquired the correspondence and put the covers away.

Air Mail to South America.

Mr. S. Hyman sends me a clipping from the *Daily News* of July 9th, containing an interesting article entitled "Air line to link U. S. to South America." It is stated that one route will go via New Orleans and one via the West Indies, both being directed to Buenos Aires. A detailed description is given as to how the mail will be carried, a distance of 8,045 miles when going to the Argentine, and 6,204 miles to Brazil. It is expected that mail will be delivered in ten to eleven days instead of twenty-three to twenty-nine days.

The organization which will conduct this service is known as the Continental Air Mail Service, and it is expected that they will be in a position to transmit mail at an early date.

CEYLON.—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* reports that the 5r on script paper has been despatched to the Colony and also the 50r on the same paper. The 20r script is in preparation.

COLOMBIA.—Provisional. The remainder of the 4c violet of 1917, consisting of 249,000 stamps, has been newly surcharged: "Provisional \$0.03." in characters that differ from the similar surcharge of 1922 in that the zeros are rounder.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

CYPRUS.—We learn from Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* that supplies of the new series of stamps have been sent to the colony.

FIJI.—The 3d blue has been issued on script watermarked paper. Mr. R. Roberts sends a copy for chronicle.

GIBRALTAR.—Two more values of the current series have been issued on the script paper. They are the 1sh from plate 2 and the 2sh from plate 1. Mr. R. Roberts kindly sends us copies of each value.

JAPAN.—Whitfield King & Co.'s *Bulletin* is informed by their Tokio agent that the Earthquake stamps were not

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NIGERIA.—Mr. R. Roberts has sent for chronicle the 6d on script watermarked paper.

MEXICO.—Yucatan.—A rebel stamp has been issued here, says the *Bulletin Mensuel*: 5c lithographed (colour not stated) *Campêche* and *Chiapas*.—From the same source we learn that two new stamps for these States are about to be issued by the rebels, 5c and 10c.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

MOZAMBIQUE.—New values. By decree of May 18, the series of 1918-21 shortly to be completed by the issue of the following values: Escudos 0.25, 0.75, 1.25, 5.00, 10.00, 20.00.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

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AN MARINO.—Postage Dues. The 5c, 60c and 5 lire of the current series exhausted and will not be reprinted. A new series is in preparation.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

ERRA LEONE.—Mr. R. Roberts receives the 1d purple on script watermarked paper.

TRUTH.—New printing. Messrs. Whitcomb King show us copies of an undoubtedly new printing, different in color and greatly improved workmanship: 1 lake (hitherto red).—*Philatelic Magazine*.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—Mr. G. W. Wolds informs Stanley Gibbons that a sheet of the 1d blue found with the top row of the stamp panes imperforate between stamp margin. The 1½d has been noted as perforate between horizontal pairs.

OUTH WEST AFRICA.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts a pair of the fourth setting in larger type. The "West" measures 16mm long and the "Zuidwest" measures 12mm in height.

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A LETTER FROM LONDON

By SOUREN YOHANESSIANZ.

(It is always a pleasure for us to hear from our friends and especially when they are visiting in foreign fields. To take time when one is traveling, for service of this kind, impresses us with the loyalty the WEEKLY commands. Mr. Yohanessianz sends us this letter from London.—W. O. W.)

The collectors of U. S. stamps will be pleased to learn that on this side of the Atlantic the stamps of U. S. are more in demand than even in their mother country.

Very seldom one sees in the dealers' stock books anything of the first issue in very fine condition and then one wants to cry S. O. S. when he learns the prices asked.

For instance, here are some prices asked for fair to fine copies:

5c 1847, 20 to 30 shillings

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even for a 10c 1869, 12 to 15 shillings. Others alike.

The dealers in general seem to be well supplied with classic stamps of Europe, but here again prices are in many instances higher than we are accustomed to. For instance, I was asked for Norway No. 1 from 12 to 40 shillings, the last for blue cancellation.

The demand of German dealers for old German States stamps has boosted the prices on these stamps to the highest imaginable.

Though issuing many stamps during and immediately after the war has caused some criticism at first among prominent dealers in the United States, the result was not as alarming as was thought—contrary, the Philately has benefited more than ever. In fact, not alone the philatelic publicity, but the ever-increasing issues of stamps by different governments has attracted the attention of the mass in general and stamp collecting is attracting the interest of as many people as the baseball or horse racing, with the results that the ignorance of philately of yesterday by the public in general is more or less a matter of "past" today. Judge yourself:

At Wembley Ex. post-office I was attracted by some ladies or gentlemen who were buying stamps, for their letters and some in surplus for "souvenirs" as I was informed by one of them, whom curiously I asked if he was a collector. Now every collector or dealer, if he tries to remember the origin of his own start, undoubtedly will find that "some one gave him, or just himself he acquired a few nice looking stamps for "souvenirs" and from that first temptation he gradually become a real stamp bug.

Here is another pleasing fact: The *Atlantic Edition of the Daily Mail*, issued daily during the travel on S.S. Aquitania announce in its columns under date of July 14 in mid-ocean news received by radio that the German government issued

two new stamps, etc., and daily during my travel from N. Y. to Southampton I found in the columns of *A. E. of D.* Mail some interesting comments on philately.

This last fact shows how deeply philately has touched the public interest.

As a "20th century man" am leaving today 10.15 A. M. by airplane of imperial mail line to Paris and hope to have my lunch at Hotel Grillon in Paris at 12 noon, that is in an hour and 40 m.

Sincerely yours.

SEEN BY AN ATTENDANT.

The biggest thing about the 30th Annual Convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans at the Hotel Continental, New York City, on August 4, 5 and 6 was the reporters that flocked around. The Publicity Committee sent out an innocent little notice four days before the event saying a little item about how these "interesting folk" might appeal to the newspapers. Reporters from ten local dailies, big papers like the *World* and *Times*, etc., four photographers and a movie operator came to the Convention and "covered it." All had reports of it.

The next biggest thing was the enthusiasm.

The third biggest thing was the heat. It was awful!

The fourth was the adoption of a new constitution.

The fifth was the appointment of a Board of Governors for life, Messrs. Hoffman, Camp and Schlesinger.

Fifty-eight members enrolled. There were many additional visitors. The auction audience Tuesday afternoon numbered over 100. At the Bourse of Swap and Sell, Tuesday evening, the howling mob of bargain sellers and buyers ran over that figure.

The Convention opened with a Convocation prayer by Secretary Lycett, followed by an address of welcome by Dr. J. Brace Chittenden, the Austrian specialist, Secretary of the N. Y. Collectors Club and Dean of New York Philatelists.

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New Issue Notes—The 14- and 25-cent denominations continue to come all too slowly. It will undoubtedly take some time for their use to become general. Many collectors are specializing on the former value. It is regrettable that another color was not chosen for this stamp, as the dark blue renders illegible many precancellations which otherwise would be satisfactory.

The two- and five-dollar values are the only ones of the new series which are yet to be discovered in precancelled condition. I have a hunch that Endicott and Rochester, N. Y., will be the first cities to use the two-dollar.

The Huguenot-Walloon varieties are mounting steadily. Omaha, Nebr., 1 cent (U-14 electro) was the first printed one to appear. Fort Dodge, Iowa, is now out on all values. Federalsburg, Md., is printed from regular type, the size of which exceeds any previously used at this city. Save the above, all the others which have come to my attention have been handstamped. The Kardex Company of Tonawanda, N. Y., finds precancelled Walloons to be just the thing for their circulars as the stamp keeps them shut when affixed over the edges. Two types have thus been used. Mail Order houses precancelling stamps received as remittances will precancel the Walloons as a matter of course. Six varieties have already shown up from the Sears-Roebuck Company main office; viz., the three values in normal and inverted positions. Watch the packages from Kansas City, New York, Seattle, St. Paul, Dallas and Portland, Oregon mail order houses and you may pick up something very good.

Aurora, Ill.—This office is producing some pretty printed precancels. The electrotype plate is of 100 subjects, each

of which reads "AURORA, ILL" in fancy caps between very thick lines. The new series 7, 20 and 30 cent came together on a package and were transferred to my album after a nice bath to set them free.

Pressman's Home, Tenn.—To frank the *American Pressman*, precancelled two cent stamps are used in quantity. The type is three lines of small letters between lines and is handstamped. The 2 cent, both old and new series, and Harding have been seen.

Millers Falls, Mass.—A newcomer! Handstamped overprint similar to U-6 but larger. Just the 4 and 5 cent, new series, to chronicle.

West Bend, Wisc.—Same type as Bridgeport, Conn. I have the 5 and 20 cent new series. Another interesting variety is Dell Rapids, S. Dak., 20 cent up. This office has a handstamp of the same style as West Bend. Two others I might mention of more than passing interest are Dillsboro and Loogootee, Ind. The U-3 handstamp does the work.

North Abington, Mass.—Some twenty years ago North Abington precancelled large quantities of the one cent 1902 issue in two different styles of overprint, but the practice shortly ceased and has only recently been revived. An electrotype plate is now on hand, with which a number of sheets of the 1 cent new series has been printed. These precancels are used in the same manner as the Tonawanda, N. Y., 1 cent Walloons, so it is difficult to secure them in fair condition. The crease is usually permanent. I am indebted to Mr. Leon S. Fairbanks for complimentary specimens and information regarding these stamps. Mount Clemens, Mich., and West Carrollton, Ohio, have similar plates and are precancelling the 1 cent new series.

Black River Falls, Wisc.—Mr. Henry Goetzelt furnishes a 1 cent inverted from this city. The type is like Pressman's

Home, Tenn. Mr. Alvin Krouse possesses a 13 cent apple green and I have seen several other values from Black River Falls.

West Grove, Pa.—One of our esteemed readers, Ashley C. Le Duc of Wilmington, Del., has just returned from a trip to Pennsylvania and as is his custom dug up some interesting precancel news that I shall quote from his letter:

"Last Friday I happened to be near West Grove, Pa., and made it a point to stop at the post-office. I found the head clerk very agreeable. He allowed me to glance at the precancelled stock on hand and it was indeed a pretty sight. This was all printed with the regular plate, which, as you know, is a tiny type between lines. No handstamped precancels were on hand, and are used only when the printed ones run short. Of the new series, they have precancelled the 1, 2, 11, 14, 15 and 25. The latter value reads up. I was told that the printer carefully guarded against inverted overprints, doubles and such, so if any of these should be found, they are good property.

The main need for precancels in this city is for the mailing of roses, nursery stock and mushrooms. Conrads (rose growers) are the most important of the permit holders. I noticed packages at the parcel post window, which had just been turned in from Conrads, going to all parts of the country. I should have enjoyed securing some of those covers. West Grove has a population of around 1200 and is located about 20 miles from Wilmington, Del., in the center of a prosperous farming country."

Rockford, Mich.—Mr. W. E. Millman forwards a nice little set of precancels from this city, including the 50 cent and 1 dollar new series. He writes as follows: "Rockford is a town of 1500 inhabitants, fifteen miles from Grand Rapids. The Wolverine Shoe and Tanning Corporation is our largest business enterprise, and uses a great quantity of

precancels daily. About 10 per cent the product goes out by parcel post as there are many large packages, use of high value precancels is quite common.

Conclusion.—I wish to thank Messrs. D. R. Tibbets and Horace Shapiro for valuable information. Matter which of interest to readers of this department is welcome at all times.

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This first post-office, or "exchange," as it was called, was intended only for the handling of letters from abroad or destined thereto, as the language of the order shows, there being at that early date no necessity for a domestic mail service. It had become the custom among Boston citizens, whenever a ship arrived in the harbor, to go aboard in search of letters from relatives and friends on the other side of the Atlantic. This practice increased until it became a nuisance to ship captains, who asked people to stay ashore. As a result the General Court (this was the title of the Provincial Legislature), which had charge of the affairs of the infant colony, made provision for the landing of all mail upon the arrival of a vessel, after which it was taken in charge by Richard Fairbanks, who was to deliver each missive to its proper destination.

The estate of Richard Fairbanks was located on "Cornhill," now known as Washington Street, on which it had a frontage of about sixty feet. According to the researches of the "Boston Commission for Marking Historical Sites," the exact location of the house was on the line between the old and the new buildings of the *Boston Daily Globe*, at 236 Washington Street. It is likely to be marked by the Commission with a tablet suitably inscribed in the near future. Fairbanks had been made a freeman in 1634. In 1637-38 he was allowed to sell "wine and strong water." The bar, indispensable in those days to the business of keeping an inn, was located in the lower floor of the house, and it was here that the townspeople came to get their mail and read it over a friendly glass with the proprietor. John Winthrop was governor when Fairbanks was appointed. The latter had other official duties to perform, as he was pound keeper also, the town being at that time overrun by cattle, swine and goats.

Fairbanks sold his property on Cornhill in 1632, to Robert Turner, or rather "swapped" estates with him. Turner lived on the opposite side of the street, now known locally as "Newspaper Row," and here Fairbanks continued to act as postmaster until 1677.

On January 6, 1673, the General Court provided for a domestic post, the first in New England. The reading of the order was: "Whereas the publicke occasions of the country doe frequently require that messages be sent post, and as yet, no stated allowance in such cases, it is ordered by this Court & the authority thereof, that henceforth every person so sent upon the publicke service of the country shall be allowed by the Treasurer after the rate of three pence a mile to the place to which he is sent, in money, as satisfaction for the expense of horse & man; and no inholder shall take of any such messenger or others travayling upon publicke service more than two shillings a bushell for oates, and fower pence for hay, day and night." This is the first reference made to a domestic postal service until the American Post Office was established in 1693.

After Fairbanks, John Hayward was appointed postmaster upon the filing of a petition by merchants and others complaining that "many times the Letters imported are throwne upon the Exchg. so that who will may take them up; no person (without some satisfaction) being willing to trouble their houses therewith, so that Letters of great moment are frequently lost." Hayward was first appointed in 1677, and was returned to the position at his own request in 1680, when he was first recognized by the title of "post master" and his office first became known as the "post-office." Hayward's house was in "Condit" street, the first stretch of what is now North Street. In 1686 he took an office in the westerly end of the Town House, which stood where the Old State House now stands. From then on until 1693 the service was

expanded to take in several local communities. In 1695 a coach service was begun between Boston and Hartford, which distributed mail along the route. If a message was particularly urgent it was customary to endorse it, "Haste, Post, Haste," which meant, "Haste, Messenger, Haste." This arose from the custom of calling messengers "posts," and it is from this that the expression "post haste," denoting particular speed, has come.

At the outbreak of war between the Dutch and English in 1672, the King directed Gov. Lovelace, of New York, to see what could be done towards establishing a regular postal communication between the Colonies. The town of New York thereupon ordered a "post to go monthly from New York to Boston," but it could not have operated very long, for New York was captured by the Dutch a few months later.

In 1683 a weekly post was established in Pennsylvania from Philadelphia to a number of outlying places. In 1685 Col. Dongan, Governor of New York, restored the service to Boston for a time at least. In the same year a postmaster was appointed by the King for the United New England Colonies. But it was not until Thomas Neale obtained a patent from the King in 1691 to establish a general Colonial post that the first effective intercolonial postal system came into operation. He selected Andrew Hamilton of New Jersey, to organize it, and by 1693 a line of posts was established from Portsmouth, N. H., to Philadelphia, covered by couriers with mails weekly each way. The Crown took back the patent in 1706 and made John Hamilton (son of the founder) Deputy Postmaster-General in 1707.

In 1710 an Act was passed by the British Parliament "For establishing a General Post Office in all Her Majesty's Dominions," which not only repealed all previous enactments but placed the post-office establishment on a new basis. A "General Post and Letter Office" was established in London, "from whence all letters and packets whatsoever may be with speed and expedition sent into any part of the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to North America and the West Indies, or any other of Her Majesty's dominions, or any country or kingdom beyond the seas," and "at which office all returns and answers may be likewise received." For the better "managing, ordering, collecting, and improving the revenue," and also for the better "computing and settling the rates of letters according to distance, a chief office is established in Edinburgh, one in Dublin, one at New York, and other chief offices in convenient places in Her Majesty's colonies of America, and one in the islands of the West Indies, called the Leeward Islands." "The whole of these chief officers shall be under the control of an officer who shall be appointed by the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors, to be made and constituted by letters patent under the Great Seal, by the name and stile of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General." "The Postmaster-General shall appoint deputies for the chief offices in the places named above."

In 1753 Benjamin Franklin received the royal commission as Deputy Postmaster-General of the American Colonies. No man in America had been so identified with the interests of the Colonial post-office as he, and from 1737 he had been postmaster of Philadelphia. He immediately proceeded to systematize the department and personally made a tour of inspection, in which he visited every post-office in the country except that of Charleston, S. C. After four years of his administration the service yielded the salary of the postmasters and a small revenue besides, and in 1774 a clear annual revenue of £3000 to Great Britain. In that year Franklin became politically obnoxious to the British Government and was removed from office. The patriotic movement which resulted in the Revolution was then under way, and the resentment at this act was so great that after 1774 the American post-office never again contributed a farthing to the British Treasury. In fact, in 1775 the Colonies combined to establish their own post-

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By G. L. TINKER.

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His collection was begun when his Majesty was a midshipman in H.M.S. Bacchante, and he probably owes much of his early enthusiasm to his uncle, the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

The Royal collection is confined to the postal issues of Great Britain and the British Empire. Many of the specimens are exceedingly rare.

There are few collectors who know more about their hobby than his Majesty. A paper he prepared and personally read before the Royal Philatelic Society, when Prince of Wales, on the early stamps of his father's reign was a masterpiece. On many occasions he has been instrumental in placing official information at the disposal of collectors.

It is not generally known that, in conjunction with another collector, his Majesty once designed a postage stamp. This was early in his father's reign, and was the well-known portrait type of Canada, showing King Edward in robes of state. The master die was engraved in London, but on arrival in Canada was slightly altered and lost some of the delicacy of the original design.

In September, 1915, the King sent one of his choicest specimens to the National Philatelic War Fund, where it fetched a considerable sum at auction. The stamp was mounted on a card, which was inscribed with full particulars in the King's own handwriting.

In the making of the Queen's Dolls' House, now on show at Wembley, his Majesty's hobby has not been forgotten. Tiny replicas of the Royal albums have been made, each page being a photographic reproduction of an actual leaf from the King's collection.

The Prince of Wales has followed his Royal father in the choice of a hobby. He, however, does not restrict his collection to the Empire. As long ago as 1906, the Prince exhibited a practically complete collection of Liberia, and an unused collection of France and its Colonies, at the International Philatelic Exhibition held in that year.

In 1919 H.R.H. became the hon. president of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, of which the King is now honorary patron.

Like his father, the Prince has taken stamps from his collection to be sold by auction for various funds in which he is interested.

Philately is represented in the Italian, Royal house by Queen Elena and her son Humbert, Prince of Piedmont and Heir Apparent to the throne. They are both very keen collectors, and are chiefly interested in the stamps of their own country.

The Queen has many nice stamps besides those of Italy, and in 1922 received a beautiful album from the King and Queen of the Belgians, containing a complete collection of Belgian stamps.

Both the Queen and Prince Humbert have taken a great interest in Italian exhibitions and philatelic congresses.

The King and Queen of the Belgians are both interested in philately, as is their son, the Duke of Brabant. Some time ago Queen Elizabeth accepted a collection from the Canadian Government.

King Albert is honorary patron of the Stamp Exhibition, now being held in Brussels.

The King of Spain, too, is a very keen collector. His chief interest is in the stamps of his own country and its colonies, France and Portugal.

The latter collection contains some stamps which are known as "the King of Spain reprints." A few specimens of certain issues were reprinted after they had gone out of use, by order of the King of Portugal, so as to complete his friend's collection.

Don Manoel, ex-King of Portugal, also has a very good collection of Portuguese stamps, besides being interested in those of Brazil.

The president of the Swedish Philatelic Society is H.R.H. Gustavus Adolphus.

The Crown Prince prefers the general interest which is derived from a well-filled stamp album, to the rarity of his specimens. Nevertheless, he has some choice items, particularly of his own country. He is very fond of the old issues of Europe—stamps which are now regarded as classics—and British Colonials.

It is strange what a fascination the stamps of the British Empire have for foreigners of all classes. In American philatelic circles, particularly, they are regarded as gilt edge security.

It is believed that King Alexander of Jugo-Slavia is also interested in the hobby.

Outside Europe, there are so far as is known only two Royal philatelists—the King of Egypt and the Crown Prince of Japan.

King Fuad has an exceptionally good collection, and also makes a special study of Egypt, the Sudan, Hedjaz, Palestine, Greece, Serbia, Roumania, Austria, and the Argentine. About five years ago he acquired a very fine collection of his own country. This is now amalgamated with his own, and is probably the finest Egyptian collection in the world.

Prince Hiroyasu Fushimi is one of the many enthusiastic collectors in Japan. He has a very good general collection of over 12,000 varieties and a very fine specialised array of the interesting issues of the land of the Rising Sun. He also is now very keen about British Colonial stamps.

Stamp collectors are to be found in all parts of the world, and in every grade of society. Judging by the number of Royal enthusiasts and the universal popularity of the hobby, it may truly be said of philately that it is "the hobby of kings, and the king of hobbies."—*Birmingham Post.*

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

An author who signs himself "A Modern Dealer" has written a booklet on, "How to Make Money by Stamp Dealing through the Post." The price is one shilling and the book may be obtained from the publisher, A. Clark, 9 Salisbury Rd., N. 22, London, England. We need only add that the book is written along the usual lines of a book of this kind.

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THE A. P. S. CONVENTION AT DETROIT.

The thirty-ninth annual convention of the American Philatelic Society was called to order by the president, C. F. Heyerman, at 10 A. M., Tuesday, August 12th, in the ballroom of the Hotel Statler, Detroit, Michigan, in the presence of several hundred members and visitors. No time was lost in proceeding with business and after the customary addresses of welcome had been made, the committee on credentials made its report. The result of the election was a foregone conclusion with the exception of the vote for the two directors which was decided in favor of Dr. Chittenden and Mr. Phillips. The committee reported 1,121 proxies in hand with a half-dozen members each having the full quota of fifty. The president's address was well received and in speaking of the duty on used United States stamps, imported from abroad, the president called attention to the introduction by Congressman Ackerman of House Bill No. 9159, praying for the removal of the tax and asked that members notify their representatives at Washington that they favor the passage of the bill. He recommended the advance of the cost of membership from two to two and one-half dollars a year but later the convention made the dues three dollars a year while his suggestion that life membership dues be increased to thirty dollars was approved, the new rate to become operative the first of next year.

The reports of the secretary and board of vice-presidents were careful compilations that bespoke faithful stewardship on the parts of the officers of these important branches. The work of the board of vice-presidents showed that due attention was given to all the cases that came before it and a recommendation was made that some provision should be instituted that would avoid as much as possible controversies that came under the head of collection business. The board has brought its work down to date and retires with a sense of duty well performed. The secretary's report reflected the rapid growth of the society which now has an actual membership of 3,031, with a hundred applications in the offing. The figures submitted by the treasurer showed that all the funds with the exception of the general fund had grown while the deficit in the general fund took care of the *American Philatelist* and other necessary expenses.

The first session was given over to the reports of officers, major to minor, and the appointment of committees. On the by-laws committee, Messrs. Stone, Look, Moses, Wolsieffer and Heyerman, ex-officio, were appointed; and the resolutions committee was composed of Messrs. Severn, Diamant and Fernald. Mr. Phillips was chairman of the committee on place of next convention; and Mr. Atherton on the committee on budget.

The session on Wednesday morning was held in the Henry II parlor of the hotel and Postmaster John W. Smith of Detroit, who was introduced by General Coolidge as a mayoralty candidate gave an interesting account of the growth of Detroit in a postal sense. He said that the postage stamp "had an entirely different meaning to the postal clerk than to the stamp collector. To the great army of clerks it meant service."

The report of the Official Expert was a timely and valuable one; and we submit it in its entirety:

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL EXPERT.

PHILADELPHIA, August 1, 1924.

To the Board of Directors and Members of the American Philatelic Society:

During the fiscal year of 1923-24, 1050 stamps were submitted for opinion. Quite a number of these came from foreign countries.

The result of the opinion given on the stamps was as follows: 550 genuine, 340 counterfeit, 65 reprints and 95 forged overprints and cancellations. The genuine stamps included 150 sent for classification.

I am sorry to report that a great influx of forgeries has made its appearance on the American market. Many of the foreign shipments include little known recent issues which find their ways into American collections. Some of the most flagrant of these were reported by the undersigned in the philatelic press throughout the year. These included the Belgium 1915 parcel post surcharges, Russia Volga charity stamps, Batum surcharges, Hungary surcharges for French, Roumanian and Serbian occupations.

American stamp dealers are to be commended for calling our attention to new doubtful stamps as soon as received and by means of co-operation many of the forgeries are caught early and both collectors and dealers saved from future losses. Only by continuing this co-operation can we protect ourselves.

I also wish to call attention to the appearance of perforation forgeries in the recent issues of the United States stamps which were marketed with the apparent intention to defraud. These include part perforate, varieties made from stamps issued imperforate and compound perforations similarly produced. Great care should be exercised in acquiring these. An expert examination is advised.

Respectfully submitted,
EUGENE KLEIN,
Official Expert.

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The third session of Wednesday morning was called to order in the ballroom and messages were read from H. N. Mudge, past president, Mr. Mount of the Philatelic Agency, Washington, and Mr. E. B. Sterling, Trenton, New Jersey, among others. As chairman on the place of next convention, Mr. Phillips submitted a report saying that Boston and Los Angeles were proposed and suggested that the convention seat be voted on by the convention. Boston was nominated by Mr. Hatfield and seconded by Messrs. Drew and Nevin and Los Angeles was proposed by Mr. Henry. Mr. Diamant named St. Louis and Montreal was in the list. A proxy vote was called and when it was seen that Los Angeles was in the lead, Mr. Hatfield moved that the selection of that city be made unanimous.

The resolutions committee reported favorably upon the appropriation of a sum of one thousand dollars for publicity work, the money to be withdrawn from funds on hand. The president is to appoint a committee and the publicity campaign will be carried out under the auspices of the society, of course.

The motion carried a general disclaimer be made of responsibility for damages or losses of any kind received or sustained through auction, bourse or entertainment or any other affair or function held in connection with the annual convention.

The board of vice-presidents was authorized to expend an amount not to exceed two hundred dollars in emergency cases calling for immediate action. The salary of the official editor was placed at \$600 a year with a commission of advertising above a certain amount. The treasurer whose bond was ordered to be \$10,000 was given a salary of two hundred dollars a year. The subscription to the *American Philatelist* for non-members was made two dollars a year and extra copies of the membership list was fixed at five dollars each. Members under twenty-one are to have the letter "J" placed before their names in the list. After a vote of thanks was given to the retiring president and the board of vice-presidents, the press of Detroit, and the ladies and gentlemen of Detroit, Mr. W. C. Stone moved that the convention adjourn sine die.

A. P. S. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

DETROIT, MICH., August 11, 1924.
To the Members of the American Philatelic Society:

In addressing you officially from this my home city for the second time, and at the close of my term as president, it is with pride in the splendid physical and financial condition of our Society that the office will be turned over to my successor. You will agree with me no better candidate than P. M. Wolsieffer could have been chosen; I have no fear in his hands for its continued success.

It must be a matter gratifying to all that our Society, both from standpoint of numbers and as regards the average of its personnel, is now attaining a position of influence and respect properly commensurate with the recognition of philately by the outside world, as a subject worthy of attention by cultured and scientific men, rather than a mere school boy's pastime.

During the year, the first illustrated catalogue according to the Government requirements was issued, and indirectly has greatly aided in the membership campaign conducted by our staunch Secretary, Dr. H. A. Davis, assisted by a large corps of workers. The continued efforts must be put forth even stronger under the new Directors.

It is regretted that the work on the new by-laws to have been submitted at this time has made no progress. It is therefore recommended that the incoming president at once appoint a committee to undertake this work and report to the Society four times during the year in order that the members be posted on the changes to be laid before them in 1925, or if it is deemed best, to employ an attorney to draft an entire new set of by-laws, with the assistance of the President and a small committee of advisers, anything to make absolutely certain that this work will be accomplished during the year.

On the subject of dues, I would recommend that they be raised to \$2.50, a very small fee as compared to the advantages obtained through membership in this Society.

That the Life Memberships be increased to \$30.00, and they are easily worth it.

Membership Lists to be sold at \$5.00 per copy.

The United States Philatelic Agency reports a business of \$125,000.00 for the past six months, an increase of \$25,000.00 for the period, and as this is probably over ninety per cent profit it is recommended that a committee be appointed to confer with the present Post Office Department officers with the view of having the Philatelic Agency give free service as to postage and registration on orders. Matter from other departments are sent free.

No satisfaction was obtained from the Treasury Department in regard to duty on United States used stamps received from abroad. So our Member Congressman, Ernest R. Ackerman, has come again to our aid by introducing Bill No. 9159, in the House for the removal of this seemingly very unjust duty. Those who have not as yet written to their representatives should do so at once, asking their support for the passage of this Bill. You may not buy stamps from abroad yourself, but you will probably obtain better prices from dealers when this tax is removed.

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My heartiest thanks are extended to the officers and members for their support during my term of office.

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THE BRUSSELS EXHIBITION.

By DR. FRANCIS P. RENAUT, F.R.P.S.L.

The Royal Federation of Philatelic Associations of Belgium decided last year to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the introduction of postage stamps in Belgium by organizing an International Philatelic Exhibition in Brussels at the end of the spring. This Exhibition, held from the 24th of May to the 1st of June, was a great success. The Belgian societies displayed strenuous activity in order to give to this event a national as well as an international character. For the Belgians, it was not only the commemoration of the use of postage stamps, but also the commemoration of the first stamps issued, the famous "Epaulettes" so finely engraved and splendidly printed that they can be regarded as the finest stamps produced in the early days of Philately.

Nearly all countries, and the most prominent collectors in every country, had gladly responded to the appeal of the Belgian Committee; so the most marvellous philatelic gems were to be seen in Brussels, and though I have visited all the important philatelic exhibitions held since the war I must confess that, except in London, I never saw quantity and quality united to such an extent as in Brussels. The Palace of Arenberg, now known as the Palace of Egmont, was put at the disposal of the Committee for the display of the collections, and though it contains many large rooms and halls it could barely hold the numerous sheets sent by the exhibitors. A hall, two large rooms, and nine smaller ones were devoted to the Exhibition.

One of the most conspicuous features of this international competition—and one of the most encouraging—is the effort of scientific Philately to assert itself and take its real place, leaving in the background the mere accumulation of stamps, or even rarities. I note with pleasure the relative decline of the exhibition of general collections, or of complete collections of one country. Such exhibits only afford satisfaction to their owners, and give to visitors neither new impressions nor new knowledge. Also there was no tendency to exhibit whole sheets of great rarities, "big guns," as such stamps are often called on the Continent. Rarities cannot be really appreciated among lots of other rarities, and their real place is in the frame of a normal issue or of a general study of the country.

There was a very interesting display of specialised collections of one country or of a single issue, with full explanations about the production of such issue, varieties, discoveries, etc.; there were also scientific studies of great value on single stamps, or on postmarks connected with political events. In this line, the first issues of Belgium were fairly represented, as were the postmarks used in this kingdom during the war and after the armistice. A fascinating exhibit was that of the provisional postmarks, provisional stamps, and split stamps used immediately after the German retreat.

I recognized in the relative abundance of postmark displays the favourite hobby of the Dutch collectors, a hobby which perhaps is slowly gaining favour with Belgian collectors. In this instance I saw interesting postmarks of the Dutch Indies, exhibits where postmarks were happily mixed with philatelic research about the different issues of Postage Dues, and the various overprints and surcharges of this country. So I learnt the position of the varieties: missing dots on the "E" of "NED. INDIE" in the 1898 issue; 10 cts., seventh stamp of the ninth row—15 cts., one stamp on the sheet (first vertical row). Also numerous varieties of the overprint ½ on 2 cents and 2½ on 3 cents; defective printings, shades, etc.

Though there were more than two hundred exhibitors, all the countries of the world were not represented. Europe, and especially old Europe, took the first place; old German and Italian States, France, and Spain were exhibited. Among the curiosities of this section was a marvellous collection of the "Habilitado por la Nacion" overprints of Señor Gustavo Ros, and the Carlist stamps genuinely postmarked of Señor Ruiz de Arcante. All the old issues of Switzerland, the frame of the oval at the left and, in land were also fairly represented. On the contrary, there was only a very limited display of the American countries; the two most important items in this section being a collection of the old issues of Chile (Mr. Riesco), and the famous collection of Confederate States, already exhibited last year in London, Brunn, and Vienna (Mr. A. L. Adutt, J.P.). Asia was absolutely neglected, but, strange to say, Africa occupied a rather large place with splendid collections of the early issues of Egypt, of all issues of Abyssinia, and of the various European colonies.

The British Empire was by no means absent; general collections of the Edwardian or Georgian types were to be seen, also fine specialised collections. Especially noticeable were the early stamps of Victoria and Transvaal, those of the Cape of Good Hope, a fine collection of Cyprus (with numerous forgeries of the first overprints), of Sudan, and of Palestine. This last was the last word in specialism, as not only the minute defects of each plate were presented, but nearly every day of each year was represented by a different postmark for all the lower values! Nevertheless, it was of interest to see the curious and un-

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common Service stamps of the Hedjaz Railway and of the Ottoman Public Debt Department, and collectors were well rewarded by the sight of these scarce items with various postmarks.

The two sections where advanced philatelists expected to learn much were, of course, those of Belgium and of Belgian Congo. If there was really no exceptional array of "Epaulettes" and of the following issues, the advanced philatelists were rather disappointed as nothing new was to be learnt from these magnificent displays. Much has been written about the earlier stamps of Belgium, yet it seems that new studies are possible, especially for the issues between 1870 and 1900, and for the most recent ones. I saw full sheets of the 1860 issue, and all varieties of colour, perforation, retouches, etc., for the three first issues of Belgium.

I noted with surprise that though the more recent issues were well represented numerically, they were not studied. Especially in the 1915 issue, no distinction was made between the various printings of London, Mechlin, and Haarlem, which seem to remain utterly ignored in the country of issue! Even Belgian specialists do not give much attention to this issue, except to collect shades.

The case was similar with the Belgian Congo. The various printings of the Picture Series are utterly ignored; shades and perforations are not classified, and even the difference of perforations are frequently neglected, as are the variations of colour of the centres from deep black to yellowish grey. It is true, on the other hand, that great attention is given to the eight different hand stamps used for overprinting the stamps of the

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TEN YEARS WITH NICARAGUA.

By JOHN L. STROUB.

(Read at the S. P. A. Convention)

Our wonderful hobby of stamp collecting, is not enjoyed by many of the women folks, but when their judgment is needed, even in Philatelic matters, one can rest assured it will be the best. One evening, about ten years ago, a young lady after looking over a very large general collection, turned back to Nicaragua and stated that this was "her ideal" country. The reason given at the time has long since been forgotten, but the selection was worthy of consideration, and has brought its just reward.

A thorough examination of the nineteenth and twentieth century albums revealed the same incompleteness, missing rarities, average conditions, plenty of "headache and eyestrain" varieties of perforations, watermarks and papers; with "questionable" well in evidence. In other words, a mediocre collection starting and ending—nowhere.

The suggestion was fast taking root, and the ultimate result was the weaning away from the mother collection, of several of the "seebeck" countries. Our "ideal" country showed greater nourishment than her colleagues, in this small special group collection; then all the others were abandoned. But Nicaragua was as a waif lost in a large city, with no beacon to guide or data to work with. The confinement to a single effort, assisted by individual notes, the special knowledge gained

from the intensive study and constant plugging, brought the goal within reach. In time the public will share in this large subject.

Nicaragua can boast of over 1,100 major and countless minor varieties, and ranks as one of the largest stamp issuing countries. The honor of being the first of the Central American Republics to use postage stamps is hers. This great number of stamps are distinctive of dated periods, and each group owe their existence to some economic, monetary, progressive, or provisional condition. The word "Seebeck" has always been applied to Nicaragua, and these stamps have had both a good and bad effect on the country, which most of us know. The numerous surcharges and overprints have also belittled her, as she made good use of this reliable way of solving her postal emergencies, which were due to her poor financial condition existing from 1890 to recent date.

Of these 1,100 stamps, a dozen or so are rarities of the first water, the known copies of these can be counted on the fingers of one hand, while a possibly fifty, are more in demand, leaving the balance in a readily obtainable class. The catalogues have always maintained low values, making the undertaking comparatively easy for the serious collector. To the specialist is offered a fertile field with the intricate elements, characteristic of other countries omitted. A deep interest is to be found in the colorings, attractive designs showing historical events; the prominent features of a Nicaraguan

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Of course we accepted Mr. Prevost's offer with alacrity and appreciate the sincere compliment that he is paying our publication by becoming a life subscriber. We hardly need to refer to Mr. Prevost's many activities in philately. He is a staunch member of the Springfield Stamp Club and the Boston Philatelic Society, and is a life member of the American Philatelic Society and the Societe Francaise de Timbrologie, Paris. He has written numerous articles and pamphlets and has a secure place in any American, "Who's Who in Philately" that might be published.

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Many errors are found among the surcharges and overprints, because of ignorance and inadequate methods employed in their making up. The overprint used in the departments of Blue fields and Calo Gracias, contain the most desirable, resulting from a governmental order requiring a handstamp on all their stocks on hand. The silver peso was used in these department whereas in the remainder of Nicaragua the paper peso was current, and a profit was derived by the merchants of buying their stamps in the other parts and using them at home. This fraud was thus ended, and it is among these overprints, so ordered, that the writer needs four stamps to complete the major stamps of Nicaragua, in his collection.

"A word to the wise is sufficient, and when the facts are known and supported by a published check list, man regrets will exist caused by the neglect in the best selling of the Central American Republics. It would be improbable for the present prices to remain stationary forever.

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By F. H. E. WEBSTER.

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he author refers to "a number of designs and proposals submitted by North Carolinians." That some of these were printed is proven by a twenty dollar Federal Bank of Virginia note dated August 6, 1860, bearing the initials of the American Bank Note Company, and a Monticello Bank Note dated Charlottesville, Oct. 1, 1860, was made by the same concern. No doubt there were

at the battery of presses, of which 3 seems to be the only survivor, could meet the demands made upon it is shown by the fact that a dollar note at Richmond, June 2, 1862, was made by Mr. Duncan, of Columbia, S. C. Virginia Treasury Note issued Oct. 1862, by far the best example of engraving and printing I have seen in Confederate money, is a product of Keatinge & Co., Columbia, S. C., while a State of Georgia fifty cent note dated Montgomery, Jan. 1, 1863, was engraved (and not printed) by J. T. Paterson & Company of Augusta, Ga.

might be interesting to note that the two bills I mention were evidently circulated in Virginia prior to the secession adopted by that state on April 17, 1861, five days after the bombardment of Fort Sumter.

February 4, 1861, according to the Virginia, a league with the title of the Confederate States of America was declared and a provisional constitution was adopted with the capitol at Montgomery, Ala. As the first and second notes mentioned in this article were issued August 10 and October 1st, of the same year, the over eight months before the establishment of even the provisional government, was this money legal tender in Virginia and adjacent states at that time. Perhaps Miss Cox, or some other, can answer the question.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Mon. E. R. Ackerman of Plainfield, N. J., sends us greetings from Paris. The face of the card bears a complete set of Olympic Games stamps. The set is obsolete.

about Sept. 15 the Fellowship Stamp Club of Mountain View, Calif., will have a stamp shop in the business district of Fresno, Calif. We extend congratulations and well wishes. Mr. Lampman, the manager, protests at the biased unreasonable opposition that is being shown Mr. Sherman and the Soviet contracts. Referring to the editorial in a contemporary he writes: "and we wish you would write

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—Our frequent contributor Harry E. Huber is off for a two weeks' vacation to Porto Rico, Curacao and some of the Venezuelan ports.

—In our story of the S. P. A. convention Mr. Lycett omitted to mention that Joseph Hoffman, G. W. A. Camp and Baldwin Schlesinger were elected on the Board of Governors, and Frank L. Coes and A. H. Wilhelm Directors at Large.

—August 30 the Home of the Postage Stamp moved its office back to 510 W. 113 St., N. Y. City, after an enjoyable summer in White Plains.

—A. Bauer, Palmyra, N. J., would like to obtain the present address of Thomas

J. Anthonisen, formerly 64 Palisade Av., West Hoboken, N. J. Letters addressed as indicated remain unanswered.

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—There is a little error in your report about the new 3 Mark of Germany in your last paper (page 440). The picture seen on this stamp is not Marienbad (this city being in Czecho-Slovakia) but the old castle of Marienburg, in Western Prussia.—UPTOWN STAMP CO.

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Charles J. Phillips of New York was an outstanding figure at the convention. He was thoroughly at home in all the changing scenes of the occasion and as a philatelic personality, he is *ne plus ultra*, as the ecstatic reporter would have it. Mr. Phillips is the embodiment of enthusiasm for our pursuit and he believes that proper publicity for philately is the slogan for us all. He had with him a grand lot of stamps and we were particularly impressed by his showing of U. S. locals which he bought in the Ferrari sale.

H. L. Lindquist, New York, whose work as editor of the journal of the Collectors Club has made him a nation-wide figure was followed by the usual crowds who impeded his progress, when tired of the gaze of hero-worshippers, he sought to slip off to a solitary spot for meditation. "They must think I am Jackie Coogan," he said pettishly, thus showing that true greatness is modest withal.

Charles E. Hatfield certainly was not going to withhold Boston as a convention seat when nominations were few and he arose to the emergency in a way to warm the cockles of the heart. We have reason to believe that accustomed as he is to swinging conventions, he would have prevailed if he did not think that the west was entitled to preferment next year. As one of his adulators said: "Keep the invitation on ice, Charlie."

A. F. Lichtenstein, New York, loaned his presence to one of the sessions and it was with no little difficulty that he succeeded in leaving early to keep his appointments elsewhere. Mr. Lichtenstein is one of the prime movers of the great forthcoming exhibition in New York and his fame as one of the truly great collectors made him, to use a highly original expression, the cynosure of all eyes.

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tions and his views, tempered by experience, were often solicited. As official expert his report was a feature of the convention and proved that he is well placed in the official family of the society.

B. L. Voorhees, Chicago, disappointed in not having his usual auctioneer on hand, scurried around until he found a substitute. Then, due to the lateness of the return of members from the boat-trip, he was compelled to mark time for an hour before beginning the sale. When the sale began, the auctioneer missed a bid here and there to further burden the aching heart but a total realized from the sale of nearly \$8,500 was a pretty good poultice.

Henry A. Diamant, St. Louis, lived up to his reputation of chief exponent of philatelic publicity. When he found that Jackie Coogan was in the hotel, he went post-haste for a stamp album and a batch of stamps and then proceeded to pierce the Coogan *entourage* until he was face to face with Jackie himself. On Mr. Diamant's knee, Jackie expressed his glee for the present and was soon placing stamps in the book; and Jackie knew certain of the stamps, especially the Belgian issues. In our humble opinion, Mr. Diamant deserves to have fair philatelia pin a rose on him.

John A. Klemann, New York, presided at the convention of the American Stamp Dealers' Association most ably and kept things progressing at an interesting pitch. From Detroit, Mr. Klemann proceeded to the Pacific coast and it is easy to see that no grass grows under his feet.

Laurence B. Mason, Cranford, New Jersey, was a welcome visitor and his credentials were of the highest kind as his collection of United States, especially locals on cover, is a superb aggregation, with some of the items so rich that they vie with rare-bits as dream producers.

Alvin Good, Cleveland, was present to look over his friends old and new and he found plenty of them; and while he does say that some of us show that time will not be denied his liberties with our thatches, he is not at all catty about it.

W. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass., the historian de luxe, is still the Admirable Crichton of the A. P. S. He began with the society and he ends each convention and he has succeeded to the proud position of omniscience in its chronicles. Mr. Stone says that perhaps Springfield will not be content to wait until 1932 before asking for its next convention; they must like us there.

W. Hamilton Barnum of Cleveland, took delight in renewing old acquaintances and circulated around with his accustomed verve. It is a far cry since we went with him to the conventions in

1896 at Lake Minnetonka but he still has his hand on the throttle.

Henry C. Crowell, Cleveland, punctuated the sober moments of the convention with his lightsome laugh and by his timely intervention stilled the rising tumult when cool heads were at a premium. As a mediator, he should be retained for convention use at a salary in keeping with the dignity of the society.

L. A. Hanford, Cleveland, that great champion of the proprieties enacted as usual in his austere manner the role that he sustains so well. Yet, after all, those who know the gentleman well say that beneath his gruff exterior there beats a heart that does not always frown upon the weaknesses of his fellowmen.

Donald R. Heath, Monroe, Michigan, added another notch to his convention record and further laurels to his fame as an amateur photographer. Not a few of us remember Dr. Heath, the famous father of this young man and the son is carrying out the traditions of the name.

Dr. E. J. Weschcke, St. Paul, soon found his bearings and several caches of Confederate covers for which he has an affinity. It takes some time to make the proper connections in a crowd but it is not long before the willing buyer will never again be in a position of splendid isolation.

Prof. Henry A. Meyer, Evansville, Indiana, was a busy person at the convention and the idle moment knew him not. He showed himself to be tireless in his search for the stamp theme and the various exhibits had in him an appreciative observer. Come again, friend.

N. B. Paulson, Chicago, the plutocratic purveyor of philatelic gems, was one of the attractions of the occasion and the finesse that he displayed in salesmanship was too beautiful for words. He throws a glamor around the transaction that removes it from the realms of reality.

More next week.

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THE WORK OF "M. T. DOME".

The literary work of R. L. Huston who writes under the nom de plume "M. T. Dome" has been a prominent feature of the WEEKLY during the past year. No fewer than sixteen humorous articles, both prose and verse, have appeared in our columns. He has furnished us with some cartoons and extracts from his letters to Warner Barnum have occasionally been featured. We take this opportunity of acknowledging the splendid work that he has done and feel positive that his clean humor has done much to cheer the pathway of the philatelist. It is very patent that the nom de plume in no way fits the measure of his literary genius.

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Am returning your very fine showing of the two cent red brown, of the 1883. You certainly have gone far in assembling a minor variety collection and, in time, will be something you can be proud of. Personally, I consider minor varieties quite as fascinating cancellations and it often amuses me to go over some large lot from dealer or collector, which have been priced according to cancellation, and to pick out for my own collection some fine minor varieties worth dollars for a few cents, because the other fellow had his eyes open only for the cancellation. It seems to me that the chap who collects cancellations and minor varieties of single stamp or a small group of stamps building up his collection wisely and

doubt the blue paper. I have a few of the three cent green on a bluish and also on pinkish paper, but to mind these differences may have been caused by the stamps having been soaked from bluish or pinkish envelopes. Less I can later find better proof, I will have to doubt this variety.

Our pages of shifted transfers is a very fine showing. On the first page the two specimens which show marks distinctly in six pearls to the left of oval, blue lines between six of the short, horizontal lines of shading at the left of the design, doubling of the lines of shading on Washington's cheek and elsewhere, marks in six pearls at the right between some of the short horizontal lines at the right, etc., are fine gems. Have never seen much more interesting shifts. Also, there is another resting thing which shows the short horizontal lines at the right shifted to right so that they show outside the design—fine! I should call this a "cancellation shift to the right."

There are many others on the two cent shifts which are similar and also showing of more minor shifts. It seems to me as I glance through these in haste that you perhaps have missed the other minor shifts in this group which occur at the lower left and left of design and also in the upper right hand corner of the design. These shifts are easily seen in the vertical and horizontal lines of shading and outlines of design in the positions mentioned and ought not to have much trouble finding a few plain specimens to add to your collection.

do not note the big shift that comes in your stamp in your showing. H. C. of Buffalo has one. As I remember, the horizontal lines at the top of stamp are so doubled as to show the stamp, all the letters of the "U. S. Postage" at top are finely doubled, and the letters and figure at bottom

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of the stamp show traces, there are traces of doubling elsewhere. It is a fine thing and rare.

I question your designation of double shift, just as I question such terms as "triple transfer" and the like. To my mind any kind of a shift is just a shifted transfer, and that is all. At least, I have never seen a stamp which I thought showed any traces of three distinct impressions of any part of the design, which is what I think you mean when you say "double shift" and what is meant by those who speak of "triple transfers." That would be quite a stamp, indeed. But the chances are that if such a thing could exist it would be so badly blurred that no one could say what it was.

Guide lines and dots are very interesting, very legitimate to collect and bound to become popular in time. I note the various positions of the guide dots in the lot you send, and also the stamps showing horizontal guide lines running into

the design from the left and extending clear into Washington's chin. Have never seen this variety before and consider it a fine thing. On the next page of the lot I notice the trace of a vertical guide line running up through the white some cases, crossing the horizontal line. These are all nice things.

The three cent green of the 1870-71 is prolific in these guide lines and dots and some examples that I have are quite interesting. Also, in the three cent green, 1873, I have specimens showing crossed vertical and horizontal guide lines misplaced in Washington's forehead.

Question the copy you call "diagonal guide line." Doubt if there ever was such an animal. Perhaps this is something else, a scratch, or something of the sort.

Glad to see that you collect pairs and strips showing various oddities of guide dots and lines. I consider such pieces interesting—such as, for instance, the

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strip of three you show which has a shift on one stamp and none on the other two, and a guide line at left on another stamp. Such things, in course of time, will be considered real "auction pieces." I have a strip of five of the three cent 1870-71 showing a guide line running through various location dots outside and underneath the designs of the stamps, and crossing the entire strip at the bottom. It is a unique thing, in my opinion.

You have a nice showing of shades. In this, Mr. Andrews could help you as he could tell you better than I which ones you lack. I remember in my former 2c 1883 collection I had a much lighter yellow brown and a somewhat deeper rich red brown than you show—also, I believe, a deeper blackish brown or chocolate.

Under "odds and ends" you show some nice things. The nick in the bottom line under and to the left of the figure "2" is interesting. Some of our correspondents have previously mentioned it.

As to the light, but wide line which runs along the entire stamp to the left of the design (running from top to bottom) I have no idea what it is. Have seen it before on No. 210 but on no other stamps. Inclined to think it was some defect of the plate. It seems lighter than the shade of the stamp. Perhaps it might have been a ridge on the perforating machine which might have become slightly inked through wet stamps passing over it and left this trace. That is just a wild guess, however.

Your pages of large-size stamps, arrows, imprints, etc., are interesting.

I failed to see "M. T. Dome's" poem until you directed my attention to it. My compliments to him, whoever he is. It was kind of him to say what he did, but really the compliments are undeserved. I think that in starting "Early Low Values Specialized," which department will very shortly be edited by one of our best known specialists and a very good friend of the writer's, I merely did what many other fellows had wished for before. I doubt if it was an original thought with me. The thing that pleases me most about such praise as "M. T. Dome" expresses in verse is that the department itself is appreciated." (Mr. Hustis knows well who M. T. Dome is. So do we.—W. O. W.)

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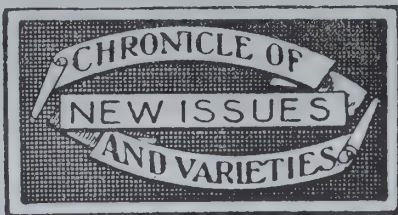
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United States.

Salary Changes Will Require New Postal Rates.

The Postal Bulletin for Friday, August 15th, presents the Salary Bill recommended to Congress by the Postmaster General. It will be recalled that the bill passed by the last Congress was not approved by the President of the United States, and the present bill having been recommended by a member of the Cabinet supposedly will meet with approval of our Chief Executive.

The part which will mainly interest the philatelist is that portion which recommends certain increases of postage, some of which will possibly result in one or two new postage stamps, providing the bill becomes law. In the first place, he suggests that the registration fee which is 10c at present be not less than 12c, and if Congress should even increase this amount it no doubt will be perfectly to the Department. At the present time, the sender of a registered letter or parcel may receive a return receipt on request without charge. It is now suggested that there be a fee of one cent charged when such a receipt is desired.

It is now further suggested that to secure the immediate delivery of mail matter weighing in excess of two pounds and not over ten pounds, the value of the stamps to be affixed (in addition to the regular postage) shall be fifteen cents and for the special delivery thereof 11 cents may be paid to the messenger or other person making such delivery; and to secure immediate delivery of articles of mail weighing over ten pounds, the value of the stamps to be affixed shall be 20 cents (in addition to the regular postage) and for the spe-

cial delivery thereof 15c shall be paid. I have quoted almost word for word the recommendation insofar as the special charges are concerned, and it looks as if the Department suggests a sort of tax amounting to 15 cents and 20 cents on certain mail, and the special delivery fee will be 11 cents and 15 cents on the two specified classes.

If these changes meet with the approval of the Congress, we will no doubt have in addition to the prevailing 10 cents special delivery stamp, new ones of 11 cents and 20 cents denominations.

Certain other changes are suggested in the classification and rates of postage affecting other classes than the first-class mail, which seems to remain as at present. Whether the above special charges which are to be collected in addition to the regular postage will be prepaid by regular stamps or special ones remains a question that will possibly be settled by the Department later.

We are today paying a higher registration fee than any other country in the world, and it is to be regretted that the Department suggests a change in this rate.

Increased charges for money orders are also suggested.

Transcontinental Air Mail Service.

I am informed by the Post Office Department under date of August 16th, that arrangements have just been made between the Postmaster General and Major General Leonard Wood, Governor General of the Philippines, whereby letters intended to be carried by airplane mail from San Francisco, will be accepted in the islands. The additional postage will be collected in the Philippines at eight cents an ounce or fraction for each zone or part of zone. The mail will be enclosed in a sealed pouch labeled "Via Air Mail" and handed to the seapost clerk for delivery in San Francisco. While the Department does not state, it is my impression that this extra postage will, of course, be paid by regular Philippine stamps.

Under date of August 7th, the Postmaster General reported that the first month's operation of the continuous air mail service from coast to coast inaugurated on July 1st was, in the main, successful from every standpoint. Despite adverse weather conditions during much of the night flying, the schedule was maintained without interruption. During the thirty-one days the planes flew 173,910 miles. When the army aviators complete their trip around the

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11 or 12		3kr blue
13		6kr red orange
14		9kr rose
15		1kr black
16		6kr blue
17		9kr brown
*21	1864.	6kr Prussian blue
24		18kr green
25		30kr orange
7, 8c;	20, 2c;	22, 10c;	23, 10c;
25, 15c;	26, 5c;	27, 2c;	28, 20c;
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In the report attention is called to the fact that part of the delay is brought about because there is no lighted airway either into San Francisco or New York, this airway extending only from Cleveland west to Rocky Spring, Wyoming. The course is now being lighted from Mather field, in the Sacramento Valley, to San Francisco. This route is also being lighted across New Jersey into New York, so that ships arriving near their destination early in the evening may receive the proper lights to guide them.

During the first month of operation no accidents worthy of the name were reported, the nearest approach being a forced landing in Nebraska.

The gross income from the service in the first month of its operation is substantially less than the cost of maintenance, but the Postmaster General mentions that it would be unfair to lay too much stress upon the exact balance between the income and outgo until they have had the benefit of at least four or six months intensive traffic solicitation.

The Postmaster General further called attention to the fact that more or less difficulty is being experienced with sorting the air mail from the regular mail and that a large number of letters intended for the air mail have found their way to the trains. He distinctly states that this is partly due to the fact that the air mail stamps are not distinctive enough when they pass through the hands of a clerk handling a large volume of mail. This is one reason why we should change our general make up of air mail stamps or adopt a large colored sticker of some kind, such as suggested by the Third Assistant Postmaster General, and mentioned in this column under date of August 18th.

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At A. P. S. Convention News. Those who attended the A. P. S. Convention at Detroit during the week August 11th had the pleasure of seeing a good number of their fellow collectors, and learning much and seeing in the way of items of interest to the heart of the United States collector. Our genial friend, Mr. Fratcher, of Michigan Stamp & Coin Company, largest dealer in town, seemed to be from morning until night, and had a really wonderful lot of United States. Many of the choice pieces were on the spot, and the nicest that I obtained from him was a pair of four and pair of the 10c, 1857, on a beautiful cover. He had an unusually large lot of locals and the choicer pieces being some Boutons used in combination with the 5c, 1847, went to Mr. L. B. N., one of our foremost collectors of stamps.

While in Detroit, I also learned the value of the part sheet of the 2c 1922, vertically, which came out of it earlier in the year. I find that part sheet of fifty was sent by the master at Orin, Michigan, to DeForest for redemption, where it was sold by a postal employee. While he had a good thing, unfortunately it did but little benefit from the find, or one who knew of its value was to talk him into disposing of it for a song. Unfortunately, a good number of the sheet had a second row of perforations which ruined a part of it. As at the auction held on Tuesday evening ruled high, and I will be glad to give these in my next Chronicle.

An attractive little item that I have seen heretofore was a copy of the 10c, 1869, used in Japan. The 10c is known but these other two values did not come to my attention.

ALGERIE.—Mr. A. A. Wasserscheid advised of the appearance of the 50c blue present Pasteur issue with the surcharge "ALGERIE" in red at the top of the stamp.

AFRICA.—These stamps were definitely withdrawn from use and replaced by those of Belgian Congo.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin*.

PARCEL POST.—Mr. Henry Hooreman reported the appearance of two new items in Parcel Post series: 2fr 70c, grey, and 30c, brown.

On July 2nd a postage stamp was issued to commemorate the centenary of the Independence of Brazil, in which Brazil took a prominent part in helping to establish, and on the day a public holiday was declared to celebrate the same. The stamp was photographed locally at the Casa da (Mint) and is printed in four

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COSTA RICA.—Mr. Emil J. Rall sends us a copy of a new 2c stamp of a lilac color. The shape is oblong and pictures a map in the centre. Above in the left corner are the figures "1924," and the date of this year in the right. Within a frame at the left centre is the inscription "Centenario de la Incorporacion del Partido de Nicoya" while at the other side is the figure of value and at the base "Centimos." The stamp is the work of the American Bank Note Co.

FRANCE.—The Olympian Games stamps were withdrawn from sale on July 31st but will be available for postage up to Sept. 30th.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin*.

GIBALTAR.—The 1sh, 2sh, 4sh and 8sh stamps on script watermarked paper were put on sale on June 20th and simultaneously the same values with the old watermark were withdrawn from sale, for what reason is not clear, as there is no change either in designs or colours, the only difference being in the watermark. No previous notice of withdrawal was given to the public, and it would be interesting to know in what manner the withdrawn stock will be disposed of.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin*.

NIGERIA.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 1sh, jet black on emerald, script watermarked.

SALVADOR.—Mr. A. A. Wasserscheid has shown us the 1 colon value, type A-101, with the surcharge "20" at each side and "Veinte centavos" at the base. The overprint is in black.

SEYCHELLES.—The 18c purple on yellow is being printed on script paper, as also are the current 75c and 1r 50c, according to *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

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Pasteur. Our correspondents state they have also received: 50c on 10c and 2½p on 50c Pasteur.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON.—Provisionals. Whitfield King send: 25 centimes on current 2fr (blue surcharge) and 25 centimes on current 5fr (blue surcharge).—*Philatelic Magazine*.

TURKEY.—Mr. A. A. Wasserscheid sends the Charity stamp type C-1, 10pa red violet with the surcharge "30 Paras" and native characters in black.

SIDE-LIGHTS OF S. P. A. CONVENTION

By N. R. HOOVER.

We who know, have to smile at the labored way newspaper reporters have of asking questions so as to understand the intricacies of stamp values. The wonderment on the face of the lady reporter from the *Christian Science Monitor* was very funny.

Mr. Thos. Evans deserves much credit for securing 300 lines of "copy" on the convention in 210 newspapers throughout the United States. This we feel is the largest stamp publicity act ever pulled off by any stamp organization.

The Fox Film two-scene act for their *Weekly News Reel* showed (1) J. M. Bartels turning the pages of his wonderful Venezuela specialized collection; (2) the group of officers, Messrs. Hoffman, Lycett, Hoover and Hussey. Bach tried hard to get his magazine in it but the operator kicked.

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Dr. Serge Avazon, 140 W. 42nd St., N. Y. City, displayed the most valuable stamp during the convention, that of British Guiana, No. 14.

The swappers had a great time Tuesday night. There were over 100 of them at it and much goods changed hands.

Miss E. Cook of Easton, Pa., had a wonderful assortment of general stamps and some remarkable precancels with her.

At the Auction prices started off so high several men got disgusted and went up stairs. They wandered back just at the wind-up and kicked themselves when they discovered the sale wound up with some wonderful values which they missed. The heat tired out the high bidders and the lean ducks cashed in on their laxity.

Some mathematical person figured up the number of agate lines of publicity the convention got at not one cent of cost. The local newspapers printed 2,039 agate lines about the S. P. A. The *Herald-Tribune* printed on their picture page an excellent photograph of Walter Scott on the auctioneer's table with Max Ohlman auctioneer, helpers and a part of the bidders. The International News Service ran 300 lines on the convention in 210 newspapers throughout the United States. Fox Film Corporation ran a picture news reel of the convention which service is sold to 1,800 movies throughout the country. The S. P. A. Convention got more free publicity this year than have a half dozen other conventions of any society.

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OUR HOBBY.

By C. H. HOLDEN, Detroit, Mich.

Gathered are we from near and distant lands,
Drawn by the magnet of a subtle power,
That eye sees not but the heart understands,
Like the fragrant breath of a blooming flower.

He who would say that we worship in vain,
That the objects we love are things of earth,
As well might say the mission of sun and rain
Is devoid of aim instead of new birth.

Deep is the love for the goddess we cherish,
Abiding our faith in the joys in store,
For we know that our ship can never perish,
Guided by the lights we see on the shore.

What other field of interest and pleasure,
Of sun-kissed meadow where the daisy
grows,
Can in its confines begin to measure,
With the innate joy our hobby bestows?

Most men, like the eagle, soar high and alone,
In quest of what they call legitimate prey;
That they cannot agree was plainly shown,
When in New York the Democrats grew gray.

But we, of but one faith and kindred mind,
Agree upon stamps of rare perfection;
But when we find there's but one of a kind,
We confess we feel slight dejection.

Wisdom has guided you to Detroit of fame,
To hold this the thirty-ninth convention;
What you see you should hang up in a frame,
For it will act as an inspiration.

(A. P. S. Convention, August 14, 1924.)

STAMPIDIOSITIES CONVENTIONALIZED.

By T. M. R. L.

W. C. Henry, Los Angeles, Calif.—While he was the first to sign the register, there was a particular attraction in the water of the 5th floor.

Karl K. Koslowski, Detroit, Mich.—For some time folks did not know what the three K.K.K.'s on his Convention badge meant.

J. E. Guest, Dallas, Texas.—A chap whispered to me that J. E. was praying at the time he had his fling on the floor of the Convention.

H. A. Davis, Denver, Colo.—We deduce that Holland doesn't collect stamps at all, forgetting the 3c vermilion, U. S. John A. Klemann, N. Y. C.—The report that our John is buying paper for a paper mill is all wrong.

Chas. J. Phillips, N. Y. C.—Our esteemed friend Charlie of the Rotary Club only mentioned London once all week.

W. F. Fratcher, Detroit.—Note the ad in the A. P. S. Program—you had the three kinds there, but, William, we like 20th Century, even in calico.

Chas. K. Nevin, Boston, Mass.—The only chap at the Convention who came

from there who did not come over on the Mayflower.

O. F. Moses, Cleveland, O.—Speaker of the Jury on By-Laws, was punctuated by a Long Horn, during his speech.

C. C. Keller, Detroit, Mich.—Representing the Keller Bees Wax Co., was there, etc.

J. H. Blackney, Saginaw, Mich.—At first we thought the cigars came from Saginaw, but now we don't. J. H. only sells 'em.

C. F. Heyerman, P. P., Detroit, Mich.—Since the Convention C. F. is thinking of going into the Steam Roller Business.

Alfred F. Lichtenstein, N. Y. C.—A young lady who dresses in 2-cent Jackson color cancelled with cross bars was supposed to have said that it's too bad so nice a fellow as Al should publish those labels with his name on them.

L. J. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.—Twenty-five years ago Beck, Severn, Wolsieffer, Barnum, Fratcher, were at a Convention of the A. P. S. in Detroit and were lost for three days, and a merry time they had. Judging from the letters L. J. writes even to this day, that he must have taken a terribly large supply back with him.

Roy C. Frank, Minneapolis, Minn.—Roy refuses to be as confidential as his success as was Mac of an Ohio p. F. E. Farnham, Chicago, Ill.—sensational appearing gentleman still a few U. S. left.

B. L. Drew, Boston, Mass.—please prepare a paper for the next convention on, "How to vote without proxies." . . . Please Ham.

L. A. Burmeister, Jr., Milwaukee, Wis.—This chap was not here 25 years ago, but managed to be lost and 50 proxies in his pocket, perhaps St. Louis.

P. M. Weiss, Cincinnati, O.—The man to get money from a certain manager, the rest of us had to give Wilbur F. Cannon, Davenport, Iowa. The heavy artillery was kept in reserve and the light brigade was advanced the Lake Coast.

Paul P. Murray, St. Louis, Mo.—good reason for the convention not to St. Louis, he carried his arm sling the second day.

R. J. Wagner, Fostoria, O.—The pronounced him the best looking Head at the convention.

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THE BRUSSELS EXHIBITION.

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Independent State with Congo Belge. Complete collections of this issue were exhibited, some of the varieties being extremely scarce. I saw also large blocks of the scarce 5 and 10 centimes of the Picture Series in blue and brown, also some stamps with inverted centre.

I was surprised to note that in the recent overprinted series, no attention was given to the variety; missing point under the "c," a variety which occurs regularly on two values—the 50 centimes on 25 and the 25 centimes on 15. In the local overprints of Boma, there are two varieties of the 10 centimes on 5, and 25 centimes on 40, the distance between the value and the "c" varying as much as 2 or 3 millimetres.

As for the Belgian Occupation of German East Africa, there was a fine display of the Kigoma, Urundi, and Ruanda stamps, numerous studies of field postmarks, etc. But the two different printings of the London overprint were missed, yet the first one, to be recognised by the close position of the words, is much scarcer than the second (except for the 15 centimes value). Specimens of the variety "OCCUPATION" were shown revealing that this error is due to a speck of dust giving to the "c" the appearance of an "o." The long "t" variety is a genuine one.

I noted as varieties uncatalogued of the Belgian Congo. Bilingual Series: 3 francs vertically imperforate, 10 francs on dark grey paper used for formulas (exists also with the 1921 overprint). Issue of 1916, 25 centimes vertically imperforate, horizontally imperforate (exists with the 50 centimes surcharge). Boma provisionals: 10 centimes on 5 centimes inverted and double with one inverted—25 centimes on 40 centimes inverted.

Among the Belgian stamps, very little was to be discovered. I saw the great rarities: inverted overprint on the Olympic Games stamps 5 and 15 centimes—also the 2 francs of the 1915 issue horizontally imperforate.

Luxemburg, as a neighbouring country of Belgium, was largely represented. A magnificent display of the Official stamps revealed very scarce varieties, such as double overprint on the Allegory stamps:

5, 12½, 20, 25, 50 centimes, 1 and 5 francs; inverted overprint on the 25 centimes, and the same value with double overprint, one being inverted. In the 1911 issue, double overprint on the 12½ and 17½ centimes. A further curiosity was the 4 centimes of Grand Duke Adolf with double perforation "OFFICIEL."

Entires and essays are usually neglected in philatelic exhibitions, but they were largely represented at Brussels, especially the essays of Greece, Sardinia, Spain, and the United States. M. de Raay was the chief exhibitor of entires with his famous Orange River collection, and M. Cozterus took the second place with a general collection of rarities and curiosities.

On the contrary, Air Mails held only a modest place with the usual displays of Dr. Paganini and Dr. Renaut. It can be inferred from this fact that either this branch of Philately develops slowly or that its adepts are rather shy of entering international competitions.

The same remark applies to the collections presented with the intention of illustrating historical events or to serve philatelic propaganda. Only two or three exhibits could be put under this heading and practically disappeared under the bulk of specialised collections. It is to be hoped for the sake of Philately that much encouragement will be given to these valorous pioneers.

Though no less than eleven rooms were occupied by the Exhibition, and though there was much space available, the classification of the exhibits was a very imperfect one, and reference to the catalogue was necessary in each instance. In many instances, the same exhibit was displayed in two or three different spots, breaking the unity of a collection. Also the rule of anonymous exhibitions was so strictly observed that it was often difficult to distinguish the collections of various exhibitors and to identify them. Notwithstanding these slight criticisms, the presentation of the stamps was most agreeable to the eye and was a great factor in the success of this Exhibition.

A curious feature of this philatelic event was the complete absence of official participation; not even the Belgian postal administration was represented by exhibits. The presence of Belgian postal authorities was only felt by the extreme

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The Colonies are also represented profusely.—The forgeries are especially interesting, more particularly those of the classical issues which were made with a view only to do prejudice to the Postal administration. There are many used items, some were produced in a very sly way. In most cases the Postal administration did not notice the forgeries.

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activity of the special post-office. It seems impossible to omit it from a thorough description of the Exhibition, as not only was a special postmark used,

and Belgian and Congo stamps sold, but also a special stamp was on sale exclusively at this post-office: a 5 francs stamp of the Montenez type printed in yellowish brown and issued in small blocks of four. These blocks were taken from the plate used for the normal printing of 5 francs stamps.

There was a precedent in the issue in 1921 of the 50 centimes in dark blue prior to the regular issue in slate-blue. This time there was a real rush of the Brussels (if not of the whole Belgian) population to buy these famous sheets. All the streets leading to the Exhibition entrance were placed under police control, and groups of twenty persons, under the guidance of policemen, were allowed to have access to the post-office at one time. Only one sheet was delivered to each visitor to the Exhibition, but more than nine-tenths of these visitors never thought of visiting the Exhibition.

The idea worked splendidly; the postal authorities must have sold one or two thousand sheets, and the committee received an equal number of entrance fees. But from a purely philatelic point of view, it can only be regretted that such a course was adopted. This stamp seems to have no real postal status though issued by the Government, and it will never be regularly used, except by some enthusiastic philatelists. It was not sold at regular post-offices, and the only postmarked specimens will bear the special postmark of the Exhibition; it can be considered in the same light as the Italian and French stamps issued for the philatelic exhibitions of Trieste and Bordeaux. A wild speculation in this stamp took place during the Exhibition, copies being offered at prices varying from 20 to 100 francs a-piece!

Philatelic literature and philatelic material were also exhibited in two special rooms, almost invisible to the visitors; little was to be seen in these sections apart from entries of the British firms, our publishers being represented by various albums, the Colour Guide, and the Monthly Journal.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

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On August 14, we received two applications for membership in the Honor Club. One came from Frederick G. Rechten of Jersey City, N. J., and the other from John L. Chatfield, postmaster at Painted Post, N. Y. Mr. Rechten appreciates our paper particularly because of its news matter in connection with unused U. S. stamps and because of the many attractive advertisements found in our columns. Mr. Chatfield considers the WEEKLY indispensable and he closes with the sentiment, "May your shadow never grow less."

The acquisition of Mr. Prevost to our Honor Club is fully described elsewhere in this issue. We consider his application for membership in the Honor Club as one of the most striking testimonials ever furnished the WEEKLY. We hope Mr. Prevost will live long beyond the allotted term of three-score and ten years.

To A. Leon Adutt belongs the honor of being the first British member of our Honor Club. As a remittance of \$7.50 is required to take this step the acquisition of Mr. Adutt is considered quite a compliment to our publication. We welcome him to the honor of M.H.C. He is one of the most prominent British philatelists, being a Fellow in the Royal Philatelic Society and a member of various other organizations. Many philatelic honors have been achieved by him.

We had barely written the above paragraph when opening a letter from Mr. Severn we found an application from Gustave de Lachasse of Avignon, France, who was attending the A. P. S. convention at Detroit. He is the first long term subscriber from France. Mr. Lachasse will be remembered by many of our readers as formerly residing in California and his presence at Detroit was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Severn's letter enclosed also two other applications, one from Mrs. J. W. Stanford, of Piedmont, Calif., and one from Theodore J. Gundlach, Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Stanford in making application said:—"I am dangerously near the firing line so I hurry on my \$5 with my best wishes." Mrs. Stanford's certificate of confidence in philately and in the WEEKLY is gladly received. Mr. Gundlach is assistant superintendent of the Prudential Insurance Company of America and is a keen philatelist who has attended the last two conventions of the A.P.S.

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ARMAGEDDON.

From the German occupation of Belgium to the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, each stage in the progress of hostilities is perpetuated in stamps. Most significant of all are the series of former German possessions of Togo, Cameroons, Samoa, and New Britain overprinted in token of their seizure by the Allied forces; Turkish stamps superinscribed "Baghdad in British Occupation," and the special issue by the Egyptian Expeditionary Force for use in occupied enemy territory. These include such outstanding rarities as the unique one-mark stamp of Togo overprinted "Occupation Franco-Anglaise," valued today at £5,000; the three and five marks of the same series, worth £1,000 apiece; the one mark values of New Britain and Marshall Islands (from £100 to £200 each); the "one shilling" Samoa (£150); and the Baghdad series, which originally cost about 7s6d, now realizes close upon £400.

On the other side of the picture figure there are contemporary postage stamps of Germany bearing distinguishing imprints for circulation in occupied districts of Belgium, France, Russia, Poland and Rumania; those issued by Austrian military post-offices in Serbia, Galicia, Rumania, and Italy; Bulgar stamps used in Rumania and Turkish in Sinai. A notable series of war stamps was that provided for use by Indian Army post-offices in the field in the form of British Indian vignettes overprinted "I.E.F." (Indian Expeditionary Force). Of a like nature were stamps issued by the Nyasaland Force during operations in German East Africa.

Scarcely less interesting are the stamps created in those stirring days as a means of contributing small donations to war charities, or yet that other considerable

group of war tax stamps which helped to provide the sinews of war. All have their place in this remarkable record.

AFTERMATH.

With the coming of peace and the application of principles of self-determination, a flood of new postage stamps was poured forth. New pages were added to the stamp album almost daily to receive the latest philatelic emissions from Czechoslovakia, Poland, Latvia, Yugoslavia, or the Ukraine, until, after innumerable essays, something approaching finality was achieved in the postal currency of the New Europe. Historically considered, these tentative stamp issues of Young Europe are amongst the most fascinating and instructive known to collectors.

The Treaty of Versailles gave rise to yet another absorbing series of stamp issues as a direct outcome of the plebiscites and mandates ordained by the Supreme Council. To this we owe the addition to the stamp-issuing countries of the world of Danzig, Memel, the Saar, Eupen and Malmédy, Nauru, Upper and Eastern Silesia, Marienwerder, and the rest. More recently the Russian renaissance, the French occupation of the Ruhr, and the collapse of the mark, the *coup d'Etat* at Memel, the independence of Transjordan, and the Italian annexation of Fiume, have all left their imprint upon the stamps of their respective nations.

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NEW AND FORTHCOMING ISSUES.

Designs have been submitted for a new series of combined postage and revenue stamps for the Crown Colony of Barbados, where at present two separate sets are current; that destined for purely fiscal purposes being printed from the same plates as the postage stamps, but in doubly fugitive inks, and with the word "Revenue" overprinted. This will be the fourth change of design in the Barbadian stamps during the present reign. The original Georgian series of 1912 shows the King's head in a medallion in conjunction with the old Seal of the Colony, branches of sugar cane and coconut palms. It was superseded four years later by a reproduction of the newly engraved Colonial Seal, on a large scale, but in 1920 this, too, was temporarily displaced by a set of "Victory" stamps of symbolical design. The present issue, consisting of a modified version of the seal design, was first placed in circulation in November, 1921.

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of the British possessions overseas. The latest to be provided with a set of postage due stamps is the Federated Malay States, whence have been dispatched denominations of 1c purple, 2c black, 8c red, 10c orange and 12c blue. Colour changes in current British Colonial stamps are foreshadowed as follows:—Bermuda 3d, from purple on yellow to blue; Federated Malay States 2c, from green to brown; Sierra Leone 1d, red to blue-purple, 1½d, orange to red; Straits Settlements 2c, green to brown.

The long-promised set of Siamese Air Post stamps is apparently within measurable distance of materialization. A design has been finally approved which represents a ferocious dragon with an eagle's head flying in space. It is executed in traverse oblong format with the inscription "Siam Air Mail," and value across the top and the same repeated in Siamese characters at the foot. The values will range from 2 satangs to 1 baht.

When the Government of the United States first established an administration in the leased territory of the Canal Zone (Panama), American postage stamps, overprinted "Canal Zone—Panama," were brought into use. The Republic of Panama took exception to this and accordingly subsequent stamp issues for the Zone have consisted of Panama types similarly distinguished. Now, by mutual agreement, a return has been made to the original procedure, and nine values of current United States postage stamps have been overprinted "Canal Zone" for use in that territory.

LITERARY STAMPS.

To the lengthening list of commemorative stamps with literary associations will shortly be added a series in honour of the tercentenary of the birth of the Portuguese poet, Luiz Camoens, author of the celebrated epic poem, "Os Lusíadas." The Camoens tercentenary stamps are to be placed on sale by the Portuguese Post Office in November, in 31 denominations, from 1 centavo to 20 escudos, and will embody seven pictorial subjects—viz., Camoens fighting against the Moors at Ceuta; the salvage of "Os Lusíadas" from shipwreck off Cambodia; contemporary portrait of Camoens; binding the first edition of "Os Lusíadas"; last moments of Camoens; Camoens's tomb; monument to Camoens at Macao. A single miniature of Camoens already figures upon certain postage stamps issued in Portugal in 1898, to mark the fourth centenary of Vasco da Gama, the navigator.

The centenary of the Conference of the Equator has just been celebrated in Brazil by the issue of a special 200 reis stamp, printed in four colours, and bearing the device of the revolutionary ban-

ner of 1824, with its motto "Religio—Independencia—Uniao—Liberdade," flanked by branches of sugar and cotton. Uruguay has seized upon a somewhat remarkable pretext for the creation of a set of three commemorative postage stamps in the victory of the Uruguayan football team at the recent Olympic Games. The series is to consist of the values 2 centesimos, 5c and 12c, which will remain on sale for a period of three days only.

Preparation of a definitive postage stamp issue for Syria in pictorial subjects is now well advanced, the work having been carried out in Paris by the heliogravure process. Meanwhile, a new type of overprint has been applied to the French postage stamps now current in the postal departments of both Syria and Lebanon, the superscription being rendered for the first time in Arabic as well as French.

Propaganda stamps, sold at a premium of 5 centesimi upon face value in aid of the Italian Colonial Institute, will shortly be introduced in the colonies of Libya, Eritrea, and Somalia.

ORGANIZED PHILATELY.

Many British philatelists will be among the exhibitors at important international stamp exhibitions to be held next month—at The Hague on September 6 to 17, and Christiania September 19 to 28. The Dutch exhibition coincides with the 40th anniversary of the Union of Dutch Philatelists, and will be located in the galleries of the Society Pulchri Studio. The secretary is M. E. Bonn, 7, Cornelis Speelmanstraat, The Hague. The first international philatelic exhibition to take place in Norway is to be personally opened by King Haakon, in the library of the University of Christiania; M. Rolf L. Berentzen, 6B, Kirkegatan, Christiania, is acting as secretary. International exhibitions of postage stamps are also being organized to take place in Paris in May, 1925, and New York in October, 1926.

The annual report of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, gives particulars of the awards of the Society's medals for the past year. The "Crawford" medal, for the most notable contribution to philatelic literature, goes to Colonel G. S. F. Napier, for his erudite study of the "Stamps of the 1843 issue of Brazil." Mr. B. Goodfellow receives the "Tapping" medal for his paper on the types of the 4 skill. stamp of Norway, 1863-66, whilst the "Tilleard" medal, for the best display given before the Royal Philatelic Society during the previous year, falls to an American philatelist, Mr. A. Lichtenstein, of New York City, who showed a notable collection of the early "Peace" issues of Canada.—*London Times*.

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Stamp collectors from all parts of the United States, a loquacious cavalcade of hobby riders, began arriving in Detroit Sunday for their annual convention at the Statler.

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Crowned heads find solace in their stamp albums. A golf player this week must mourn his lost opportunity. What do the trophies of leisure hours amount to? A little cup recording that he won the July handicap in Class B. If he had not taken to nibbicks he might be an authority on postal issues.

Max Ohlman, one of the best known philatelists of New York, was telling some of this in his room at the Statler Sunday. The convention will not open until Monday and will continue through Thursday, with an auction Tuesday as an unusual feature to Detroiters.

"Old stamps issued by cities are very valuable. The common ones," he said, "were issued by St. Louis, Providence and New York. New York has only one, a 5-cent black on bluish paper issued in 1845 and valued at \$50. Post-office clerks used to sign these special stamps, but one of the series signed by the postmaster, R. M. H., is worth \$1,000.

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The crowned heads of stamp collecting dangled before one another last night their crown jewels.

An exhibition of cancelled and unused postage stamps that probably took in every nation on the globe and had a philatelic value of more than \$1,000,000 climaxed the first day of the American Philatelic Society convention at the Statler.

About every name of note in the hobby in this country was present—Phillips, millionaire dealer, of New York; Klein & Wolsieffer, of Philadelphia; Bartels, of New York; John A. Klemm, who made philatelic history a year ago by starting and winning litigation against a man who had sold him, for \$65,000, some early Hawaiian stamps that a California judge and stamp experts considered counterfeits; Severn, editor of a publication which is the philatelist's bible; E. L. Taylor, in charge of the postage stamps of Canada at Ottawa; Kay, of Detroit; J. C. Morgenthau, T. B. Mason, of Cranford, N. J., famous for his collection of United States locals which were issued before this government began to print stamps; Diamond, of St. Louis, who has 200,000 Mexican stamps printed prior to 1883; Klemm, again, who was awarded a gold medal at the Vienna exposition for his collection of Philippines, being the only American to be singled out for the distinction; J. Kenneth, who does most of the buying for the world famous collection of Arthur Hind, of Utica, attending all the notable auctions abroad, and so on.

Noted Frenchman Here.

Came G. de Lachasse, of Avignon, France, at 74 years of age, who is in America as a sort of a memorial to his deceased wife. He is covering the ground they traveled here.

During the day, incidentally, a stamp collection was presented to Jackie Coogan, young film celebrity.

The night's exhibit contained numerous rarities and oddities. Probably the most unusual was a circular on which was a stamp of the City Dispatch Post of New York of the period when stamp-

making was a private enterprise.

That is, one of the Post company's messengers would call and get your letter for a fee of seven cents. Two cents of this would go to the private company, which would affix a stamp to your letter. It would then deliver it to the post-office, pay the remaining five cents for an official government stamp, and the transaction was closed.

The circular on which appears the City Dispatch Post stamp and which belongs to L. B. Mason, contains on the reverse side an appeal to New York business houses for the favor of their business.

Dr. Babcock Has Display.

A remarkable collection of United States stamps on the old envelopes was shown by Dr. W. L. Babcock, superintendent of Grace Hospital.

It is internationally known and probably will be added to shortly, for Babcock is now in Europe digging for new treasure. Probably the prize of the volume is a 90-cent United States stamp of 1869, valued at \$1,500.

Karl Koslowski, another Detroit, showed a novel assembly of the stamps of Latvia, and among them complete war maps with stamps printed on the backs and stamps printed on war money.

The \$10,000 collection of Fred R. Schmalzriedt, Detroit attorney, which takes in United States issues in single copies, pairs, strips and blocks from 1847 to 1907, also received close attention. F. T. Norris exhibited a collection of the postage of Canada, which is said to be unequaled in this country or anywhere, and W. T. Livingston showed Falkland Islands and Seychelles.

Other Detroit men showing were: John Kay, Newfoundland and Great Britain; F. T. Norris, Newfoundland; Z. Dworkowski, Poland; J. A. Jungwirth, foreign covers dating back to the days when it required six months, as the postmarks showed, for a letter to travel from Haiti, for example, to the United States; Robert O. Meyer, German colonies; Henry Look, revenues; J. E. Scott, used blocks and larger pieces; William M. Swan, revenues; C. F. Heyerman, Boston Tea Party stamp, which was indirectly responsible for the American revolution, and metered mail; H. J. Kaufman, Harding cancellations; L. A. White, revenues; Herman W. Boers, Harding memorial stamps. C. H. Holden showed a one shilling stamp of Newfoundland among other things, cataloging \$500.

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Auction Tuesday Night.

The convention will have an auction Tuesday, following a trip to Bob L. the afternoon and a morning business session.

The American Stamp Dealers' Association, meeting in conjunction with the Philatelic Society, elected J. M. Bar of New York, president, and W. Slusser, Fort Hancock, N. J., secretary and treasurer, at its morning session. It is understood the Philatelic Society elect P. M. Wolsieffer, of Philadelphia, president.

FOUR STAMPS SOLD FOR \$476.

Philatelists' Auction Gives Inkling Fortunes in Old Offices, Attics.

Inking of the vast, neglected for that are hidden away in dusty attic trunks and aged offices was given last night the Statler when American stamp-collectors paid thousands of dollars in the auction for unusual specimens of used and unused stamps that long ago passed out of issue.

The major piece—a block of four New York five-cent stamps issued in 1851 with extra stamps attached at the right of the upper right and upper left stamps making an irregular block of six—sold to John A. Klemm, New York, for \$476.

Stiff Prices Rule.

Stiff prices ruled. A horizontal block of New Yorks on the envelope brought \$146; a single copy, two pairs and a set of three of the three-cent United States stamps of 1865 on an envelope which had the cancellation, "Raritan and Delaware Bay railroad, July 26, 1867—Steamboat sold for \$116; 30-cent United States stamps of 1853 on a fancy patriotic cover bearing the pictures of Lincoln and Johnson in medallions brought \$75; 10-cent confederate stamp with Missouri cancellation sold for \$130; Swiss stamps of Zurich, 1850, net \$102; a block of four of the 10-cent green United States of the 1861 issue brought \$216; a block of four of 90-cent stamp printed by the United States from 1871 to 1879, fetched \$100 and Phillips, of New York, paid \$100 a block of six of the unused Confederate stamps of 1861.

Prices for foreign issues were considerably lower than United States, except for a copy of a four-pence scarlet vermilion of Newfoundland, which brought \$106; a mint block of eight of the five-cent blue of Nova Scotia, 1863, which sold for \$61, and a copy of two-pence blue of Mauritius issued 1848 which netted \$61.

Many \$50 Stamps.

Stamps which brought close to \$50 mark were numerous, and the shaded down to 75 cents for a block of four of Civil War revenues.

Some of the prices for late issues of United States held out encouragement.

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HARDING PRECANCELS.
By N. R. HOOVER
aper on Harding Precancels read by Mr. er at the S.P.A. Convention on August 24. There are some striking statements and valuable tips on present day values. (O. W.)

verybody will concede that Harding ancels were the philatelic sensation 1923-24.
is not easy to give the reason for the ement that developed over this ch of stamp-collecting. It is doubt- if it was due to any artificial stimulus e man or group of men. We know has been done at times in the past other specialties. Netherlands No. d Norway No. 1 have been played and successfully cornered to the ex- of attracting the interest of a wid- circle of philatelists. Spain No. 1 ecently gotten its current sale price o catalog through persistent, cond- interest in it. Some collectors that the excitement over Danzig of due more to manipulation than to tual shortage.

ne of the reasons for the interest in issues can be ascribed to the initial given to Harding precancels. e was no corner of any particular ings at first.
e novelty of the color of this stamp, ement attached to the untimely of ex-President Harding, and the hat there was but one stamp in the conspired to focus attention on it. it must be acknowledged there is no h of philately which has in it a ier, more enterprising body of ers than those who concentrate their ies on precancels.

e monthlies and weeklies of Stamp- last Fall began to show increasing nces to Harding precancels. Early e winter want ads for their ex- e started. We all recall how in vinter the sales ads started.
e excitement over peak prices car- on for about two months, and since e have noted a gradual decline to er and more stable price. This de- does not indicate a drop in interest n intrinsic decline in actual value. peculative "water" has been squeez- f certain items in Harding precan- d the saner quotations which are ring now probably reflect a reason- safe condition.

n not prepared to say, however, that uch reduced present day values are rrect ones. We can understand elphia, Pa., normal electro selling v as 15 cents because it is generally i that many of them were issued ith the quantities still on the mar- will probably be many months be- scarcity of this stamp shows itself. ame goes for Houston, Texas.

n there are numerous towns in the postmaster or his assistants amiable chaps, accommodating to st degree and who "looked the other when appealing requests for "made- ers" were presented.

rybody knows, however, that many isters were metriculously faithful

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in heeding instructions from Washington and issued Harding Precancels only upon a legitimate order from a regular permit holder. Such cities are going to be popular as the years go by. The inverted San Francisco, believed to have been unintentionally printed upside down, is going to be worth more than 75 cents each because Frisco Hardings are all gone, no more are there to be printed and what are not now will have to suffice. Kansas City 10x10 rotary, while probably put out in considerable quantities, is now obsolete and what were issued will be all we will have. New York City three line electro (not hand stamp) is bound to be in big demand as the years go by because no postmaster was more strict in watching these 2 cent blacks than Postmaster Morgan. The New York City Post Office claims to have issued only eight Harding permits for the electro precancel, all of them to known permit holders who presumably used them immediately on mail.

These examples of various conditions show the elusive possibilities that exist in the Harding precancels. Except in the cases of those who paid big prices for Hardings that, it developed, were pure fakes and I am sorry to say these are known to exist, I doubt if anybody has really paid more than what Hardings will in time prove to be worth.

It has been recently stated that a total of 2,607 varieties of Harding precancels has been tabulated. These cover about 2,400 Post Offices. There are at least 50 Harding precancels that are of questionable origin.

All of us would be interested in knowing which are scarce at the present time, as indicative of which would be desirable stamps to acquire if chance threw them our way. A conservative list would cover the following as being scarce now:

San Francisco, Cal., inverted; Des Moines, electro rotary normal; Des Moines, electro rotary inverted; Florence, Ala., inverted; Torrington, Ct. electro; Galya, Ill.; New Albany, Ind., inverted; Waterloo, Ia., electro rotary; Boston, Mass., electro; Potosky, Mich.; New York City, three line electro, Mott, N. D.; Farrell, Pa.; Philadelphia, Pa., electro inverted; Philadelphia, Pa., electro double; Denton, Texas, normal, blue ink; Denton, Texas, inverted, blue ink, and Waco, Texas, hand stamp.

As to what the above are worth retail

today, it is difficult to say. Some of them have been advertised as low as 20c each while at least three are difficult to get at \$3.00 each.

The next list will consist of Harding precancels which should bring at least \$1.00 each today based upon their known supply:

Fort Smith, Ark.; Santa Rosa, Calif., rotary; S. San Francisco, Calif., double; S. San Francisco, Calif., invert; Trinidad, Col., electro; Canaan, Ct., rotary; Lakeville, Ct., normal; Lakeville, Ct., invert; Pocotello, Idaho, small type; Kankakee, Ill., double; Boone, Ia., electro invert; Britt, Ia., electro invert; Elyria, O., invert; Waco, Tex., electro; Richmond, Va.; Milwaukee, Wis., rotary; Grinnel, Ia., rotary; Muscatine, Ia., rotary; Fort Scott, Kan., invert; Althal, Mass., double; Salem, Mass., electro; Holland, Mich., rotary; New York City, three line electro; Albert Lea, Minn.; Cloquet, Mo., rotary; Crawford, Mo., rotary; Kansas City, Mo., rotary; Devils Lake, N. D., up; Denton, Texas, blue invert; Charleston, W. Va., electro, and Weston, W. Va.

I could name some that are worth \$5.00 each today, but will not for obvious reasons.

Here is a limited list of known speculative Hardings on which one may have to gamble when making an investment in them:

Van Buren, Ark., red ink; Forest City, Ia.; Anamosa, Ia.; New York City, hand stamp; Denver, Colo., all except the normal and invert.

The appeal in Harding precancels seems to have intrigued collectors of all types. Without a doubt it has been responsible for hundreds of regular stamp collectors taking an interest in precancels who previously had treated this branch of Philately with scant courtesy. Those interested in promoting precancels report that the sport has received an extraordinary impetus since the Hardings came on the market. The chief collectors of Harding precancels in the country are C. A. Mees, of North Carolina, L. R. Saunders, of Iowa, A. E. Gamber, of North Dakota, H. S. Wheeler of Mass., G. W. Linn, of Ohio, J. L. Sanford, of New Hampshire, Harry Robson, of Iowa, A. C. Holly, of Iowa, and Adolph Gunesch of Illinois.

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Harding precancels are a good investment. My advice is to hang on to what you have and acquire what others you are able to at the lowest prices possible. There is a widespread interest in them and as time passes all legitimate issues will simply have to appreciate in value because the Harding stamp itself has disappeared from the large cities and is available now only in small hamlets where precancels are not used and today is practically through as a possible source of additional supplies.

My prediction is that five years from now a collection of 1,000 Harding precancels which may cost you \$250.00 to get together at present will then be worth four times as much. They are an excellent investment.

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Deer Editur,
Seems like wen a ol-timer name o' Newcomer duz hiz stuf bout them 'precancs' (short fer 'prefurred cansellashuns', "Howjy prefur em? Invurts, vurtikals er common?") an giv us a wurd bran nu tu th bizness, "Ethique" ("Eth-i-cue", sez I),—seems wen he dun so mutch fer us heed auto bin lef alone. But he aint, nossir!

A feller by th name Thompson hadda horn in an say "Eethicks" wuz th OK. Wich shoze he aint never wuzent tu skule neather az me. Thay aint nuthin "thick" bout that wurd.—an th "ee" he wantsta get strong like "eethur" in a hors-dockturs ofis!

Heze az rong az if heed tride tu horn in on th "Rich-Maycry vs Phil Oatley" scrap, ony he thot Newcomer wuz eazeaz an safer until he got a rep.

I kinda like that "Eth-i-cue", but wile Thompson aint rite heze a leetle nearer but not so poetick. Th genuwine American wurd iz "ETHIX", "ETHIX". Wen furst interdused sum iggerunt pepul thot th "IX" wuz frum the rithmetick (mean-in leven, 11 yu kno) an thay wanted tu kno "wat 'Eth th leventh' wuz short ov?" !! I bet yu wudent ast sucha questun, now, wudja? Thayer mostley rekovered by now an ar outa th hossptittle til thay git nosej agin.

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EDITORIAL.

The convention of the American Philatelic Society held in Detroit, August 12th to 16th inclusive, was an occasion marked by a judicious admixture of business and pleasure. Its sessions, measured in terms of accomplishment, were satisfactory, and while it was remarked that the business meetings were somewhat curtailed, it was apparent that little time was lost in discursive discussion. However, one member alleged that he would have brought a subject or two to the attention of the body, if it were not that he feared that by doing so he would consume time that was demanded by the entertainments. In this connection it was supposed that a resolution would be presented asking that convention cities in the future not emphasize the social entertainment in a manner that would necessitate that the business meetings be interfered with in any way. While the attentions that the members of a convention city show the delegates are always appreciated, yet the business of the meeting has precedence. However, no resolution of the kind was handed to the committee on resolutions and none originated in the committee itself.

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At the Tuesday morning meeting, Mr. Charles J. Phillips in an interesting address held the attention of the members while he told of the plans already under way for the great international exhibition in New York in 1926. It was apparent that the forthcoming event is to be America's crowning achievement, from Mr. Phillips' outline of the scheme of procedure. The work is to be projected on a scale of magnitude that must gain for our pursuit a recognition in all quarters. An idea of the scope of the project may be gained from the statement that a floor in one of the largest exhibition buildings in New York has been engaged for the display. The financial foundation of the great show will be a firm one and we are certain that all of our collectors will have a pride in aiding the gentleman having the work of active preparation for the exhibition in hand, by a liberal support. When Philadelphia decided that New York rather than it was the logical place

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The appropriation of one thousand dollars that was voted for publicity purposes is the culmination of the determination of Mr. H. A. Diamant to submit the case of philately to the people. In his support of the subject, into which he has flung himself wholeheartedly, he brought many compelling points to bear in favor of the publicity suggestions that he has developed; and the feeling that he displayed in explanation of his aims brought a response from the members. It is needless to say that the tentative plans are ambitious in their sweep and we have confidence that the investment will be a good one. The wording of the resolution follows: "Resolved, That a committee on publicity be appointed by the president and that an appropriation of one thousand dollars be made to carry out a publicity campaign under the auspices of the American Philatelic Society." Thus it will be seen that the definiteness of the resolution admits of no alternative but to vote the money from one of the funds, all of which, with the exception of the general fund, are of healthy size. In our opinion, the time has come to put to a test the question of general publicity; and if it is found that the results are not commensurate with the effort and money expended, the outlay may well be charged to experience. However, we anticipate a favorable verdict, as the publicity that will be sought will not alone be through the customary channels of print but by means of radio and other advanced methods. The ready acquiescence of the members to the proposal is indicative of the belief that directed publicity may now be put on trial and that it is fitting that the American Philatelic Society be placed on record as sponsoring the idea. As for details that have been discussed in connection with the publicity sweep, they will become public later but the subject has engrossed the attention of a few of the members for some time and they are prolific of suggestions that cover a wide range of endeavor.

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There were a number of resolutions that while of minor importance are not without interest. It was resolved that the society request the post-office authorities at Washington to issue an order providing for the placing the date of receipt and delivery of all mail matter carried by air post, inasmuch as such a record will educate the public to an understanding of the advantageous use of such transportation. It was felt that the suggestion would be helpful in the campaign of the department to make popu-

lar the air mail service, although it was said that the authorities had under consideration the postmarking as outlined. The suggestion that the stamps of Canal Zone and the Philippines be sold at the Washington agency was not pressed, if we remember rightly, as it was pointed out by Mr. Ward that an action of the kind would necessitate a bookkeeping change that might not be easily made.

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The adoption of a resolution that the American Philatelic Society disclaim any responsibility for damages or losses of any kind incurred in connection with auction sales, bourse, entertainment or any other affair or function held in conjunction with the annual convention was based no doubt upon the unsatisfactory outcome of the auction sale held at the convention the year previously. Some of the members whose stamps were sold are still awaiting their money, although it is said that payment of the claims is proceeding. The situation is intolerable in some respects but it was shown that the time was not propitious for discussing any question of moral responsibility on the part of the society. By passing the foregoing resolution, the organization is in a position to disclaim liability under the contingencies mentioned and is placed so as to judge dispassionately upon cases in which it may be involved in a moral sense. In the report of the board of vice-presidents, the procedure in the case resulting from the auction at the convention last year was described and we suppose that any discussion here is out of bounds. Suffice it to say that the safeguards surrounding the Detroit auction and others that may be held at future conventions are such as to ensure a proper accounting.

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The report of the committee on by-laws disclosed the fact that the by-laws of the society which as a governing code were pronounced almost flawless, in years gone by, have outlived their usefulness. It is apparent that a new set of rules is necessary and a committee will proceed to scrutinize them in the light of the necessities of today and make wholesale changes. Altered conditions, due in great part to the unparalleled growth of the society have made some of the provisions of the by-laws antiquated and these factors, taken in view of the material wealth of the American Philatelic Society make it incumbent upon the present members to fortify the financial position of the society and equalize power in a way to avoid future entanglement. Organizations must keep step with the developments of years, and the present by-laws of the society, admirable and watertight as they were in the past, must be strengthened, in order to cope with newer problems. Aside from any philatelic aspects, the society is now a financial institution that needs a management whose powers should be set forth explicitly in the code of laws by which the society is governed.

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In one respect, the convention was subject to comment and that was that it doubtful whether a third of all the members entitled to vote were represented. At least the figures were close and two thirds of those who might vote on amendment would have to be one-third of the total membership in order to legalize any action of the kind. Notwithstanding the admitted interest of members in their organization this condition prevailed. Whether the reason the showing was due to the lack of political interest in the election or the absence of any issue known beforehand on which there might be a division of opinion is not be known with certainty but something may be said without fear of contradiction. All the members should be represented at the convention in person or by proxy, regardless of how they vote or what instructions they may give their proxies. This statement is self-evident and if the seeming lack of interest just shown was typical of the feeling of the members generally, a danger signal is hoisted. We prefer to believe that the case is exceptional and not be explained on the score of carelessness and not apathy. At least, those who have been known to solicit proxies saying that in doing so they are actuated to some extent in getting out a working representation at the convention have another arrow for their quiver, in the light of the Detroit convention.

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The selection of the place of the next convention gave some of the members cause for pause. The only real contention was Los Angeles and the absence of other nominations was due to several reasons. It is true that several cities were nominated from the floor by friends of the society who delight in entertaining members, but outside of Los Angeles preliminary campaigns were launched. The committee, aware that some opposition existed to Los Angeles, solely on account of its distance from the center of population, referred the question of choice to the convention; and after champions of the different cities had their innings, a proxy vote was called for. After it was seen that the vote favoring Los Angeles, the motion to make that city the unanimous selection was carried. One of the members called that at the convention held a year or the year before, it was tacitly agreed that the far west be given date this year if it desired it, as 1926 allotted to the city of the exhibition which at first was supposed to be Philadelphia, but which is now known to be New York. Behind all the thoughts connection with the convention is the

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unremitting work and no little financial support are required to provide entertainment for some hundreds of visitors. The task is becoming one that tests the abilities and resources of any philatelic community and already a drift has begun to give more time to the convention sessions and less time to the pleasures of social kind, in the remarks of those who attend the annual meetings usually.

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For months before the convention the Detroit members worked to arrange a program that would have a general appeal and when it is said that they planned a schedule that was carried out successfully, the words are said with conviction. An individual as well as a collective effort, the Detroit members were the soul of hospitality and they were untiring in responding to the wishes and wants of their visitors. Dr. W. L. Babcock, the chairman of the committee on arrangements, under the necessity of being abroad at the time when he wished that he could be in Detroit; and it is needless to say that his presence was missed. Herman W. Boers, publicity, was one of the most active working units imaginable, and through his enterprise many thousands of publicity before and during the convention were secured. Dr. H. H. Hoskins, secretary of the Michigan Stamp Club, was always available and was unceasing in his attentions. Mr. A. C. Hutchinson, who had the enjoyment in charge, discharged his responsibilities in a way to contribute to general good feeling. John Kay, known to so many of the old members most kindly in his hospitality while T. Livingstone was his cordial self made many of us feel indebted to him by his courtesies. Henry M. Look kept busy with his duties in connection with hotel arrangements and the quiet and Fred Schmalzreidt had his days full with the exhibition. J. E. White, finance and L. A. White who had the revision of the registration were important factors in the success of the con-

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vention and deserve a place in the song of remembrance. J. A. Jungwirth and H. J. Kaufmann had a good share of responsibility which they carried well and as for General Coolidge, his attentions were appreciated particularly by his cronies who after having seen him at home, amidst the philatelic atmosphere of his study have a picture that will not be erased from the mental tablets. Detroit did well and maintained the high plane that it established at previous conventions of the A. P. S.

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Now that the society is well over the three thousand mark in membership, with every sail set for a good voyage, the decision that quality is to be placed before quantity is a wise one. Each year there are expulsions and in the reports of some of the officers references are made to weak sisters. With the present rate of increase in membership assured for some time to come, it is desirable that applications be subjected to close scrutiny. While we suppose that perfection in membership as a whole will never be attained, the idea is to prevent the one whose reputation is questionable from allying himself with a body whose standards of philatelic conduct are high. For one thing the interchange of information concerning collectors makes it easier now than formerly to separate the unfit from the healthy body and it is not long nowadays, in comparison with the somewhat free and easy methods that prevailed in the past, before the delinquent is under suspicion; and when circumstances justify, he is ostracized.

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A proposal to hold conventions in the future, apart from the A. P. S. period, was dismissed as it was thought that any action based on this suggestion was premature. Mr. Phillips gave an interesting account of the plans and preparations already under way for the New York international exhibition of 1926 and the support of the association was extended. Proxies to the number of seventy-six were received and this number, with the members present, made a good showing. The convention picture was taken after the morning session and in this connection it should be said that an afternoon session was made necessary in order that the business coming before the convention could properly be disposed of. All in all, the meetings indicated that the probationary period of the association has passed and that it is now a going corporation whose influence will be augmented with the lengthening of the membership roll.

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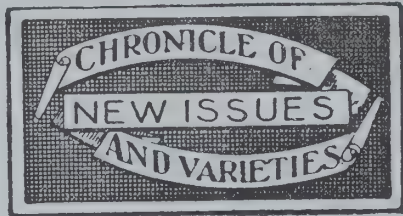
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United States.

Detroit Convention Auction Sale

On Tuesday, August 12th, the second evening of the American Philatelic Society Convention, Mr. B. L. Voorhees sold a very attractive lot of choice stamps including some very unusual United States items.

Possibly the rarest lot in the sale was lot number 64, an irregular block of six of the 5c black New York on the entire cover. While the piece was in very poor shape, this is the nearest approach to a block known, for heretofore an irregular block of three which was in the Gibson collection was the best that a block collector could obtain. All of the stamps were defective and the lot sold at \$476.

A copy of the 3c 1851 used on the day of issue, July 1, 1851, beautifully tied to the cover; brought \$55, a cover of the same stamp with the well known New York, 1853 year date cancellation found a new owner at \$20.50, while \$52 was paid for a copy of the 3c orange brown on cover cancelled, "Troy & New York Steam Boat" in addition to "2 cts" in double circle. A cracked plate copy lightly pen cancelled on a neat cover brought \$6.50.

A copy of the 3c 1857 cracked plate,

type I, sold at \$8, although the perfs. were somewhat trimmed. A single, two pairs and a strip of three, all on neat cover, of the 3c 1861, each stamp cancelled "R.&D.B.R.R.—July 26 1867—Steamboat" in circle, a cancellation used by the Raritan and Delaware Bay Railroad found a new owner at \$116.

A 30c 1857 on patriotic cover, used from Cleveland to Paris, changed hands at full catalog price, namely \$75. A block of the 3c 1869 on cover sold at \$25, while railroad cancellations on our early issues sold from \$2.50 to \$20 each, the latter price being paid for a "Raleigh & Gaston R. R." in blue on a 3c 1851. An "East Tennessee & Va. R. R." on the same stamp sold at \$10, while a "Concord & Montreal R. R." brought \$18.

The three vertical rows reconstructed from the left pane of plate III of the 3c 1851 sold at \$51. The 5c stamp varied from \$8.50 to \$52, in accordance with condition. A copy of the 1c 1857, showing the big crack in nice condition, although centered north, sold for \$50. A magnificent vertical pair of the 30c in mint condition brought the extraordinary price of \$98. A block of four, pen cancelled, of the 10c August sold for \$216. A block of the 6c 1869 without gum, and badly centered, sold for \$51. A perfection block of the 90c 1873 changed hands at \$101, while a cancelled block of the 5c Taylor on hard paper sold at \$17. A block of the 1c surface print, imperf. vertically between, sold at \$37. Pre-cancels were not in very great demand for a lot of three hundred varieties of the 2c Harding valued at \$150 brought \$26. A collection of ninety-nine varieties, all in pairs, valued at \$125, sold at \$12, while \$25 was paid for ninety-two fine blocks of four, which the owner claimed were worth \$225.

Department stamps on the entire cover as usual were much in demand and \$18 was paid for a horizontal strip of three of the 1c Post Office, used on a large official cover.

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1861, while \$28 was paid for a mint block of forty of the 2c 1863. A fine use copy of the 10c outer lines with tow cancellation sold at \$66, while a copy of the same stamp showing the line on a four sides, nicely tied to a cover with Mobile cancellation, brought \$130. As whole, fine things brought fine prices, and where items were described as perfection, catalog price seemed to make little difference.

2c, Issue of 1894-1895.

Mr. A. H. Zimmerman, a collector of U. S. stamps since 1883, writes me that he has examined thirty-five thousand of the 2c issue of 1894-1895, and in this lot has found one copy with the right triangle blank. I have not seen the stamp in question hence, cannot advise as to whether the defect is a plate defect or defect in printing. The latter is possible the case, for had there been a defect in the plate of such importance, we no doubt would have discovered the variety before this time.

AFGHANISTAN.—A correspondent states that the new stamp recently listed was issued to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the reign of the Amir Amanullah. The wording at top significance "Postage for the land bestowed by God and at foot, "6th Year of the Reign of Perseverance." The stamps are said to have been on sale for only one day, and none were sent to the Afghan P. O. in Peshawar.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

BELGIUM.—Mr. Henry Hooreman sends us the 75c, in the design of Scott A59, in a light blue shade.

Our correspondent also adds a copy of the 2fr parcel post stamp that has just been placed on sale in an olive brown color.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 1½ red, a new value on script watermarked paper. Also a 2s6d in a new shade, the time the color is olive grey on pale blue multiple CA watermark.

CEYLON.—A Ceylon correspondent Mr. W. C. Pritchett, kindly sends us the appended cutting from the Ceylon Morning Leader of June 30th:—

"It has been brought to the notice of the postal authorities that great inconvenience is being caused by the want of a 1,000 rupee stamp. As a result of these representations the Postmaster General has decided to issue a 1,000 rupee stamp which will resemble the 10 rupee stamp in colour—namely, red. The stamp will be issued shortly to the public.

"The new 12c stamp will also be issued shortly."

The reference to the colour of the existing 10 rupees stamp is, of course, not correct; actually this value is in purple and black on red paper.—Stanley Gibbons Collecting.

COLOMBIA.—Mr. A. A. Wassersche has forwarded to us a cover mailed in this country with a 3c blue of the current issue used for payment of postage and with another stamp of a ½c red denomination that he advises is used for improvement of government works—something similar. At the top of the stamp is the two line inscription "Comite de Ornato Ymejoras Publicas" and the base below the value "Por Barrera quilla."

CONGO.—We have received from Mr. Henry Hooreman a 20c in a new shade the color of this issue being olive green.

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HEJAZ.—Our Cairo Correspondent, Mr. Charles Julien Hunt, informs us that he has found different values of the overprinted to commemorate the Institution of the Caliph in black. The number of sets printed is not known, but is presumed two printings were made at least of some values. The Gold Dust so badly applied that it is sufficient to catch a stamp to get gilt figures!—*Stamp Collecting*.

MONACO.—Mr. Henry Hooreman advises of the appearance of the following visionals: 45 on 50c, 75 on 1fr yellow 185 on 5fr dark green. All are of 1891-94 type, and the surcharge is in ink.

PERU.—Mr. M. Buenano sends us a copy of a decree authorising the issue of a new set of stamps, printed by the American Bank Note Co. The values, subjects, and quantities are as follows:—
Rivadeneira, 100,000
Mariano Melgar, 800,000
Iturrigui, 100,000
A. B. Leguia, 8,000,000
J. Olaya, 800,000
Bellido, 200,000
P. Saco, 150,000
J. Leguia, 20,000
The gentlemen thus honoured by postal are patriots who have in one way or another served the cause of national independence.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Catalogue*.

ROMANIA.—Mr. A. Popescu tells us that the 3 and 6 lei Dues on greenish paper, listed recently, have been withdrawn from circulation, only 116,000 of them being actually issued. They are worth about three times face value in Romania.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Catalogue*.

RUSSIA.—Our Moscow correspondent tells us a 2 roubles value in the Work's head type, rose and green, perf. We are informed that the 5kop on 3les (blue) and 15kop on 1 rouble (strut) aerial adhesives, foreshadowed in our issue for April 19th last, appeared six weeks ago, and that the quantified surcharges comprise 450,000 of the 5kop and 950,000 of the latter. Of the 15kop on 5r and 20kop on 10r, the quantities are 450,000 and 1,450,000 respectively.—*Stamp Collecting*.

SWITZERLAND.—Mr. R. Roberts reports 100c red on buff in the current type.

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As it has been decided and announced in the Philatelic Press that there will be an International Stamp Exhibition in October, 1926, the time has arrived for the Association to come to life in earnest and take over the management of the forthcoming Exhibition.

During the years that there were no exhibitions held in this country the Association lent its support and financial aid to recent exhibitions which were held in other parts of the world. The Association contributed liberally to the recent exhibitions held in London, Brussels and Vienna.

At a recent joint meeting of the Association and the Collectors Club of New York, when the projected exhibition was decided upon, it was deemed advisable by the President, Mr. J. C. Morgenthau, that the membership of the Association be greatly enlarged with a view toward interesting every stamp collector in the United States of America to further and support the coming exhibition by becoming a member now of the Association for Stamp Exhibition. To this end we solicit you herewith to become a member at once. The dues are \$2 a year. Herewith you will find an application blank which please fill out and mail without delay to the Treasurer, Theodore E. Steinway, 109 East 14th Street, New York, N. Y., in the addressed envelope that accompanies the blank. Surely no collector who has the interest of Philately at heart can refuse to support our cause for the modest sum of \$2 a year.

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OUR BOOK REVIEW.

By PHILIP H. WARD, Jr.

"United States Envelopes" published by J. M. Bartels Co., 116 Nassau St., New York. Price \$1.00. At the Detroit Convention, Mr. Bartels handed me for review a copy of his new publication entitled "United States Envelopes," being a priced catalog of the entire 20th century envelope issues from 1901 to 1924 inclusive. Every collector interested in envelopes, and those who are likely to have varieties pass through their hands and desire to know their value should have a copy of this little forty-page booklet at hand.

We are glad to see that the arrangement is now such that one can readily collect the main cut square varieties and eliminate the watermarks by simply using a catalog number. Heretofore every envelope was given a separate number but under the present arrangement, each variety is given a separate number with the watermarks designated by means of a letter.

The booklet lists and describes the knives, illustrates all of the watermarks and gives a detailed description of all dies. In addition, practically everything is priced and one glancing over these pages will be surprised to find that certain envelopes which are very common cut square are really rare in certain sizes.

The 1920 revalued varieties are well illustrated and this paragraph alone is worth the cost of the booklet, namely, \$1.00. Prices are patterned somewhat after Scott's figures but we understand from Mr. Bartels that in the case of his publication, the quotations are net. An added feature is information regarding the number known of certain of these scarcer varieties.

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Dear Editor,

How's zis? An oney las weak a imminent fillatalist sez to me sez he they aint mutch munny in Revernew Stamps.

THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL.

Tuesday, August 19, 1924

Counterfeiter of Stamps Had Banked \$450,000

CHICAGO—Frank Juschinsky, alleged head of a counterfeit strip stamp and fake whisky label ring, arrested Monday night, has made \$450,000 through his operations in three years, according to detectives, who said he has confessed. He was arrested when he attempted to withdraw \$450,000 which federal officers said they have traced to a dozen banks here.

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4½d purple, single wmk.	.12
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20sh gray, single wmk.	6.00
*ARGENTINE—25c violet	.12
*FIJI—3d blue	.08
*NIGERIA—1sh script wmk.	.30
*ST. LUCIA—1d script wmk.	.11
2sh 6d script wmk.	.75
5sh script wmk.	1.50
*GIBRALTAR—1sh script wmk.	.30
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This feller Joshinsky makes "Collins et Al" ov Bonus Airs, Arginteeny look lika ol'time "Good Fer 1 Beer" chip kompared tu a bran new 20 dol. gole peece.

But, kum tu think, aint that "insky" endin kinda Rooshin? Mebbe heeza advance agint ov thet Sovyet "Free th' Hull Worl frum Feeroshus Fillatalists, Stick-up Stamp-dealers an Predatory Publishers". If he iz, he gotta fast start but ends up az a "indoor sport" fer th nex coupla yeers soze he kin think up ware he made hiz mistake (in bein ketched).

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PURELY PERSONAL.

D. C. Hammatt of Topeka, Kansas, showed his albums replete with examples of interesting early U. S., including covers with unusual cancellations, such as ship, railroad and steamboat. Mr. Hammatt is a student of Americana in a philatelic sense and his holdings would compel the attention of anyone with half an eye for historic suggestions, combined with philately.

W. H. Schaffner, Marion, Ohio, renewed acquaintances that he has made during a long collecting career and he found himself following closely the progress of the convention and attendant pleasures with enthusiasm. His reminiscences are of much interest and his large collection is likewise, as it shows the effect of consistent application to stamp ideals.

L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebraska, publisher of the *West*, made his appearance on the scene at the right moment and he soon was the center of a knot of friends who listened to his rapid-fire comments with open ear. Mr. Brodstone is unchanging and the hope is expressed that the years will continue to deal lightly with him, in order that he may illuminate this vale of tears with his infectious smile.

A. W. Filstrup, Benton Harbor, Michigan, is one of the king-pins of philately whose stamps, if placed end to end, would extend from Ada, Ohio, to Zada, West Virginia, even though he collects U. S. principally. His early U. S. represent a succession of thrills and those who lingered over his treasures know why Benton Harbor is in large red letters on the philatelic map. Each year his albums become bigger and better.

Old Doc Hennan, Chicago, whose Holland and colonies beat the Dutch found time to steal away to the convention even though the sick and suffering could not countenance his absence. Having tasted blood at previous conventions, he was not to be withheld from repeating his experiences and he kicked up a good bit of dust at Detroit.

Ralph H. Ellers, St. Louis, loaned his aldermanic presence to the meeting and his friends rallied to his support in a cheering manner, showing that he is unanimously elected to a high place in the estimation of his philatelic constituents. When through Mr. Diamant's efforts the collectors in St. Louis are multiplied many times, we shall see that this earnest collector of penny blacks is nominated for mayor of his fair city.

William A. Johnson, Washington, had as many friends as a five cent New York at the festivities, and it is needless to say that he contributed to the good cheer that abounded. As a general collector, he is an exemplar of a grand old type of collector and there is none but who would do him reverence. He typifies radiant philately and is one of the best

philatelic illustrations that could be offered.

Father Kaib, St. Vincent Abbey, Beatty, Pa., was in attendance we are pleased to say and we had the privilege of hearing some interesting philatelic reminiscences from this worthy man and true philatelist. Father Kaib's record for convention loyalty is a good one and may it never be otherwise, as it is good to have him among us.

Jno. J. Spencer, Saginaw, Michigan, who has many active years in philately to his credit, was a welcome addition to the ranks of delegates, and he brought with him his book of line varieties on U. S. stamps that furnished the material for his article in the *American Philatelist* on them. Mr. Spencer is working in an interesting field and is placing on record details that ordinarily might escape many of us.

Henry Seagrave, Pontiac, Michigan, who was treasurer of the American Philatelic Society before many of its present members were born circulated about the meetings. Mr. Seagrave is known for his great affection for proofs and essays, especially of our own country, and has many fine collections of them. Moreover, Mr. Seagrave has many stories to tell about persons and places in philately, as he has kept his weather eye open for many years. A cover that was sent to Mr. Seagrave while he was treasurer, evidently by a member who had registered the amount of his dues to him that bore a strip of four of the three cent vermilion, was sold at the convention for something over forty dollars we are told—but Mr. Seagrave was not the seller.

Reverend Clarence C. Silvester, All Hallows Rectory, Wyncote, Pa., was greeted on all sides and while the occasion did not offer for him to fill in the breach by acting as deputy for those whose voices could not rise above the tumult, as on occasions past, we live in hopes of hearing his bell-like tones at coming conventions. We wish he would feel it incumbent to speak for himself, now and then.

Howard H. Elliott, Winchenden, Mass., who steers the financial bark of the society so capably was not swollen with pride at the thought of the tremendous trust reposed in him and he had ear for the humblest member once he was assured that no designs on the strong-box were entertained. As custodian of the coin, he is happy, and if he is ever harassed by responsibility, he does not show it.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Philadelphia, the new president of the A. P. S., was as popular as the man who knocks a home run with three on base for the home team, when it is three runs behind, in the last inning. A sigh of relief was heaved by the members when they knew that they had got him where they wanted him—in the president's chair. For many a day

P. M. has dodged the lightning but last it struck him. He is the most popular man in the society and we believe when he lays down the duties of office in years to come, he will have made fine record for himself. His experience of many years will guide him to avoid any pit-falls and his sincerity of administration will be felt by all.

Doctor H. A. Davis, Denver, Colorado, officiates in the secretary's office so that it seems as though he were made for it. For faithful performance of duty in sunshine or rain, he stands forth a society worker of rare ability and all it is hard to find his like. His work appreciated by the members who lose chance to acclaim him and his service.

Still more next week.

FIVE-YEAR HONOR CLUB.

Daniel H. Greenberg, N. Y. City.
Joseph E. Nute, Fall River, Mass.
H. A. Robinson, M.D., Hingham, Mass.
Clark W. Brown, Ashland, Mass.
Samuel J. Smith, Shamokin, Pa.
P. H. Chase, Philadelphia, Pa.
J. G. Scott, Aberdeen, Wash.

Daniel H. Greenberg, when remitted his check for \$5 in payment for membership in the Honor Club, wrote "Whenever I read MEKEEL'S WEEKLY feel the pulse of the stamp world," this is a pretty good sentiment. Greenberg drops into poetry a la Voltaire as follows:—"Here is my gift, will, Expressed with a five-dollar bill cannot do without MEKEEL, Because I my weekly thrill." Thanks, Mr. Greenberg.

On Thursday, August 21, the proprietors of the WEEKLY held a conference in Rochester, N. Y. and stay of the Managing Editor was longed somewhat by reason of engagements in the city, including an address before the Rochester Rotary Club on Tuesday, August 26. Upon his turn home in the accumulation of business he finds various applications for membership in the Five-Year Honor Club. These all come to us with little data upon which to base individual mention, and we are conscious of that the following paragraph pays sufficient recognition to the loyalty of these friends who are so confident of stability of the WEEKLY as to enter applications for five-year renewals their subscriptions.

We add to the membership of Honor Club our Rotarian friend who we met at Toronto, Joseph E. N. associated with the Fall River Gas Works Co., at Fall River, Mass.; Henry Robinson, M.D., of Hingham, Mass.; G. Scott, Aberdeen, Wash.; Clark Brown, Ashland, Mass.; Samuel Smith, Shamokin, Pa., and P. H. Chase, Assistant Engineer of the Philadelphia Electric Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

It is our intention to publish a list of members in our Honor Club some this month.

THE MANAGING EDITOR

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It was Detroit's first view of a large stamp auction and both men and women were present.

Two extreme rarities, one valued at \$7,500 and the other priced at \$8,500, were on view yesterday.

One was an unused vertical strip of four 10-cent stamps of 1847, from the corner of the sheet, which was acquired recently by a New York firm of stamp dealers when it bought the United States collection of J. F. Lozier, automobile manufacturer, at a price said to be \$110,000. It was for sale at \$8,500.

New Discovery.

The other unusual feature was a New Haven postmaster's provisional exhibited by Harold C. Brooks, of Marshall, Mich. Brooks obtained the copy through newspaper advertising. Two stamped envelopes were issued by New Haven in 1845. One was a five-cent red, which catalogues at \$3,500; the other a 5-cent blue on buff, which catalogues at \$7,500. The Brooks discovery is a new variety—a 5-cent blue on white paper.

Another variety shown by Brooks was a New York postmaster's stamp issued in 1845. The postmaster at that time was R. H. Morris, and all the stamps were initialed in red ink to insure extra protection against counterfeiting. Most of these were initialed A. C. M. by A. C. Monson, a postal clerk, and only a few got the pen of the postmaster. Those initialed R. H. M. catalogue \$600; those signed A. C. M. are worth only \$50. The old folded letter bearing the Brooks copy is dated August 20, 1845, being one of the earliest dates on which this provisional issue was used.

Delegates to the convention held a business session yesterday morning and went to Bob-Lo in the afternoon. It was announced that the mail ballot on the presidency of the society had resulted in the overwhelming election of P. M. Wolfieffer, of Philadelphia, to succeed C. F. Heyerman, of Detroit, as president for the ensuing year.

A warmly welcome arrival yesterday was Jacob Keller, who came to Detroit in 1872 and moved to Calgary in 1920, after keeping a little stamp shop on Randolph street, that was for years the rendezvous of adolescent philatelists.

Tonight has been designated as Dealers' and Traders' night. There was a

Hardings! Norristown and Bridgeport; two good Penna. towns to exchange for anything I do not have. J. H. McGAUGHEY, 6005 Walnut, Philadelphia, Pa.

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WORLD STAMP SHOW PLANNED.

Philatelists Outline Proposal for International Exhibition in United States.

Plans for an international stamp exhibition, the first to be held in the United States but no novelty on the continent, were outlined by Charles J. Phillips, of New York, before the American Philatelic Society at the Statler yesterday.

Philatelists of every stamp-issuing country of the world will be invited to the exhibition, which will take place in 1926 and which will go similar European affairs a bit better by offering medals or other durable recognition for research work in philately.

Motion Pictures Planned.

Motion pictures dealing with the geography and history traceable through stamps will be another feature, the films to be supplemented by a corps of speakers who will address school children of New York and environs on the minute phases of stamp collecting.

Among yesterday's arrivals was William H. H. Schaffner, president of the Marion County bank, of which the late President Harding was a director. Schaffner was rich in reminiscences of the departed executive, having an acquaintance with him that dated from the arrival of Harding in Marion in 1881.

"He came as a poor boy, and I remember that way back in those days it wasn't at all easy for him to meet \$5 or \$20 drafts," said Schaffner.

Ford Plant Visited.

Schaffner never interested the president in collecting stamps himself, but his collection is replete with correspondence from Mr. Harding. Whenever the president when a member of the senate went to foreign lands he always bought some stamps, stuck them on an envelope and sent them to Schaffner.

After a morning given over to discussion of the proposed international show and to receiving invitations for the society to hold its next convention in Los Angeles, St. Louis, Boston and Atlantic City, the society went to the Ford plant in the afternoon and held a "Dealers' and Traders' night" afterwards.

The Precancel Club announced the election of B. Gordon Bushnell of Indianapolis as president and John Spaulding of New Berlin, N. Y., as secretary and treasurer.

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Is fraught with joy and health and hope,
If you but know its lore.

A postage stamp is—well, just a postage stamp, you think. Well, dear children, you are wrong. A postage stamp is geography. A postage stamp is history. A postage stamp is travel. And it can be a love story, too.

We didn't know it ourselves until we talked with Arthur O. Litt, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Stamp-Collectors' Annual Convention here August 4 to 6, with meetings at the Hotel Continental and trips to Luna Park and everything.

Mr. Litt is a cotton converter with a prosaic office at No. 487 Broadway. He is also an expert on stamps and has so much fun playing around with them that we wonder he has any time to convert cotton.

He did, however, convert us to stamp collecting in just nine minutes. We are going right out this payday and buy a dollar-and-a-half envelope of bargain stamps and a chubby catalogue, which is the way to begin, Mr. Litt says. After that we shall snap our fingers at business worries, personal problems, hot weather, and all swats of fate. Stamps are the quickest things to get interested in we have ever seen.

"Here's a sample of the thrill," says Mr. Litt, hauling a stampbook from a drawer of his desk and pointing to an engraved oblong in red with French words on it.

"This is a copy of a Haytian stamp given by a native while I was in the diplomatic service at Port au Prince during the war. I sold the original a few weeks later for \$50.

AND OH, THE PROFITS!

"And look here. This is a sheet of Haytian stamps worth normally five cents each, or about five American cents for the lot. I have refused \$275 for it."

We gazed in awe. Mr. Litt explained about "surcharge." It seems that sometimes a locality will have too many high denomination stamps on hand, for example, and wants to raise some money quickly. The stamps are re-valued, the new value being printed across the face. And so the stamp ultimately becomes something for the collector.

"But that," Mr. Litt tossed the book on his desk, "is nothing. You know the classic story about the British Guiana stamp that had lain upon a love letter in an attic for years and years. It sold in Paris the other day for \$32,500 and had belonged to Count Ferrari de la Renotiere, a millionaire of Austria, whose collection was among the finest in Europe.

ONE COLLECTION WORTH MILLIONS.

"The Count, living in Paris, employed five secretaries to collect stamps, and his place was guarded as though it held the crown jewels. He had willed them to the Berlin Museum, so they were confiscated and are being sold by the French Reparations Commission. Over \$2,000,000 has been realized thus far, and it is thought a million more will come.

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Mr. Litt ought to know. He put himself in business on stamps. Not professionally; quite by accident. Like all school boys, he hoarded stamps and traded them round the neighborhood. Then he went to California, studied law and forgot about his old albums. The war came and he was sent to Hayti, and like a flash the old longing to dig up interesting stamps came back.

"I went to the Post Office," he relates, "and bought a complete set of Haytian stamps just for fun. They cost about \$1.20. The natives stood around wondering who the American millionaire was who could afford to invest a fortune in something he wasn't even going to use!"

"Then I got a catalogue and studied it. Right off the bat I found half a dozen stamps described in the catalogue, each worth several times what I had paid for the whole outfit. Then I determined to study Haytian stamps thoroughly, with the result that I sold for over \$5,000 odd ones I picked up for practically nothing."

Do you begin to get the fever? Why, it's like Wall street and Monte Carlo rolled into one! Makes you itch to rummage through old letters and see what's there. Mr. Litt says you ought never to throw away ANY stamps. They all have some value, to some one, somewhere. Even plain, every day two cent U. S. stamps get distinguished occasionally. Mr. Litt has one with "5 cents" on it instead of "2 cents"—sort of a slip of Uncle Samuel's engraving machine—and worth somebody's fortune.

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ing of August 14, 1924, at the Detroit
convention, when the presence of Mr. E.
L. Taylor, Ottawa, Canada, in charge of
the Postage Stamp Division, was dis-
closed by Mr. Livingstone, the toast-
master. Mr. Taylor upon invitation read
briefly from a valuable paper that he had
prepared and it is needless to say that
his courtesy was appreciated. In con-
versation with Mr. Taylor he expressed
his satisfaction in having attended the
meeting and he mentioned especially that
he had made many friends in the United
States through the offices of his stamp
clearing house. Mr. Taylor has allowed
us to use the following series in its en-
tirety; and readers will follow his course
telling of the stamps of Canada from
their introduction to the present day, as
well as the country's early postal his-
tory, followed by a description of the
stamp manufacture of his country and
ending with a note on the Ottawa stamp
agency, brought into being for the bene-
fit of stamp collectors.

Our postal system in Canada is
based on that of Great Britain. When
in 1760 Canada became a British pos-
session, a postal system connecting the
older British colonies in North Amer-
ica and linking them with Great Brit-
ain was in operation, under the control
of the British Postmaster General, but
administered by deputies of his own
choosing. One of the earliest of these
deputies was Benjamin Franklin, whose
headquarters were at Philadelphia, and
immediately on receiving word of the
signing of the treaty giving Canada to
Great Britain, he came up to Canada,
for the purpose of extending the Brit-
ish postal service to this country. He
opened a post-office at Quebec and
subordinate offices at Montreal and
Three Rivers, and placed them in
charge of a young Scotchman named
Hugh Finlay, who had been a few
years in this country. Finlay thus be-
came our first resident Deputy Post-
master General under British rule, and
as a matter of fact, a few years later
he succeeded to Franklin's own posi-
tion, on his leaving office.

Owing to Franklin's prompt action,
the postal service was the first of the
institutions of government which was
placed on a settled footing after Can-
ada became a British province.

Postage stamps were introduced in
Canada in 1851. Our first issue of
postage stamps consisted of three
values, namely: three, six and twelve
pence. The first and the most typical
of Canada was designed by Sir Stan-
ford Fleming, civil engineer and drafts-
man. The central figure is a repro-
duction of the beaver in its native
haunts, over which the royal crown of

England rests on the thistle, rose and
shamrock, with the letters "VR" (Vic-
toria Regina) on either side. It would
seem, after second thought, that it is
perfectly right for this animal to be
the first on the stamp of the country,
who as a colony, depended on its fur
as a never failing source of revenue.
The colour of this stamp is red. The
six-pence is of the usual upright size,
and has for the main design the por-
trait of Albert, the Prince Consort.
The artist of the original painting is
unknown. The colour of this stamp is
slate violet. The twelve-pence is sim-
ilar in shape and design to the six-
pence, and has the head of her Majes-
ty, Queen Victoria, taken from a full
length painting by Alfred Edward
Chalon. The colour is black.

On the first year of the issue of
these stamps the demand for them was
not very great, and it would seem to
demonstrate that the use of postage
stamps in prepayment of letters was
not going to be a success, but about
the year 1855 an increase of about 75%
in the stamp issue was shown. These
first three stamps were ordered from
and engraved on steel by Messrs. Raw-
don, Wright, Hatch and Edson of
New York City, the firm who had
been awarded the contract for printing
the first 1847 United States stamps, a
fact that no doubt had its influence
upon the early day postal issue of this
country. These stamps were printed
in sheets of 100, ten rows to a sheet.
The first supply of three-pence stamps
were received on April 5, 1851. The
next supply arrived two weeks later,
and made a total of 250,200. These
stamps were placed on sale on April
23, 1851. The first six-pence stamps
were received May 2nd, and totalled
100,400. These were issued on May
15th and were used for postage on let-
ters to the United States, except Ore-
gon and California. The twelve-pence
stamp was received a few days later
and the total number received was
51,000 stamps. They were placed on
sale about June 15th, and were used
for postage on letters to Great Britain
via Quebec and Halifax. It would al-
most seem more natural to call this
a one shilling stamp, but the chief rea-
son for not doing this was the depre-
ciated state of Canadian currency at
that time, added to this fact that the
shilling in Boston was worth 1/2 dollar
or 16 2/3 cents, while in New York it
was worth one-eighth of a dollar. As
a matter of fact, the French in Lower
Canada used the 15-pence shilling,
while the English in Upper Canada
used the standard shilling. This 12-
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In April, 1923, the Post Office Department established a Philatelic Branch somewhat similar to that already in existence in the United States where well-centered specimens of the present issue, along with those of other issues which the Department have on hand, could be obtained. At first we had quite a large number of stamps of former issues which had been in the hands of the Department or procured from Postmasters, and the sale of these stamps was consequently large as most of them were sold at their face value. In this way the Department disposed of quite a large number of obsolete stamps. These now have been pretty well disposed of, and the Department has to depend largely on stamps of the present issue. Canada does not change her postage stamp issue very frequently and it is not easy to carry out a philatelic branch successfully unless this is done. I think on the whole we have given satisfaction because a large number of correspondents have expressed appreciation of the stamps that they have received. Here and there though, we have had a complaint, although not of a very serious nature.

I can say, though, that since this Branch has been established I have become acquainted with a large number of philatelists, both personally and by correspondence, and I have always found that they are ever willing to co-operate in bettering the Agency.

THE DETROIT BANQUET.

The convention banquet was held in the ball-room of the Hotel Statler on the evening of August 14th and every seat in the spacious hall was taken. The scene was an inspiring one and was such as to incline the outsider to the belief that philately had attractions to bring together so worthy a group of ladies and gentlemen. The menu certainly was a well-ordered one and put the banqueters in a gracious mood towards the speakers, judging from the evidences of approval of the efforts of those who were called upon for something to say. The toastmaster, Mr. W. T. Livingstone, was a graceful master of ceremonies and his dictum that the talks should be limited to a short space of time was observed. Mr. Livingstone called upon the newly-elected president, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, for a response and after the applause had subsided, Mr. Wolsieffer spoke in a way to show that he realized the responsibilities of his eminent position. He promised that he would proceed carefully in an administrative way and bring to bear on the problems that would confront him an unbiased mind; and that his procedure would always be calculated to serve the society as a whole. He allied himself with progressive principles but insisted that the slogan of the society should be quality as well as quantity in soliciting new members. He indicated that he would reappoint the present officers and showed that he had a comprehensive idea of the duties of his office.

The retiring president, Mr. C. F. Heyerman, knew by the reception that he received that his work during the past two years was appreciated and while he must feel a relief in stepping aside, he expressed himself as being glad to be able to speak so highly in praise of his successor.

The editor of the WEEKLY was introduced as one who was known through his regular attendance at conventions and he took occasion to say that after seeing a good part of a thousand people before him, the attainment of a circulation of ten thousand for a stamp paper did not seem to be an accomplishment worth boasting about and that the incentive was given for a figure twice that of ten thousand.

Mr. Charles J. Phillips made an interesting address which reflected his long experience and exceptional interest in our pursuit, and he interspersed a number of lighter touches in his remarks that went well. Speaking seriously, he told of the recent death of his friend, Hugo Griebert of London, that philatelist *sans reproche* and said that he thought it fitting that a message of condolence be

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Dr. H. P. Hopkins, president of the Michigan Stamp Club, made a telling speech in which he slammed around in a way to excite the risibilities of his audience or as our actor friend would say, to get a laugh. His allusions to local philatelic conditions were filled with good humor, and it is easy to believe that the philatelists of Detroit who are members of the several societies are one happy family.

Mr. Taylor, who has charge of the stamp agency at Ottawa, Canada, expressed his pleasure at being among so many friends who had patronized his office at different times, and he said, withal, that he derived great satisfaction in mingling with so many who exalted the stamp and its suggestions. He read briefly from an interesting article that he had prepared on the stamps of Canada and their manufacture.

W. W. MacLaren, Cleveland, whose reputation as a stamp hunter is secure and really founded on fact, promised to tell the secret of his success in running the elusive rarity to earth. It was apparent from his remarks that he proceeds in a somewhat devious way to land his quarry but his explanatory finish was comprised in these words: "I cultivate the old ladies."

There were further features of the banquet that are worthy of notice but we have rather sketchily indicated that it would have been impossible to have improved on Detroit's festal affair, and the memory of the feast will be a lasting pleasure. Two hundred and thirty-one ladies and gentlemen were present, according to the count.

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A. W. Filstrup, of Benton Harbor, Mich., is entitled to the honor of being our second life subscriber. His negotiations with our Chicago office began some three weeks ago, but it fell to the lot of J. W. Prevost of Springfield, Mass., to come under the wire as No. 1. However, Mr. Filstrup will not begrudge him that honor. We are sorry that we have no facts available in connection with Mr. Filstrup's philatelic activities. We know they have been numerous and we hope to prevail upon him to give us in the near future an account of the things that interest him in philately. We enter Mr. Filstrup's name for a life subscription with great appreciation of the estimation in which he holds our publication. We trust that he may round out the century mark with the WEEKLY, both going strong.

Supplementing the above just as we go to press a letter comes to hand from Mr. Severn in which he says:—"I may say that Mr. Filstrup latterly has gained a collecting eminence through his exceptionally fine collection of early United States that places him on one of the topmost rungs of the ladder. He has shown his collection in part at different meetings of societies in various cities, and he is billed to appear at the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society to be held December 4, 1924. Mr. Filstrup is always alert to say a good word for philately, and his actions tell of his sincere belief in it. He wanted to be assured of receiving the WEEKLY as long as he lives, and it is needless for us to say that we hope he lives for a long, long time."

A. W. Filstrup, Benton Harbor, Mich. (LIFE).

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G. G. Bergman, Jalapa, Mexico.

Paul MacGuffin, Libertyville, Ill.

We acknowledge the receipt of an application for membership from Charles H. Smith, publisher of *Facts and Fallacies*, a weekly newspaper at Brushton, N. Y. Mr. Smith is also in the printing and stationery business and writes us that he would "feel a severe loss at not receiving the paper every week."

Every once in a while we make reference to some event in the life of the WEEKLY that seems like a milestone as regards the esteem in which our publication is held by its subscribers. No sooner do we record one happening than another presents itself to view. Whatever adjectives we might attempt to use, all would be wasted in expressing the great regard in which the WEEKLY is held by its subscribers. No other stamp paper in the world, indeed no other paper in existence, can boast such an Honor Club as it has been our privilege to inaugurate in recent months.

The preceding paragraph is inspired by the fact that on Thursday, August 28, we received in a single mail no fewer than four applications each accompanied

with \$5 for membership in our Club. In the number were A. A. Belser who is connected with Price, Waterhouse & Co., at the firm's Havana office; August Dietz, of Richmond, Va., the head of the Dietz Printing Co. of that city and a philatelist noted for his research work, especially in connection with Confederate issues; Wm. L. Kinkead of Ridgewood, N. J., whose name has occasionally appeared in the WEEKLY as interested in the educational phases of philately and who is very active locally along these lines; and the last of the quartet of new members is N. McD. Freeman of Chicago, Ill. We welcome all four of these new recruits.

In making his application for membership in the Honor Club G. G. Bergman, Jalapa, Mexico, expresses the belief that he is probably the first member of the Five-Year Club from Mexico, and we are very glad to accord him this honor. Mr. Bergman is a member of the Collectors Club, of New York, and is also A. P. S. 2526. He is the general representative of Arbuckle Bros. at Jalapa.

Through Mr. Severn's office we have received the application of Paul MacGuffin, Libertyville, Ill. This place is situated near Chicago and Mr. MacGuffin is a frequent and welcome visitor at our local office. Through years of collecting he has accumulated one of the best collections of older stamps that can be found in his vicinity.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Through a mistake made several weeks ago, we elected Mr. Charles Phillips as one of the directors of the American Philatelic Society, when in reality it was our old friend, Mr. Henry B. Phillips of California, who was crowned with the laurel. Mr. Charles Phillips was elected vice president of the American Stamp Dealers Association and we think that temporarily that honor enough for any man; and so make this correction.

—From the Philatelic Institute, 2 Plumstead High Street, S. E., 18 London, we have received the little book, illustrated, with over thirty pages entitled "The Post-War Stamps of Germany" by W. Gardner. This little book is number 18 of the Philatelic Institute Papers and is sent post-free for 7 pence. A work of this kind brings Germany down to date and in view of the large number of stamps that have been issued during the past few years from Germany, the book is of particular interest. We find the stamps from 1919 through the 1924 govt. values listed with more or less explanatory text. In the consecutive way the stamps are described, there is no little instructive reading and we welcome the book which will be consulted for information that does not appear in the catalogue concerning these prolific issues that is quite advisable to know. The popularity of German sheets no doubt will make this book of particular interest to many of those who want the German issues, literally by the hundred.

—The department at Washington has just sent out an order saying that air mail may be forwarded to the address or returned to the sender by the same methods where the delivery of the matter will be expedited if carried by air. "No additional charge for postage is to be made for the forwarding or return of matter in this manner except in cases where it is forwarded or returned to place beyond the air-mail zone for which postage was originally paid; in which event the matter shall be rated with postage due, sufficient to cover the amount chargeable for the carriage of the matter by air from the point of original mailing to the office of final delivery."

—*The Horn Pipe*, published by the Joseph Horne Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., has recently opened a philatelic department. We have received several subscription to the WEEKLY as a result of the publicity.

—Attention is called to the new Jackson Heights address of the Home of the Postage Stamp. The company is permanently located at the new address and is justly proud of its new home.

—While the Managing Editor was away upon his Rochester, N. Y., trip, the office of the WEEKLY was favored with a call from Rev. G. E. Richter, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, Coventry, Conn. We regret the absence of known Mr. Richter through correspondence for many years.

—H. C. Buttermore, 129 S. Whitcomb Ave., Youngstown, O., would like the address of R. E. Lancaster, formerly Louisville, O., more recently at Canton, O., and at the present time unable to be located. Who will help Mr. Buttermore out?

—A subscriber has an 1861 cover with the cancellation "Charleston 4 Corners. Who knows where this place was located?

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clarr that she would consider his request if he would first return a selection to him at 72 Williams Av., Brooklyn, N. Y., some two years ago. The letter is returned with indications of having been opened and examined, but with the O. marking "Removed, present address unknown."

"I wonder how many American philatelists have ever visited this little country? In population it is smaller even than San Marino, but the people are, of course, far superior, as illiteracy is unknown here. Of the last 'gold' set the 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 80 centimes and 1 franc are still on sale while the 10 values are sold out and the 7 1/2 and 10 have been overprinted 5 and 10c respectively. The Liechtenstein stamps are now being printed in Switzerland, instead of Austria. The 10c has already appeared in the old design on the Swiss marked paper (cross) in a different shade of green; the 20c will soon appear red and the 30 in blue, (Postal Union colors). Unsurcharged Swiss due stamps issued for Postage Due."—A. O. TITMANN, Vathy, Liechtenstein.

—R. L. Hustis sends us a rather unique stamp gotten out in Germany. It shows a picture of a trumpeter and the figure made up of portions of postage stamps various colors. Mr. Hustis was informed that this is quite a fad in Germany, some very complete and ornate figures of fair size having been made in pieces of stamps, as the result of repetitions in connection with which prizes have been offered. He suggests that this is one way of ridding the stamp market of some of the worthless material available.

—F. W. Reid has sold his home in New York and will leave Sept. 6 for Honolulu, where he will open a stamp shop. We shall be sorry to lose our old friend in the States but presume he will continue his wonted activities at the new address.

The firm of Walter W. Anderson & Co., Princeton, Ill., has removed its office to Peoria, Ill., as per the advertisement elsewhere in this issue. Note that the firm has now changed its name to Waco Stamp Co., and our readers will doubtless hear from the firm during the coming season.

—As a matter of news it might be interesting to know that the annual convention of the Metropolitan Philatelic Association, Incorporated, will be held at Philadelphia, Pa., on Sept. 17 and 18, 1924. Mr. Aaron E. Carpenter will be named chairman of the Entertainment Committee and P. M. Wolsieffer will be chairman of the Credentials Committee.
JOHN A. FOWLER.

If you have not already received the information I thought it might be of interest to those who collect permits, that the Mail-O-Meter Company, Detroit, Michigan, has sold out to the Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Company of Stamford, Connecticut.—**JOHN W. HAARER.**

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THE 2c BROWN 1883.
By C. J. HOHENSTEIN.

The high spots of your WEEKLY are, for me at least, "Early Low Values Specialized," Ward's New Issue Comments and News Gleanings. These are read first and with avidity. The latter two departments are present in nearly every number. But Early Low Values comments are frequently missing. Their absence always is a pungent disappointment to me. No doubt, at times you are without material for this column. (No. The trouble lies in the fact that the Pre-cancel fan, the British Colonial specialist and various other interests must be given attention.—W. O. W.) Couldn't some more latent scribes among the U. S. specialists be induced to contribute notes of interest along this line? It is surprising how many are taking to specialization in these values. We may not all be as loquacious and able to present our finds as intelligently as a Ward, Bates, Bonesteel, Hustis, et altera; but there is a long range between the vernacular and perfection of the American language.

Anent the 2c brown, 1883, I wish to chronicle a few notes. This stamp offers a wide scope of interest, more so, I think, than the 2c green, 1887, not as long in use as the former, altho many characteristics are identical in the two issues. I have recently paged an unpicked lot of some 1,200 to 1,500 of the 2c brown which have accumulated with me during about twenty years.

The shaded and unshaded shield varieties are about equally numerous.

As to the dotted varieties described by Mr. Kuhn in Dec. 10th issue and Mr. Hustis July 28th last, I find that most of the shaded shield variety have them, ranging from just inside the medallion to the outside on left of design in a general latitude of the 5th pearl, altho some reach as far south as the 7th pearl. The dots appear much less frequently on the unshaded variety. On one shaded copy I found the dot 1/2 mm above the design, 1/4 mm to the left of the N. E. corner. This copy has no dots on the west.

Three copies have the shield line broken in lower left half. One copy has no shield line on entire left side, altho the stamp is quite clear otherwise.

One copy has the diagonal lines of the medallion extending northeastward across the white oval, the pearls and the word United unto the edge of design. Might be termed a double transfer. Another copy has the colored horizontal line from the tip of Washington's lower lip running across the white oval, the 5th pearl, and coinciding with the outside horizontal line at left. A third copy has a colored hair line on the left extending from the 6th pearl across the 7th pearl, diagonally down to the perforation at a point horizontally opposite the bottom of Washington's throat. All these lines are invisible to the naked eye, but clearly defined under the microscope.

Ten double transfers were in the lot showing the shield line plainly double at lower left of shield.

One item has a fine upward shift of about 1/2 mm, showing best in northeast diagonal half.

Two copies show part of the plate number inside of perforation, both ending in naught, one at top and one at the bottom, but not enough to make out the number.

One copy has about two-thirds the height of the letters of Note Company of the American Bank Note Company's imprint within the perforation at the bottom.

Seven vertical arrows at top and bottom on left and right sides were in the bunch, one on a horizontal pair.

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Although it took me several days to page and arrange these stamps in my collection, there was some kick of an exhilarating pleasure in it.

Having found recently several double and tripple transfers on the 12c of the lately obsoleted issue, I also paged my U. S. Shanghai set, and sure enough, the o.g. copy of the 24c on 12c perforated 11 has a double transfer, nine horizontal lines faintly crossing the white oval at points between Franklin's chin and the left numeral 12. A used copy on cover is normal.



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Now that the conventions are a part of philatelic history, they leave a train of consequences that prove that these annual meetings are well worth the time and energy that make them a success, both from the point of the members in the convention city and those who travel to it. First of all, there is always something of a stir in the city in which the conventions are held, and the result is that there are a number of persons who are attracted by the publicity given the meetings in the local press. Collections of boyhood days, miscellaneous lots of stamps and accumulations in general are brought to headquarters by those who know nothing of systematic collecting or who have long been out of touch with it. Usually, these inquirers wish to dispose of their holdings, but occasionally the caller gets an inspiration from the crowd that determines him to pursue collecting in an orderly way. The newspaper notices that are given so freely are instrumental in bringing letters from those at a distance who speak of stamps in their possession or ask for information about stamps. Several letters of the kind have been received that proves that in a scattered way, there is a good bit of interest in the stamp theme throughout the country; and it becomes incumbent upon collectors to centralize this interest and direct it into the proper channels. Soon after the editor of the WEEKLY got home a message came from the directress of the Chicago Daily News broadcasting station saying that a number of requests had been received for another stamp talk, and no doubt the letters mostly were sent as a result of the newspaper publicity that the conventions received. While it is not always easy to point out just how the general advertising of stamps is going to react specifically to advantage, yet there is no one who will say that the possibilities of publicity for philately are not immense. The cumulative value of advertising is such that it would be utter folly to relax the pressure that is now being brought to bear in behalf of printed information about collecting; and the start that has been so well made must be pressed to a successful outcome.

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The absence of Mr. Mount of the Washington Stamp Agency was regretted, but his telegram of good wishes to the A. P. S. was received with appreciation. He told how affairs of state were such that he could not absent himself from Washington at this time, but he said that he had kind remembrances of collectors, not alone because of their heavy patronage of his department but because of the interest that they manifested in general stamp matters. The presence of Mr. Taylor of the Ottawa, Canada, philatelic agency was an unexpected pleasure, and while Mr. Taylor said that he received no little information through his attendance, yet we are sure that the members feel grateful to him for the privilege of meeting him under happy conditions. There is no gainsaying that Mr. Taylor is an ardent partisan of the stamp, and it is fair to say, those who collect stamps; and the understanding of the psychology of the collector is better gained at an annual convention than perhaps anywhere else. The paper on Canadian stamps that Mr. Taylor prepared

is an interesting one as we think our readers who will have the satisfaction of perusing it will agree.

We feel that once again we must revert to the hospitality of the Detroit members. That they worked for months before the convention in making preparations for it was evident, and so far as we could see, everything connected with the social side of the occasion was well conducted. The tendency is to take the pleasures that are provided so spontaneously, seemingly, for granted and oftentimes those who enter into them give no heed to the hard work that is necessary to bring them to fruition. We could name many who contributed their share to the success, from the visitor's viewpoint, of the convention, but rather than do so we shall speak in behalf of practically all the members who were present and say that each and every one of those who so gladly did his share in making Detroit the stamp capital for three days are enshrined in grateful remembrance in the hearts of the delegates. Mr. H. W. Boers, who had charge of the publicity at Detroit, favored us with photographs of groups of members as well as information showing how he worked to advantage in running up a big lineage. Mention should be made of Jackson D. Hagg, editorial staff of the Detroit News, for his interest in the sessions.

A book is announced that the publishers say will be unique as a hobby book; and it will include chapters on the collecting of various standard objects, including stamps. The authors are Charles Taussig and Theodore A. Meyer. The latter illustrates the book by his characteristically clever drawings. The publication is to be published this autumn, we are told, and we trust that it will receive the warm reception that no doubt it will deserve. "The Book of Hobbies": Minton, Balch & Co.

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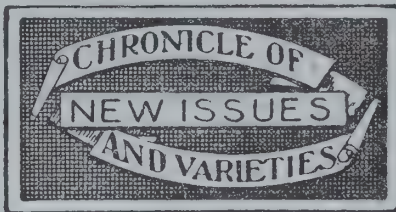
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United States.

Sale of the Waterhouse Collection.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Frank Godden, I have received a copy of the sixty-page catalog, together with seven pages of illustrations of the wonderful collection of United States postage stamps, gotten together by Sir Nicholas Waterhouse. This collection is to be sold at auction in London the latter part of November, and is without doubt the finest United States property that has come upon the market since the Worthington sale.

The collection is rich in choice pieces, and it is only possible to give in this short column a resumé of some of the outstanding items.

In the case of Postmaster Provisionals, there is a reconstructed sheet of forty of the 5c black New York. I know of but two other such sheets. There are numerous single copies, in addition to several pairs and two strips of three. There are four of the 5c St. Louis and an equal number of the 10c. There is a sheet of the Providence, several singles and a copy of the 5c used on the entire cover.

As for general issues, there are in the neighborhood of one hundred each of the 5c and 10c 1847, including a very wonderful used block of eight of the 5c with stitch watermark. There is also a block of four on cover, in addition to numerous covers with special cancellations. As for the 10c variety, there is a very beautiful cover showing a strip of three in combination with the 5c, making the 35c rate to Belgium. Sir Nicholas also possessed a complete sheet of fifty of the 10c re-issue of 1875.

In the 1851 series, there are some beautiful blocks, as well as very choice single specimens. There are several blocks of the 1c, a used block of eight of the 3c, several pairs and a number of singles,

as well as a strip of three of the 5c, a magnificent block of six of the 10c, showing recuts, and a block of eight of the 12c.

In the 1857 series, we have equally as fine pieces, such as a mint block of the 5c, type I, a block of eight of the 12c with green paid cancellation, a block of the 30c and also a used block of six of the same variety. There is a pair on cover and a further part cover showing three copies of this stamp.

In the 1861-67 issues, we find a complete set of the August series and singles in profusion of practically all other varieties. There is a repaired block of four of the 5c buff, that I seem to remember as the damaged block in the Eagle sale, which has since been put into very beautiful shape. Another unusual piece is a block of four used of the 90c with grill.

In the 1869 series, there are the three inverts and used blocks of the rare type of the 15c, as well as the 24c.

In the Bank Note issues, there are numerous attractive pieces, such as a block of the 7c grill, a block of the 12c Continental, etc. All of the special prints are present, including the rare 2c vermilion and 5c Taylor on both the hard and soft paper. The collection stops at 1893.

Practically all of the Departments are present in single copies and there is an attractive lot of Newspapers and Postage Due. In the way of Carrier stamps, there are some very choice pieces, which no doubt will command substantial premiums.

New Envelope Contract Awarded.

Under date of August 27th, the Post Office advises that they have awarded for the four-year period beginning January 1st, next the contract for furnishing the Department with approximately 12,000,000 stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers. The contract has been given to the Middle West Supply Company, of Dayton, Ohio, the present manufacturers of our current stamped envelopes and wrappers. The company agrees to furnish the Department these supplies for approximately \$5,000,000 a year and the contract stipulates that it must be prepared to turn over to the Government in the neighborhood of 10,000,000 envelopes and wrappers each day from the beginning of the new contract.

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When last speaking to those in authority at Washington regarding these envelopes I was informed that there was no likelihood of a change in the dies or design. As this was some months back, there is a possibility of later news upon the subject, and I hope to advise our readers more definitely in an early issue.

Huguenot-Walloon Series.

Mr. E. J. Newcomer calls attention to a very interesting oddity, which appears in the upper right pane of the 5c Huguenot-Walloon series from plate No. 157. It will be noted in the rings surrounding the figure 5, that some of the lines are badly misplaced due without doubt to defect in the transfer roll, for the variety can be seen on several stamps. It is particularly noticeable in the second stamp, it can also be seen in the first and third and Mr. Newcomer mentions a fourth and fifth. He also advises every other stamp on the pane that the inner colored ring is much thinner at bottom than elsewhere.

I have had an opportunity of checking up the varieties, and they certainly are well worthy of notice.

New Confederate Provisionals Discovered.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Company advise me that they have located two new Confederate Provisional envelopes, namely the Atlanta 2c on manila, type E-2, which is a circular rate postage. They have also been fortunate in finding an Aberdeen blue on which with a 5c value in the type E-1. The varieties have not been known heretofore and will be listed in the next catalog.

CHILE.—New Postage Dues have appeared, comprising the following denominations, each printed in blue and red: perf. 12½:—2, 4, 8, 10, 20, 40, 60 and centavos; 1, 2 and 5 pesos.

As in the case of the Dues of 1895-1896, each sheet of 150 contains seven stamps of each denomination, the first row having four of the 5 pesos, four of the 2 pesos, six of the 1 peso, and of the 80c, the second row having seven of the 80c and eight of the 60c, the third row four of the 60c and eleven of the 40c, the fourth row three of the 40c and twelve of the 20c, the fifth row five of the 20c, the sixth row fifteen of the 10c, the seventh row twelve of the 10c and three of the 8c, the eighth row five of the 8c, the ninth row two of the 8c and thirteen of the 4c, and the bottom row one of the 4c and fourteen of the 2c.

New "returned letter" labels have been issued, these being printed in blue for ordinary letters, and in orange, blue, and in vermilion for registered letters. They are perforated (12½x11½) but no denomination is indicated, and should not personally consider them any philatelic interest.—Stamp Collector

COLOMBIA.—Prompted by the note on our issue for July 12th, re the 4c ov. printed "Provisional \$003," Mr. G. L. Barraclough informs us that there have been three varieties of this, specimens of which he kindly submits, the letters and figures differing in each. The first (1921) variety is remarkable for having the word spelt "provisional," unlike any of the other "Provisional" issues. The second variety has this altered to "Provisional" in slightly taller type and has also a stop after the first "the figures being rounder. In the third variety (received from Colombia a few days ago) "Provisional" is in much larger type, the "o's" are quite round.

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the stop has been omitted.—Stamp Collecting.

OSTA RICA.—Mr. A. A. Wasserscheid forwarded for chronicle two more of the new commemorative set. y are the 5c green and the 10c orange he same design as the values previously noted.

DERATED MALAY STATES.—This colony out to enjoy (?) the novelty of age Due labels, of which the following denominations have been printed dispatched:—Wmk. Script CA. 1c purple, 2c black, 8c red, 10c orange 12c blue.

ie 2 cents in the current postage and new series will shortly appear in instead of the customary green. as already been printed (from Plate and new printings have been dis- of the 1c black, Plate 1, 5c purple yellow, Plates 3 and 4 and \$1 green light green, Plate 1. All these are rmarked Script CA—the 1 dollar the first time.—Stamp Collecting.

AURITIUS.—Mr. R. Roberts reports arrival of a 50R in the Large Arms but the central shield has been re-aved, the chief difference being as ws.—The ship in the left top quarter (ter Chief) is now replaced by a had on a field azure. The three s on the right top quarter (Sinister) are replaced by three trees in a or. The key in the left lower er (Dexter Base) faces the opposite tion and is in a field or, whereas ously it was a sable field. The star e right lower quarter (Sinister) is in an unparted field azure, and ch smaller than in the old type. e whole stamp is printed in lilac the exception of the inscription of alue "50 RUPEES," which is in on a white tablet. The "50" be- a figures, and the word "Rupees" pitals, somewhat similar to the 1R R type of 1902. Printed on script paper, in sheets of 60 (12x5) ol No. 1.

ITZERLAND.—We have received from R. Roberts the following new Air stamps: 65c blue, 75c red and 1fr . All are of the same design and a winged figure in the centre with outstretched reaching to each up- rner. The name of the country is e lower left corner and the value t lower right.

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By S. P. GRAU.

The collecting of stamps in Jayuya began several years ago and among the first collectors is Mr. J. Estarellas, who possesses a good collection. When he began his collection I gave him every stamp I found, but as soon as my interest was aroused, I began my collection. Since that day every stamp I found I kept for myself.

Later, a general interest was aroused and many persons had collections. There were fine ones, but in a moment the philatelic love decayed and all those who had begun their work with enthusiasm gave up and sold their collections. The only ones who continued collecting were Mr. Estarellas and myself.

Mr. Estarellas' collection is a fine one. It contains a good number of old stamps, specially a series of Puerto Rico during the Spanish government in the island.

My collection, which was begun after Estarellas', is growing very fast and contains good specimens of both the 19th and 20th centuries.

Among the persons who have begun to collect stamps lately are my brother and a friend named Eduardo Martinez Jr. The last named sold his first collection and now he has a second one, although he may be a little uninterested in it.

My love of Philately will never pass away and my collection will grow larger and larger while others fail.

EARLY LOW VALUES SPECIALIZED.

P. M. Hogan, of Kingsport, Tenn., shows MEKEEL'S a cover recently found in some original correspondence bearing what appears to be a precancellation on the one cent blue of 1873. The cancellation apparently consists of a large "8," half an inch or more high, and there are indications of other characters showing on the stamp. None of these show on the envelope and the manner in which this cancellation is applied would indicate that a whole sheet had been cancelled in advance and the stamps then applied to the envelopes. Inasmuch as one cent stamps were used, the envelope probably contained printed matter only. Unfortunately the entire contents of the envelope were not preserved, or we might have the date of this precancellation. A small slip which remains inside shows that it came from Warren, Pa., and was used by a magazine, *The Monthly Nation*, E. A. Hazeltine, publisher.

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By JOHN N. LUFF.

United States:—When sending us some varieties of the provisional envelopes of 1920-21 which we chronicle in this number, Mr. J. M. Bartels writes:

"All of these were revalued at St. Louis and obtained at various times, some of them through branch offices, by a collector who made the rounds from time to time picking up odd varieties, though he was not himself a collector of envelopes, nor had he made any effort to do anything with them until now. You may not know that St. Louis is the only office which used not less than three different types for the surcharges, namely, II, III and IV. All of these are represented in this lot. Types II and IV found together on buff and blue envelopes are explained by the fact that some few envelopes which had been previously revalued with type II got by oversight into the machine later and received an additional overprint of type IV. I have seen a used copy of the blue envelope cut square with postmark St. Louis. The latter I have had some length of time."

Belgium:—The rate for a single-weight letter to be sent abroad has been raised to 75 centimes. To conform with the regulations of the Universal Postal Union, the color of the stamp of this value will be changed to blue. This will involve a change in the color of the 50c stamp, which is blue at present. There is a possibility of other color changes. It has not been announced if the colors of stamps now in use will be altered or if the changes will be made in the new issue now being prepared in London.

Canal Zone:—The Metropolitan Stamp Company has shown us a letter from Mr. Gerald D. Bliss, Postmaster of the Canal Zone, in which he writes that the new issue which we chronicled in this number was placed on sale July 1st, and at the same time, all Panama stamps surcharged "Canal Zone" were immediately and permanently retired from use.

Of the recent issue of Panama surcharged "Canal Zone," only the 1c and 2c stamps were issued to Postmasters, though several other values have been chronicled abroad.

Denmark:—The postal service of this country dates back three hundred years, having been established December 24, 1624, by King Christian IV. The third centenary of this event is to be commemorated by a special issue of stamps. We have not, as yet, seen any announce-

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ment of the proposed denominations and designs.

Ecuador:—We have received eleven stamps overprinted with an aeroplane. The stamps are the 1c orange of 1915-17 and the 1c to 10c inclusive of 1920. The overprints are handstamped in black or dark carmine and show two types of aeroplane. We have no information about this issue beyond the statement in a European journal that on the occasion of a flight between Quito and Ibarra, stamps of the 1920 issue were overprinted with an aeroplane. We fail to understand why so many stamps, all of low values, would be needed for any air post service and are inclined to think they were for advertising purposes and probably are of private origin. We have read somewhere that Ecuador is suffering from a shortage of postage stamps, especially low values. It might help a little if they would refrain from unnecessary overprinting.

In 1920 eight stamps were issued with the overprint "Casa de Correos." One was a postage stamp and seven were fiscals, five of which were also surcharged with new values. It was explained at the time these stamps did not pay postage but were a compulsory tax on letters and other mail matter to provide a fund for rebuilding post-offices. We have heard nothing more of stamps of this class for some years but recently there has been a new outburst. In June we chronicled cigarette tax stamps of 1c and 2c overprinted "Casa-Correos." In July we described two fiscal stamps surcharged "Casa de Correos," and "Viente Cts," similar to our type A85. Now Mr. D. P. Ball sends us two telegraph stamps, 1c orange and 2c dark blue, with "Casa Correos" and finally (we hope) Mr. A. A. Wasserscheid sends another 2c blue fiscal stamp, with different inscriptions but the same overprint. We feel that this sort of stamp is becoming rather over-abundant and that it may be well not to chronicle any more of them until their claim to a place among postage stamps is better established.

France:—In our European contemporaries we find various reports about French stamps, present and to come. It is stated that the Pasteur stamps, 10c, 30c and 50c are to continue in use as part of the regular issue. The 4c brown of the 1900 type has been reissued, but at present is only sold in quantities and precancelled. *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* announces the following as soon as issued:

Head of Pasteur15, 45, 75c

"Semeuse" with solid background 10, 30c

"Semeuse" with lined background 50, 60, 85c

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This seems to include some repetition of values and three stamps, 10, 30 and 50c, which are at present in use. Possibly the colors are to be changed.

We recently mentioned that it was proposed to issue a stamp to advertise the Exhibition of Decorative Arts to be held in 1925. We learn that this is to be worse than we had anticipated. It is

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Germany:—The Universal Postal Union was established on October 9, 1874, consequently its fiftieth anniversary occurs this year. We hear that various countries are planning to issue stamps commemorating the occasion. Germany is the first to give shape to the intention by issuing two stamps which bear the portrait of Dr. H. Von Stephan, first Postmaster General of Germany, an ardent advocate of the Universal Postal Union, inventor of the postal card and founder of the Berlin Postal Museum. The stamps are inscribed at the sides, in German, "Fiftieth Year" and "Universal Postal Union."

Greece:—When sending us the new Charity stamp which we chronicle in this number, our correspondent, Mr. P. J. Drossos, writes that it was quite unexpected. It was thought that the 1922 stamp (No. 341) would be re-issued. The printing of the new stamp is limited. Mr. Drossos calls attention to the fact that the stamp is perforated instead of having the serrate roulette. This is the first stamp made by Messrs. Aspiotis to be perforated. They are now preparing new stamps for Greece which also are to be perforated. We feel certain that everyone who has anything to do with Greek stamps will be duly thankful for this improvement.

According to *The Times* the Ministry of Communications has issued a decree which orders all current postage stamps

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Deer Editor,

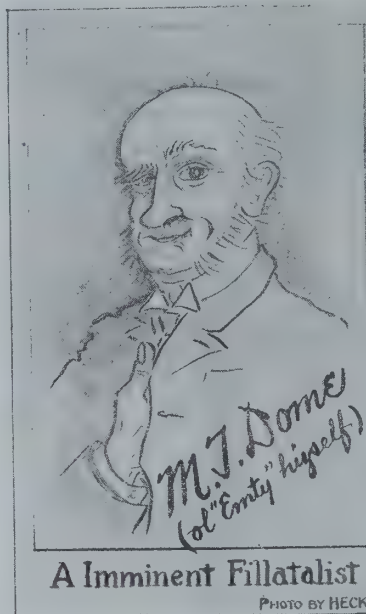
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Hopin yure th same,
"M. T." DOME.

to be overprinted "Hellenic State." This is supposed to indicate that Greece is now a republic. We fail to see that the overprint does anything of the kind or that it is in the least necessary. With the exception of special issues, like those celebrating the Olympic Games, Greek stamps have always been inscribed simply "Ellas" and their values. The overprint "Hellenic State" will be merely a superfluity. We fear the 1922 surcharges proved to be an easy and profitable way of getting rid of old stock and have prompted a similar effort now.

Honduras:—We are indebted to Mr. F. W. Budde for samples of the new issue which we chronicle this month. When sending them, Mr. Budde writes: "These stamps ought to have made their appearance last August but the outfit in charge found it more profitable to raise small values, like 1c to 10c, 2c to 50c, and 5c to 1 peso. This was illegal and there was a grand row in Congress, which at last brought on the Revolution and the overthrow of the Government. I think the 5c and 15c are missing in the set; anyhow, they have not made their appearance as yet."

"I also enclose blocks of four of the 1920 issue countersigned 'Santiago Herrera.' This is the name of the official that handles the Government money matters in this Department. This was done to protect the new Government against the sale of \$16,000 worth of stamps stolen during the fighting around here. They are very scarce. None are to be had now and they go out of use on June 7th."

The countersigning is a reproduction of a written signature which is hand-stamped in violet. It extends across four stamps. As a rule, only a small and illegible part of it appears on each stamp. We fancy that any stamp with a few scratches in violet ink would be accepted at the Post Office. At best, this is only a control mark and we do not feel inclined to give the stamps bearing it a place in the catalogue.

Japan:—Messrs. Yuasa & Company write us that at the time of the earthquake and fire a good stock of 5 sen and 10 sen stamps escaped, though the dies were destroyed. This stock is now about

exhausted and it is reported that the Government Printing Bureau is about ready to produce new stamps of these values.

Libia:—This country was recently divided into two districts, Cyrenaica and Tripolitania, and several issues of Italian stamps have been surcharged for both districts. This being the case, the four stamps inscribed "Libia" which we chronicled last month came as a surprise. Possibly they are a belated part of the 1921 issue, in which the four new values are missing. We assume that it will soon be found necessary to overprint these stamps for Cyrenaica and Tripolitania.

When announcing these new stamps one European journal states that "the design is the work of A. Calcagnadoro and the die was engraved by A. Repettati." We agree that these names appear on the stamps but, if the writer will recall pictures that are familiar to us all, we think he will remember that the original of this stamp is one of the sibyls depicted by Michelangelo in his great fresco on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

Liechtenstein:—The Philatelic Magazine says: "A Central News message states that this tiny independent State with 12,000 inhabitants, between Switzerland and the Austrian Tyrol, has decided in the future to use Swiss postage stamps, and the remaining stocks of Liechtenstein stamps, numbering some nine millions, have just been destroyed."

For this and all other mercies may we be duly thankful!

Russia:—We have received, without comment or explanation, a copy of the imperforate 3 kopeks red of 1917-18, which is surcharged with a star and "1923—Korrespondenzia—filatelista—15 kop." This suggests an effort to get money out of stamp collectors.

Switzerland:—The Berner Brief-marken Zeitung reports that the colors of the 5, 20, 30 and 40c stamps are to be changed and the 25c is to be discontinued. In October stamps of 20c red and 30c blue, commemorative of the Jubilee of the Universal Postal Union, will be issued. —*Scott's Monthly Journal*.

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He will mourn lost opportunities. What do the trophies of his leisure hours amount to? After a thousand hours on the links he can exhibit little cup recording that he won July handicap in Class B. Is it ambitious a fancy that, had he taken to nibbles, he might be as master of an authority on the postal issues of Hayti as the president of the Philatelic Americans?

All the money he has spent on stamps might have distinguished him as owner of some of the rarer varieties of Blood's penny post. The time expended would have been enough for an exhaustive study of the first issues of the Two Sicilies. Had it been so employed he might be a specialist in the first rank on the "Ying Ya" watermark of China. He could have sufficient devotion have obtained a diploma of merit for a dissertation on the rarity of the twopenny postage of Mauritius of 1847.

These are the things that really matter. If they do not, why is it that the crowned heads remaining in Europe, who should be connoisseurs of ennui, find the surest solace in stamp albums? And why is it that Soviet rulers have raised a new slogan "Philatelists of the world, unite!" a world surcharged with trouble gentlemen who delight to concentrate on its perforate and imperforate mutations are not a little to be envied. —*Y. Herald Tribune Editorial*.

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Due to the kind invitation of the Editor of this greatest of philatelic publications, the writer of this "whatever you want to call it" is duly thankful for an opportunity to say a few words as regards that great Convention of Stamp Bugs at Detroit.

While this publication is a stamp newspaper, I believe that there are a lot of its readers who will forgive me if this column doesn't stick entirely to stamps.

As for myself, I went to Detroit to play and get away from stamps for a few days. When one makes their daily bread and butter handling stamps he usually sees enough of them for 360 days in the year and is glad of an opportunity now and then to do something else than chase stamps. Besides, at one of these Conventions, the competition is so keen that it is nothing unusual to see a choice cover sell at \$15 one day and see it resell at double that figure on the next day. The buyers simply raise prices every year at these meetings and it's a lesson to any collector to attend one of the meetings.

There are always a wealth of good stories going the rounds of any convention where good fellows get together, and those assembled had the opportunity of hearing Charlie Phillips explain his difficulties with Americanese and English, as she is spoken in dear old Lunnon. It's a good one.

One of the Minneapolis boys is quite a collector, for on a ramble one evening on the way back from a visit to a wholesale cigar store early in the morning this fellow insisted in telling me about how he had planned to walk from Minneapolis to Detroit to attend the Convention.

I refused to listen to such foolish talk and crowned him with the leavings of what had been a first class straw hat before some taxi had walked over it. A bit further down the street this collector picked up a milk bottle, which I am told he set outside his door at the hotel, and when he got up the next morning wondered why the milkman had not left him a bottle of milk.

A certain well-known 3c 1851 enthusiast from a small village on the border line between Ohio and Pennsylvania was lost almost all week while at the Convention. He couldn't find his room, or what floor he was on and when he got outside the hotel he couldn't tell which way to go to get anywhere. If I had not taken this collector in charge and conducted him about the city showing him the sights in a proper manner the poor fellow wouldn't have dared stray away from the hotel.

The Boat trip to Bob-Lo was one of the most popular of the entertainment features and the photograph taken before the dance casino is probably the longest on record, both in time of getting ready and in length of the picture. Those who gaze on the photo this year will note three "imitators" on both ends of the picture.

On the way back John Thomas and myself sat by the dance floor and watched the fairies in the latest steps. You know John is a Music man and has a perfect right to get familiar with all the latest dance music and the proper interpretation of the various up-to-date steps in present-day dancing. We had great sport in trying to find two couples dancing the same steps to any piece that was played. John explained to me that besides the fact that the Music was Jazz the dancing was also Jazz.

I am getting so much written here that I feel that the editor will want to cut some of it out if I don't be careful and since I don't know anything about the stamps that were shown at the Convention, I can't say a lot more except that I had went to Detroit with the understanding that my train home left at 11.50 P. M., since I had to be back in the old home town at 10 the next morning. Before grabbing the grip and tipping the porter at the hotel, I tried to say good-

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I counted what was left in my purse, approached a pirate and asked the rate to Toledo. I was advised that the regular rate for the 63-mile schedule was 27 berries. Oh, Boy—Anyhow I was at their mercy, I had to get home, and feeling that I must make one desperate effort before surrendering I stepped outside and asked another fellow on a different line, picking out one who was half asleep in his cab, believing maybe that he would quote me a lower figure before he realized what he was talking about and that I could snap up the bargain before he was fully awake. As I spoke to this sleeping beauty he awoke immediately and advised me that the rate was \$27.00 to Toledo but that he would take me down for twenty. I immediately snapped him up and let it go at that, and it was an interesting trip, for the driver knew a lot that I didn't know and pointed out to me the various points of national interest in the way down, the principal one of which was Ecorse, that point down the river where the imports from Canada come in. As we passed by this point I noted a very large display of automobiles, mostly big, luxurious cars of divers makes, all indicating the evident prosperity of their owners. I suppose that these must belong to the wealthy class who cater to the wealthy class.

Anyhow, I have decided, that I had better not go to Los Angeles next year for if I should miss my train and have to take a Taxi home, I just know it would bust me flat.

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Delf Norona, Charleston, West Virginia, again was the official stenographer, and his lambent eye lighted the path of the straggler who wrestled with his words as well as that of the veteran who spilled out his thoughts with machine-gun fire.

L. A. Davenport, Toronto, Canada, the well-known cosmopolitan whom we saw last in Bermuda, was present, looking for new worlds to conquer. His skilled eye can discern a double transfer Canada Beaver at a distance of four feet, and as for marketing, he always brings back a full basket.

Dr. T. Henry Tubman, Cleveland, Ohio, added to the joy of the occasion by bringing with him a lot of old letters with various postal markings that afforded his friends an excellent opportunity for browsing around. Dr. Tubman is still one of Cleveland's stalwarts and his interest in stamps stands him in good stead when the routine of the day jangles the bells a bit discordantly.

H. F. Rech, Chicago, and his confrere, C. S. Schliekert, of the same city, billed the auction sale as it progressed with practised pencils and little confusion. Mr. Rech could well have been chosen as auctioneer if the auction laws of "Dynamic Detroit" were not so explosive.

B. L. Drew, Boston, was an interested participant in the business of the day, and his presentation of Boston's attractions as a convention seat was about complete, although he might have said: "Come and browse around—the Boston Common is fine."

Edgar Nelton, Battle Creek, Michigan, was impressed by the manner in which covers were in demand, and we have no doubt but that his mind harked back for thirty years to the time when he was almost alone as a consistent collector of stamps on covers. Mr. Nelton, at times in the past, has led so active a philatelic life that we suppose that he deserves to take things calmly nowadays; yet we should not be surprised if his interest would flare up suddenly again.

Mr. W. C. Henry, Los Angeles, California, as spokesman for the Pacific Coast, had a few words to say and warmed up to his subject on any and all occasions. His flag was always in the breeze, and in the end it waved triumphantly. He says that Los Angeles will back up the promises of this year with performance next year.

Gustave de Lachasse, Avignon, France, came many miles to Detroit and made not a few new acquaintances while there. Mr. Lachasse brought with him an interesting lot of early French fiscal paper that has a great historical interest and also his recent U. S., especially precancelled.

Mr. George A. Bell, Grand Rapids, Michigan, was present as usual and attended to his knitting with his usual poise. His interest in stamps and the society could well be emulated by many of us.

Mr. Frank S. Barnes, Kalamazoo, Michigan, was busy on the committee on credentials, but yet was able to keep some of his plenteous store of stamps in circulation. He is a patient man; he is waiting returns, we understand, from last year's auction sale.

Mr. A. F. Merrell, San Francisco, California, at one time a resident of Chicago where he served as president of the Chicago Philatelic Society, came early to the convention and stayed late. Mr. Merrell found the convention something like a rest, as we suppose that as manager of a big hotel in his own city, he is in a constant hubbub. Mr. Merrell was one of the first collectors to devote himself particularly to the off-shoots of U. S. collecting and consequently he has a fine

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Mr. J. A. Galbraith, New York City, was able to add another button to his convention string, and there were some of his customers who had known him only by correspondence who were mighty glad to meet him in the flesh. Mr. Galbraith can surround himself with as pretty an assemblage of British Colonials as one could hope to see.

George W. Linn, Columbus, Ohio, disported himself at play, and buckled down to work when occasion required. He is an exponent of the strenuous philatelic life and could well adopt the motto of the detective agency, "We never sleep," as his own. He is as full of his pet subject, Sonora, as of yore, and he has a way of keeping current with the latest happenings in our world.

Fred Green, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, has many a stamp story to relate and best of all, he illustrates them with simple little things, such as the Gonzales, Texas, and one or two unknown provisional Confederate possibilities. Many a gem he has rescued from dark, unfathomed caves and when it is necessary, he can do other acts of rescue as shown in his master-piece, "Saved by a Pair of Stamp Tongs." Eh, Fred?

Gordon H. Crouch, Toronto, says that the newly-formed philatelic society in his city is growing so lustily that it will not be long before it will be able to extend an invitation to the A. P. S. to hold a convention there. A convention waiting list is a sign of popularity and early applications are advisable from aspiring cities!

Otto F. Moses, Cleveland, Ohio, who as recorder of the Board of Vice-Presidents has lived in the midst of alarms for the past few years seemed happy enough to throw aside the cares of office and seek a sheltered nook far from the madding crowd. Even the judicial temperament gets off balance now and then when it comes to sizing up a philatelic impasse, as exemplified by "You did" and "I didn't."

Paul P. Murray, St. Louis, started in well but due to a touch of neuritis, he had to conserve his gestures, for he carried one arm in a sling. Mr. Murray had the sympathy of all, not alone because of the twinges that he felt but because he was handicapped in handling stamps.

Chas. K. B. Nevin, Boston, as ex-president of the Boston Philatelic Society, offered Boston as the next convention city and he arose to the occasion in an engaging way. If it were not that Los Angeles had in a way been promised the convention for 1925, there would have been a battle-royal and as east and west shall never meet, according to Kipling, St. Louis, in all likelihood would have brought home the bacon.

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One of the most remarkable philatelic discoveries of recent years has been made in Victoria lately. This is the transfer of a pair of the twelve penny black stamps of Canada. Originally issued on June 14, 1851. As many as 51,000 of the stamps were printed, but only 1,510 were delivered and sold by postmasters. The remainder were destroyed by the Government. In consequence of the small number of these stamps that were used for postage, very few of them survived for collectors, and they are classed today as among the world's stamp rarities.

These stamps were brought into the office of Ronald M. Angus, of Victoria, an authority on British Colonial stamps, and one of the best known British Columbia collectors, some weeks ago. He recognized in them stamps similar to those which were formerly owned by Count de la Renotiere Ferrari and which were valued at \$4,000. It was an up-island resident who submitted the stamps but who wishes to remain anonymous. The owner had them in his possession since 1851. He made the request that Mr. Angus should sell them for him, and the latter has just completed negotiations for the sale of the stamps to a well known millionaire collector in New York, for a sum running into several thousand dollars.

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THE PORTRAIT.

Mr. Angus states that in 1851 the silver shilling had a different value in New England, New York and Upper and Lower Canada. Hence to avoid confusion the stamps were designated "twelve pence," the copper penny being standard in all these provinces. The head of Queen Victoria depicted upon the stamps is from a full length painting by Alfred Edward Chalon, R.A., which picture was ordered to be painted by Her Majesty as a souvenir for her mother of Her Majesty's first visit as Queen to the House of Lords.

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THE FINALITY—SPECIALIZATION.

By WARNER BATES.

Whoever it was recently expressed the opinion that the day of the intensive student of philately is gone had better go out, get acquainted with the collectors of his city or state and find out just how far wrong his guess was.

Why, the day of the intensive student of philately is just arriving.

Only last week a boy of twelve or thirteen years came to my office accompanied by his mother. They live somewhere out in Oklahoma and happening to be in Buffalo the young chap came to pay me the honor of a visit. A few words convinced me that he was already an intensive student of stamps and that he knew what he was talking about. He started like all boys do, with a general collection, but the task became so great that he began to cut down. And, as he read articles on specialization in the stamp papers, he grew to like more and more his United States collection which had grown to considerable proportions through his falling heir to a stamp collection that had been in the family. So he sold one country after another until today he has practically nothing left but a large and growing specialized collection of United States.

And interested—say, that boy was intensely interested in the subject and knew lots about it in spite of his immature years. It happened that I had a few sheets from my own collection in the safe and was able to show him one of the shifted transfers, a damaged plate, stitch watermark and a few other interesting items on the three cent green of the issues of 1870-71. He examined these things and questioned me most intelligently; and I'll wager a double grill against a Salvador Seebeck that within a few months this lad will have acquired some of these items for his own collection.

Last summer an old-time collector from somewhere down state came to Buffalo and asked to see my collection of the Three Cent Green. I spent the better part of a Sunday afternoon with him and he expressed no little wonder that so many varieties of a single stamp could be gathered. He was a general collector and the owner of some 20,000 or 30,000 varieties—I've really forgotten which. During the winter I had a letter from him saying that he had started building up a specialized collection of the one cent blue, the two cent brown Jack and some other low values of the issues between 1870 and 1882, and that he was so interested in the subject that he had done practically nothing with his general collection since.

In my files there are literally hundreds of letters from collectors in all parts of the country who are graduating out of

the general collector stage into that of specialization. Off and on throughout the year dozens of collectors from various parts of the country who happen to be in Buffalo drop in at the office to talk over this fascinating phase of philately. From my personal knowledge, I can say that at least one-third of all Buffalo collectors are today specializing in some one or more individual stamps, United States, Canada and other countries. And most of these have become specialists within the past two or three years.

Does all this point to the fact that the day of the intensive student of stamps is passing? Not in my opinion. And in citing these examples I have only touched a few high spots, or rather just a few examples that come to my mind as I write this article. Many other examples come crowding to my mind to prove the point that specializing is still in a lusty infancy and growing rapidly. But I will not give further instances. Rather let's consider the psychological aspects of the proposition.

In my own case, I was a general collector a dozen years or more. In the early days of my collecting I was well enough satisfied with a general collection and got plenty of fun out of it. About 1920 I first began to dabble a bit with specialization. Yet today, four years later, my entire collection which now occupies some five Ne Plus Ultra albums, is composed of a single stamp—the Three Cent Green. And I am getting more fun out of my collection today than ever was the case before. I cannot believe that mine is an exceptional case. With me it has been a perfectly natural development. And others that I know have changed their conception of collecting in the same way. What were the reasons?

In the first place, when I began my general collecting fifteen or sixteen years ago a collection of 10,000 varieties was considered large. The fellow who got together two thousand or three thousand varieties had a fairly large showing. Today 10,000 is quite an ordinary general collection. Dealers offer for sale collections of 20,000, 22,000 and even 25,000 varieties! Apparently there is almost no end to the possible size of a general collection.

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But over and above all these things is the satisfaction that the specialist has of knowing his stamps. He soon becomes more or less of an authority and others, not so well versed, begin to lean on his opinion. Best of all, however, is the inward pleasure that comes from real knowledge of any subject. It is a thing that words cannot describe—you have to experience it to know just what I mean.

Please don't think that I am condemning offhand the pastime of general collecting. I am not. Every specialist ought to start as a general collector. And undoubtedly there will always be a percentage of collectors who would never be happy except as general collectors. General collecting will always be with us, I believe, and more power to the general collector.

But out of the hundreds of thousands of stamp collectors in the world there are today tens of thousands who have that particular type of mind which is happiest in doing some one thing unusually well and this class of collector is bringing specialization to the fore.

Specialization has been brought about because of the ever-increasing number of possible varieties that a general collector must acquire, because of the pleasure and value of philatelic study, because of the possibilities of acquiring sounder investment values through specialization and various other reasons. It is here to stay. Not only that, but it will be one of the main phases of stamp collecting within a very few years.

Perhaps there will not be many who, like myself, will devote all of their stamp-collecting energies to a single stamp but there are and will be thousands who will cut down their activities to a few preferred countries, a single country, a few issues of a single country, or a single issue of stamps and all of these are specialists.

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(The following clipping from the Boston Post contains an item of news that will be read with interest. It describes special stamps and a special cancellation that were issued in connection with the World Flight. The world aviators reached Boston Saturday, Sept. 6, and late in that day a branch post office was opened on the flying field and mail received to be taken to New York the following day. We have no information as to how much mail was despatched, nor have we seen any of the stamps or the cancellation used upon the occasion. We await developments.—W. O. W.)

A special branch post-office selling special "World Flight" stamps and stationery, was established in a tent on the flying field yesterday.

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Every piece of mail so handled will have its stamp cancelled with a special cancellation machine, printing the following phrases:

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Of similar interest are the "World Flight" stamps, green for 1 cent and red for 2 cents, bearing the picture of an airplane on their face. Postal authorities say that these stamps will be used only in connection with the present flight and will then be officially out of issue.

To speed the delivery of the airport mail, two army aviators were specially sworn into the postal service yesterday. They are Lieutenant Ronald A. Hicks and Captain Walter H. Welles. It was intended that they should take their first load of mail to New York by air that night, but they were delayed by the same unfavorable weather conditions which halted the world flight. They will, however, hop off for New York immediately after the arrival of the world fliers today.

The airport branch of the post-office was under the direction of G. F. Ruggles, assistant superintendent of the mails. Facilities were provided for letter writing on the spot. Clerks from Boston post-office were in charge of stamp sales.

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THE FORUM.

By H. P. ATHERTON,
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Devoted to 19th century United States postage stamps; Cancellations, Minor Varieties, Rates, and all interesting Material and Data welcomed. Your accompanying letters are subject to entry in this Column in whole or in part. Return postage and registration requested with all sendings.

Dear Reader of the Forum,

You perhaps want to know a bit about the "new man" who is carrying on this column. To be brief, I was born in Massachusetts, educated somewhat in New York, and brought up in Virginia. Subscribed to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY at about the time our Columbian Issue was dimming the splendor of those beautiful Seebecks.

Why the Manager of this paper singled me out to carry on this column is a puzzle to me. I have always read this column from a to z, as the oddities of our own stamps interest me greatly. I have saved odd things since about 1900, maybe this became bruited about, and they thought this chap might do, so took the chance and wrote me. In advertising parlance, I've got to sell you this column, and never having written ads for shaving cream, indestructible silk socks, or any of those things, places me out of my element for the moment. Co-operation will do it. This "Forum" is all yours. Let's show the owners of this paper that we appreciate their courtesy in allowing us the use of this space. Send on some of your cherished bits, something unusual, together with its history, something you know your philatelic neighbor would enjoy seeing, if you can't show anything unusual, ask questions—do something.

Times have changed a lot since the 90s. Straight edges, creases, pen cancels, and thin spots never worried us especially, the stamps with corners missing were tough traders. Plenty of mucilage was sold for mounting stamps into albums. Someone put out perforated hinges, about the size of that little half penny rose Victoria. Thick white porous paper, perf. 11, I'd call them. They would curl in a jiffy if you unrolled a sheet, and forgot to lay your Geography on them. The flavor was exceedingly unpleasant, for example, if you like peppermint, and do not like wintergreen, these would always be the wintergreen—a mild smile, and the taste as with eggs, deteriorated with age. Specializing was unknown. If a duplicate arrived, it was an eligible trader, going the rounds, accumulating its hinges till it got quite a hump on the back—some folks call them "Camels".

Today specializing enters into everything. The old "Doctor, Lawyer, Merchant, Chief"—or is it Thief—seem but childish appellations for Osteopathist,

Consulting Attorney, Haberdasher and the like. When a collector of today corrals one of each of the United States Postage Stamps within his means, he often turns to Specializing. This may be confined to a single likable stamp, maybe an issue of a certain period, perhaps used blocks, maybe covers or cancellations,—anything that pleases his fancy, and among these lines of specializing may be found the answer to why philately is fascinating. Specialists know exactly what they want, they quietly annex all of the material possible, then they study all known works on the subject, if there be such, and now their fun really begins, for they learn which are the actual rarities. They sit back and wave a hand at a page nonchalantly, and remark, "That stuff is hard to get." When they have completed their own study sufficiently, you are the one who benefits from the little brochure on this subject ably and entertainingly presented.

The object of the "Forum" is to discuss and portray the divers and interesting features of the Early Postage Stamps of our own country. Many questions may arise which may not be answered. Questions of values often enter a collector's experiences. Many a time he murmurs under his breath, "I guess I paid too much for that; but it is so pretty I took it." You've probably done just that—what? And if you bought it, say in 1913, are you glad of it now? My guess is yes right out loud.

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Values are intangible, erratic, ungovernable for the most part. They do not seem to be based on "supply and demand" if you'll pardon that overworked expression. Frequently in selections there is an indefinable something about a certain item that captures the beholder, while its drab counterparts stick stolidly to the page without any takers. The item with the charm is hastily removed to grace our collection. It may be the perfect condition, the extra rich coloring, the neat cancellation; it is something that

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Some say, "Auctions govern prices." Maybe so. You know this Kicking Mul on the 3c Green. It has no fixed value. You'd be surprised if you had a record of the high and the low prices it has fetched in Auctions this past winter season. So with many other items. When comes to values get out your Scott's Specialized. It may be interesting, note that this little book has a big influence on collectors, and dealers abroad. I'm told that in France if one demure asks "Monsieur, if you please, kind give to me the price of this 24 c 1869?" somehow omitting to remark "red N Y Transit mark beautifully settling over the charming tout ensemble," says, "Ou la la! but it is of the rou obliteration, unmoment till I consult with the Petit Scott!" Yes, they are specializing.

Cancellations interest most U. S. Specialists. How about sending in some of your clean cut and unusual varieties none of the "maybe a dog, maybe a cat or is it a butterfly" stuff. "May bees" call those. They do not reproduce well. Rates are very interesting and confusing they require much study, especially the Foreign Rates. Grills interest many "Shifts", or Double Transfers are great fun if you enjoy minute details. Crack Plates too—and that's odd, for in other forms of collecting they are taboo. Nobody would care to rise and remark in their collection of "Willow Ware" contained a beautiful cracked Platter, much likely "Sh-h-h, it's only a wee nick." Yet damaged plates enhance the value of stamps! There's nothing like Stamp Collecting and it's ramifications.

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—Mr. Theodore Siddall of Shanghai, China, says that he will issue a catalogue of the Chinese treaty port stamps if a sufficient number of collectors will say at they are interested in having such a catalogue. We suppose that if he succeeds in getting a hundred prospects he will proceed to issue the catalogue. In order to help a good thing along we shall be willing to send the names of any collectors who write in favor of the project, to Mr. Siddall.
—Mr. Wm. Forpenak, Chicago, shows a sheet of the 3c off-set 1917-1919 United States, plate 9079, with an extra wide margin at right. This sheet of one hundred stamps is a real curiosity cause in reality it shows but 90 stamps and a small slice each of the other ten stamps. The sheet could not have been made unofficially from an imperforate sheet; and it happens that the oddity under notice was returned to the central accounting station from an outside office on account of being an "incomplete" sheet.
—The Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, has an exhibit in one of its windows of a frame of stamps that are described as showing the different stamps that paid the U. S. domestic postal rate from the beginning, and sure enough all the stamps are shown beginning with the 5c of 1847 on through the stamps of the current issue. We notice however that the 3c imperforate of 1851 is missing and that for good measure the vermilion of 1887 is thrown in. However, the display is a most attractive one and catches the eye of many a passer-by, and the institution is entitled to credit for its alertness in using stamps effectively on an advertising basis.
—Thomas D. Perry of Grand Rapids, Mich., sends us a clipping from the *Herald* dated August 30 in which a stamp story dealing with a dinner given by local stamp collectors at the University Clubrooms in the Hotel Panted for James K. Doughty of Lamar, Mo., a veteran collector of United States stamps. Mr. Doughty confessed sixty years "mad pursuit of old, rare and freak stamps," while Mr. Perry himself unblushingly boasted of forty years' stamp collecting along similar lines. Mr. Doughty exhibited a part of his collection and Mr. Perry also exhibited a fine collection of stamped envelopes, including a large assortment of old Wells Fargo envelopes. About twenty collectors were present at the dinner and while there is no stamp club in Grand Rapids it is likely that one will soon be organized.
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that city to spend a "jolly evening" with him at his home and bring their collections. The affair was a big success, and twenty-five were present. Mr. Lampson writes that all were so interested in stamps that they could hardly get time to partake of the refreshments served.
—L. A. Beebe is temporarily quarantined and mail intended for him should be addressed to 34 Clover St., Rochester, N. Y.
—We have received from G. F. Rapkin, 151 Goswell Road, London, Eng., a very elaborate retail and wholesale pricelist. It is printed in three languages, English, French and German, and covers a wide range of supplies. Indeed, Mr. Rapkin advertises himself as the "Universal Provider of Philatelic Accessories." The catalog is printed in colors, has 48 pages with cover, and is very freely illustrated. A copy may be had upon application.
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—From Mr. William Jerrems, Jr., Kansas City, Mo., we receive the following clipping from the *Christian Science Monitor* with the heading that the Indian Government is to print its own stamps.
"BOMBAY, July 1 (Special Correspondence)—Hundreds of tons of postage and revenue stamps are imported into India annually. Besides these there are also imported large quantities of currency notes. The Government of India have long been considering the feasibility and desirability of printing these stamps and papers in India, possibly on Indian paper. Printing offices in India have investigated the possibilities of the matter and the Government has had special inquiries made by experts in it. A decision has now been reached to under-

take the work in a new Government press.
Printing of the character required for postage stamps involves special difficulties in India, arising mainly from climatic peculiarities. Nasik, a hilly place in the Bombay Presidency, noted for its equitable climate, has now been chosen and a new printing press is to be established there. A building for the press is to be commenced at once and the machinery will be imported as soon as there is a place ready for it. It is expected the press will be in working order by the autumn of 1925."
—"I heard yesterday from Mr. C. F. Richards, New York, who had seen the article regarding that old letter from San Francisco, in 1850, that I sent you for inspection. You may remember it had no stamp but '40c' on the red post-mark, and was addressed to 'Carmel, N. Y.' Mr. Richards is a 'Putnam County boy,' as he says in his letter, and wanted to know who was the addressor or addressee as he might know the family, Carmel being the county seat of Putnam County. Of course I wrote him saying it was from Oliver Ludington to his uncle, I think, Lewis Ludington, my grandmother's father. But why I write you all this is to show that even the small articles are read in MEKEEL'S. And that correspondence of this kind between people interested in philately is both interesting and for the better knowledge of both and the good of the game generally. Even by letter one gets better acquainted with his 'philatelic neighbors'."—R. L. HUSTIS.
—The Society of Philatelic Americans organized Cincinnati local branch No. 2, Sept. 1, 1924, by taking over the membership of the Universal Stamp Alliance. Dr. L. G. Tedische was elected President; Nick Imfeld, Sec'y and Treas.; B. S. Daniels, A. E. Hussey, L. G. Tedische a committee on membership. Regular monthly meeting will be held the third Tuesday of each month. The sole purpose of Cincinnati Local No. 2, is the buying, selling and trading in stamps. Auctions will also be held each month.—A. E. HUSSEY, M.D.

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—The Midwest Stamp Co. has just issued a folder pricelist of eight pages describing and pricing a large number of packets, sets, desirable single stamps, philatelic accessories and publications. A specimen may be had upon application at 508 Kemper Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
—Mr. Robert C. Munroe, Springfield, Massachusetts, was a visitor to Chicago recently and made a few welcome calls on his friends, who enjoyed talking to him about his covers which are so well remembered by those who have had the privilege of seeing them. Mr. Munroe adds to his store as occasion offers, it is needless to say.
—Though the new edition of the British Empire "Gibbons" has been very thoroughly revised, the publishers are able to announce a welcome reduction in the price, which is now 6s6d (net), postage extra. This volume will definitely be published on September 30th. Apart from many important price alterations, and the usual careful revision, a number of lists have been re-written. Australian Commonwealth has been improved, Bahamas has been entirely re-written, the lists of New Zealand, first type, have been arranged in more correct chronological order, and Rhodesia has been considerably added to. Straits Settlements has been rewritten on the lines of a study by Mr. E. D. Bacon, C.V.O., which appeared in the *London Philatelist*. The Tasmanian pictorials are now more correctly listed; Trans-Jordan has had full justice done to its complicated but interesting issues; and Victoria now includes full lists of stamps on the three different types "V and Crown" paper, while the list of the "Emblems" type has been re-arranged. Careful attention has been given to Modern Colonials and a new system of notifying the various coloured papers has been adopted.
—LONDON, Sept. 1.—During the turning over of old documents in the Record Office here, a batch of New South Wales postage stamps of the 1855 issue was discovered. Collectors value them at \$4,500. The stamps were attached to a report sent to the colonial secretary by the governor of New South Wales.



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In a recent "Roosevelt Number" of Haldeman-Julius' "Life and Letters", a critical survey of this historical figure is made, and we learn, although not for the first time, that as a boy Roosevelt possessed the collecting instinct; and that the range of his favor embraced stamps among the objects of collection. On the basis of scattered bits of information that have come to us from various sources over a period of years, we believe that Roosevelt never lost his liking for stamps and though he was not known to have interested himself in a collecting sense during his public life, yet under different conditions we believe that he would have collected stamps in his later years. We do know that he had philately in mind and that when Mr. C. J. Phillips, then of London, was a caller at the White House, when Roosevelt was president, he spoke to Mr. Phillips about philately with a certainty which showed the subject was no stranger to him. Surely the little boy Roosevelt who collected stamps never thought in his flights of imagination that something over a half century later his features would be on one of our postage stamps.

As for President Harding, it is not known that he ever collected stamps, but he was well aware that others did, and an interesting example of his habitual kindness was shown in Mr. Richards' account of an interview with W. H. Schaffner, Marion, Ohio, in the *Detroit Free Press*. We quote: "Schaffner never interested the president in collecting stamps himself, but his collection is replete with correspondence from Mr. Harding. Whenever the president, when a member of the Senate, went to foreign lands, he always bought some stamps, stuck them on an envelope and sent them to Schaffner." As for President Coolidge, we are sure that he knows much about philately and some day we may be able to give particulars to support our belief. Somewhat over a year ago the WEEKLY had the following editorial: "The Hon. Charles E. Hatfield, of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., who formerly was chairman of the Massa-

chusetts Republican State Committee, was the first man to enter the office of President Coolidge, and in greeting his old friend the president said, 'Charley, how is your stamp business? Ours is fine.'"

We notice that the Associated Press has announced that Hungary has lifted its embargo on stamps and stamp collections. It is significant that this large news distributing bureau recognizes philately in so direct a manner. We have not been informed as to just what the restrictions were in reference to the restrictions placed on the exportation and importation of collections into Hungary, but at any rate, an improvement in condition is shown.

Mr. L. P. McLouth of Chicago has returned from an interesting trip through Great Britain and a good part of the continent, and in an interview he gives us much recent gossip on conditions as he found them abroad. He says that he was received courteously by the stamp dealer folks of Great Britain, and on the whole he has nothing but appreciative words for the dealers in other parts of Europe. Through his connections, Mr. McLouth had the opportunity to see some rather interesting collections, and he had one of the first views of the great Waterhouse collection that Mr. Godden is to sell; and his comments on it are indeed of a kind to fascinate readers. He promises for next week's issue an article on the subject of Sir Nicholas' impressive lot of United States, and so we shall not trespass on his



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Anyone who is interested in philately in a professional sense is in a position to feel that there is a wave of public interest in stamps that has never been known before. We are getting some what tired ourselves of the constant harping on the one string of publicity but knowing that the future success of our pursuit is partly dependent on the publicity that it receives, we feel that it is a duty to record the ebb and flow of the interest of the man on the street in stamps. It is not often that high philatelic temperature is registered in a public sense just as summer is ended, and that the eagerness of the outsider to hear and learn about philately is shown just at the time when collectors themselves are finding their interest renewed so, without trying to conjure up a too sentimental picture we may be allowed to say that it is a pleasant sight to see the experienced collector taking hold of the hand of the member of the inferior class and leading him slowly and carefully up the philatelic hill. We believe that this curiosity shown by the public on the eve of a philatelic season will develop into a more beneficial effect upon philately than it would if it came at the height of the season.

For some time past Maywood, Illinois envelopes bearing the air mail "winged cancellation as well as a sort of "clock face" postmark on the stamp have been circulated about, and recently there was some question as to the authenticity of these covers as air-mail varieties. In consequence, the following letter was ad-

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A letter from an official of the United States agents for the Sociedad Colombiana Alemana de Transportes Aereos, says that the establishment of the night flight transcontinental air mail in America has enabled exporters to save as much as three days on steamers to South America. There are some bits of information in the communication referred to that we shall try to make provision for in an early issue, but it is to be said that proof is at hand that the enterprise of Colombia in the air is certainly advanced.

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A letter from an official of the United States agents for the Sociedad Colombiana Alemana de Transportes Aereos, says that the establishment of the night flight transcontinental air mail in America has enabled exporters to save as much as three days on steamers to South America. There are some bits of information in the communication referred to that we shall try to make provision for in an early issue, but it is to be said that proof is at hand that the enterprise of Colombia in the air is certainly advanced.

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Over a month ago the Third Assistant Postmaster-General instructed postmasters who had on hand the "special one cent and two cent dies for use in power cancelling machines for revaluing stocks of two cent postal cards on hand three cent stamped envelopes after the reduction in the postage rate on January 1, 1919, and who have not yet received instructions in regard to disposition of the equipment after the completion of the operation" to forward the dies to the department promptly.

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choice of the convention site, and the second governing the issuance of the P. S. yearbook, were recommended to the new Board of Directors for their action. After giving Dr. H. A. Davis and the Detroit collectors a rising vote of thanks, the convention adjourned sine die.

Several very interesting collections were exhibited by prominent precancel collectors. Howard S. Wheeler of Boston, known the world over for his famous collection of Victory, Pilgrim and Aeroplane precancels, exhibited his collection. His Nogales, Ariz., pilgrim set was the center of attraction. This set was inspected by the Postmaster-General of the United States, at the Washington Convention last year, and was pronounced by him to be one of the most interesting philatelic specimen that he had ever viewed. Other collections exhibited were Judge J. K. Doughty's collection of specialized parcel post precancels, C. C. Crasper's collection of Chicago dates, V. W. Rotnem's Boston and Philadelphia collections and Roy C. Frank's collection of the early bar precancels, showing the development of precancel types.

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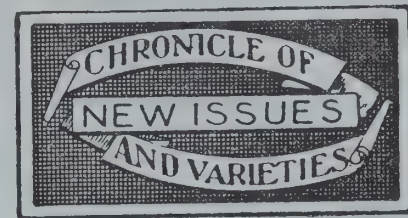
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United States.
Boston-Philadelphia Air Mail.

The Philadelphia Bulletin for September 2nd carries a notice of an air mail service between Boston and Philadelphia, which comes as a surprise, as there had been no previous notice from the Post Office either through their daily "Postal Bulletin" or their Information Service. I quote the bulletin clipping in full:

"Letter to Bulletin Arrives by Specially Established Route.

A letter carried by a specially established air mail route from the Airport in Boston, the landing place of the three world circling Army planes, addressed to The Bulletin, reached this city today.

It was the first time the general public has ever had the opportunity to send air-mail to this city from Boston. A special cancellation stamp, which had been made by the Post-office authorities for use only yesterday, was printed over the stamp. It read, 'Boston, First Landing in the U. S. of the World Fliers.'

The letter was carried in a plane piloted by Lieutenant R. A. Hicks, Army Air Service, of Mitchel Field, who was sworn by Postmaster-General Harry S. New as an air mail pilot for yesterday only. The postage required was eight cents, and a regular green air mail stamp with a winged radiator was used."

While speaking of the air mail service, it will be interesting to note that under date of September 4th, the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Mr. W. Irving Glover, advised postmasters throughout the country that official mail in penalty or franked envelopes is not to be dispatched by air mail unless the regular postage for air mail is prepaid thereon.

The postmaster of New York City has applied to the Postmaster-General for ten additional special red, white and blue air mail boxes for Manhattan and the Bronx. In submitting his request to the Post Office Department, Postmaster Morgan pointed out that the character of the mail received at his office for transportation by air mail across the

continent has changed greatly since the inauguration of the service on July 1st last.

At first there were heavy collections of what the Postmaster designated as "curiosity or souvenir mail", and this he states has gradually diminished and as the usefulness of the service becomes more generally known, patronage is extending among the corporations, organizations and institutions carrying on nation wide activity from New York headquarters.

In asking for more mail boxes, he advises that the area covered by his office is so great and distinct business centers have so increased in number and importance, that it is necessary and proper to extend this special service to all parts of the city. Of the eleven air mail boxes now set up in New York, the one receiving the heaviest patronage is that at Broadway and Wall, indicating that the financial district is keenly interested in the service and is using it. Banks and brokerage houses are said to be heavy patrons of this special coast to coast service.

Mr. Gustave M. Meyer has shown me covers mailed on the first day of the transcontinental air mail service posted at Mineola, the New York field from which the airplanes started on their westward trip, and these bear special field cancellations in addition to the rectangular cancellation, indicating first day service.

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This class of mail may, however, continue to be registered upon payment of a fee of ten cents, and indemnity paid for the actual amount of loss sustained up to \$25.00. This special service does not apply to Canada, as the insurance to that country is as yet limited to fourth-class or parcel post.

Stamps on Various Sizes of Paper.

Dr. Stephen G. Rich has written me quite an extensive letter supplemented by an exhibit of the 2c green, issue of 1887, wherein the Doctor calls attention to the varying sizes of the stamps. He does not refer to the engraving, but to the whole piece of paper between the

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THE PRECANCEL REVIEW.

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New Issue Notes—Duluth, Minn., has precancelled the 1, 2, 5 cent Huguenot-alloon series with its standard electrotype plate. Huntington, West Virginia, has been noted on the 2 cent value. The printed varieties are quite scarce and could be good property.

Harding precancels have about run their race, as few new items are appearing. The demand is still strong for this stamp and now that the rush is over, the printing out process will bring to light the true scarcity and value of many issues.

Small Towns—Mr. W. C. Black who has had charge of compiling population statistics which will be a feature of the 1925 Standard Precancel Catalogue, submits an interesting list. It is composed of the ten smallest towns which have had precancelled stamps of recognizable character. A discussion of their issues will, it is hoped, prove of interest to readers of this department.

Minnewaska, N. Y.—Population 30. Perhaps in 1905 when this hamlet overprinted the 1 cent 1902 series with a broad horizontal bar, 5mm wide, it was a good sized village. It is the sole variety on record from this place. A glance at the 1900 census might tell another story, but thirty stands today as the population of Minnewaska.

Keating, Ore.—Population 68. Have on the 6, 8, 10 cent values of the 1917 series precancels with the U-8 handstamp. They are genuine without a doubt.

Willoughby, Vt.—Population 81. Bushnell lists a 5 cent Perf. 10 with an overprint described as "WILLOUGHBY-VERMONT" in two lines of small block letters between thick bars 11mm apart. If this item is a genuine precancel it is worth ten times the catalog price of 15 cents.

Hibernia, N. Y.—Population 86. About 1900 there was used a type composed of series of vertical lines 1/2mm wide and 9mm apart, crossed by diagonal lines running down to the right and producing a rough looking "N." This may be found on the 1 cent 1894-95, and 1898 issues. Such varieties come under the general head of "Bar Precancels."

Fricks, Pa.—Population 110. The 1 cent 1902 with a bold printed cancellation is worth several dollars, for it is seldom seen nowadays. The type is capitals, 4mm high, between lines 16mm apart. However, it was made in a peculiar way. After the stamps were affixed to envelopes they were press printed or precancelled before being used. The point is raised—are they real precancels? In my opinion, they are in the liberal sense of the word.

Whitaker, Mich.—Population 110. One of the most interesting sets of "Bar Precancels" comes from here. It shows a gridiron style of precancellation, composed of thick crossed lines 1 1/2mm wide and forming hollow squares 4 1/2 to 5mm in diameter. Nine to twelve squares show on each stamp. The 1 cent Panama-Pacific is one of the scarce ones from this little Michigan village.

North Acton, Mass.—Population 112. What factory is located here I cannot say, but precancels are currently used. They are handstamped productions, which are fairly good property. I have the 3 cent Victory and 1 cent offset in my collection.

Calla, Ohio—Population 115. Early in the century, Calla used a large quantity of precancels. Three styles of overprints are to be had, two of which are handstamped. The latter were used before 1900 in only a limited way. Type III is an electrotype plate which is composed of 100 subjects, reading "CALLA, OHIO" in two lines of plain capitals with a line between. The stamps overprinted by this plate were as follows: 3 cent 1895, 1 and 2 cent 1898, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 cent 1902, 2 cent 1903, and 1 and 2 cent 1908. While they are getting to be rather scarce, one is liable to run across them in most any sizable precancel collection.

Gibsonia, Pa.—Population 138. Currently uses two handstamped styles on the 1 and 3 cent denominations.

Manville, N. J.—Population 150. Home of the Johns-Manville Company, which is quite some corporation. Thousands of precancels are employed monthly to frank parcels. An electrotype plate has done the work since the permit was granted. Practically all of the old series Perf. 11 stamps and many of the new series have been precancelled. They are hard to get in good condition as some P. O. clerk wields a wicked blue pencil.

Edella, Pa.—Population 164. The same situation as we found at Fricks, Pa., existed here years ago in conjunction with the actual precancellation of stamps in sheet form. There are twenty main varieties existing, but few to be had as they have always been popular with collectors, on account of their attractiveness and scarcity.

Conclusion.—At all times, I am anxious to hear from readers and shall appreciate criticism or suggestions.

MANAGING EDITOR IN POLITICS.

The WEEKLY has very little to say concerning politics. Its field is philately. There are, however, enough philatelists interested in politics and as well the managing editor for us to give this item a little publicity. On Tuesday, September 9th, the editor was a Republican candidate for primary nomination for the Mass. Legislature from the 20th Essex Representative District. He had two opponents, Hon. Geo. H. Whittemore, Mayor of Beverly, and Robert Hodgkins, a former alderman. He succeeded in carrying five of the six precincts and won by a clear majority. The vote was as follows:—

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" " 4 " 2	226	133	77
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Elliott Perry, Westfield, New Jersey, was around smoking out the ten cent of 1847 and other early United States. He is the Sherlock Holmes of the U. S. black ten cent, first issue, and he juggles the plates around with the nonchalance of a star act in vaudeville. Now that he is out of the woods and his work on this stamp concluded, his friends feel that they can whoop things up a bit for him.

Ted, M. R. Lupfer, Royal Oak, Michigan, was the embodiment of energy plus and in addition to steering the convention of the A. S. D. A., in a secretarial sense, he had a finger in most of the pies that were baked around the place. The earth which is alleged to move has nothing on this man as he counts that day lost whose low descending sun sees nothing started by him.

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L. J. Seely, Hammondsport, New York, recently returned from his European trip, finished off his vacation with a trip to Detroit, giving us the satisfaction of basking in the enthusiasm of this lover of stamps. Mr. Seely has more than one philatelic facet and he sees the beauties of stamps, other than those of our own country, even though he is a partizan of U. S. issues.

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TOPICS OF THE WEEK

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

The Late Mr. Hugo Griebert.—By the death of Mr. Hugo Griebert the stamp world loses one of the rare class of stamp dealers who combined the qualities of the dilettante and connoisseur of stamps with those of the successful merchant. It is a matter of public knowledge that as a dealer he built up one of the finest stamp businesses in the world, and was in the very forefront of the men who had chosen stamps as a career. It is no less a fact that he retained throughout his life a passion for stamps which is the attribute of the amateur, the lover of stamps, the collector.

A Rare Combination.—The combination is rare, and is seldom successful. The stamp lover is not usually cut out for a stamp seller. And the dealer, while catering for the enthusiasms of the collector, has to avoid becoming engrossed in them himself. There are, in the annals of British philately, some notable exceptions: Edward Pemberton and his son, Charles J. Phillips, W. T. Wilson, Charles Nissen, are among them, and Hugo Griebert was one of the most prominent. He combined business acumen with philatelic study to a remarkable degree.

One of the Great "Platers."—It is, however, as a student and a lover of stamps that his memory will be perpetuated in the records of philately. He was the pioneer of research into the remoter fields of philatelic specialism, and it is largely to his work that we owe the greater appreciation and fuller knowledge of the stamps of countries long neglected both in Britain and abroad. He was the philatelic conquistador who opened up South America; he was forever blazing trails through virgin forest—Liberia, Turkey, Jhind, Spain, Hungary, Mexico, La Guaria, and even Albania are included among his published studies, while his wide knowledge of all the classic issues, whether of the popular or the "unfashionable" countries, was not

surpassed by any other dealer of his generation. In the realm of "plating" he probably ranks with the late Mr. Lesli Hausburg as one of the two most successful explorers of this higher branch of philatelic research.

The New York Exhibition, 1926.—The best news for months is the decision of our American colleagues to organize a great International Stamp Exhibition to be held in New York in October, 1926. Those of us who were fortunate enough to be able to get over to the last exhibition on the other side, in 1913, need not be told how thoroughly they do these things in the United States. It was almost their first venture in the shape of a great modern stamp exhibition, yet it was presented and carried through with a perfection of detail which was beyond all criticism.

They have the Men and the Material.—Most of the same capable men who organized the 1913 Exhibition are co-operating in the coming show, but they have had an enormous accession of co-laborers well qualified to carry through a great undertaking to success. In the Association of Stamp Exhibitions, Inc. and in the Collectors Club they have the leading spirits in American philately, and the men who have the stamps over them have the organizing genius and the will to make the New York Exhibition of 1926 representative of the heights to which philately has risen.

Britain will Co-operate.—We shall follow their preparations with eager interest, and it goes without saying that British philatelists will enter with eagerness into the opportunity of collaborating with our American friends in this notable event. The Collectors Club, and philatelists generally throughout America entered cordially into the arrangements for the London Exhibition last year, just as they have been in the forefront of supporters for other British philatelic enterprises. We are confident, therefore, that when they ask our leading philatelists here to send them of their best, the cream of their collections, for the New York Exhibition, they will receive a hearty and unanimous response.

Be Prepared!—There is but one thing we fear, and that is that our collectors here will possibly regard October, 1926 as a long way off, and consequently think that they can leave the matter until nearer the time. That is the line of least resistance, and leads in the end to not doing the right thing. Let us make our plans now and develop them. The Americans will be developing the plans from now right on to the Exhibition. Make up your minds now what you will show, and work steadily to getting the collection in exhibition array. Then there will be no hustle or anxiety or misfire about your exhibiting in 1926 and you will have done your duty to our American friends and to philately. We have already suggested the British motto for the 1926 Exhibition should be "Be prepared!" So may it be.

The Birth of a Nation.—The United States Post Office is preparing a 2 cent stamp to commemorate the arrival in New York of the sloop "Restaurationen" which brought the first shipload of Norwegian immigrants to America on October 1, 1825. If these events in the birth of a nation are to be commemorated rightly along it is as well they should be kept down to a single stamp. Mr. John Luff hints at cheerful prospects for "Scott's Monthly Journal" for a century with so varied and extensive an ancestry of which comparatively few have been commemorated in stamps as yet. "We must not forget," he says, "the Germans who brought beer and sauerkraut to Hoboken, the Irish who police our streets and boss our politics, the first organ grinder from Italy, the first pack peddler from Central Europe, and a lot of other forebears. When we have finished commemorating the emigrants we might turn to national events. Think of the joy to be derived from album pages of stamps issued to honour Mrs. O'Leary's cow that started the Chicago fire, the first to Lizzie Bryan's first Presidential candidacy, and the return of the White House cat."—Stamp Collecting.

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By W. H. GOLDING.

If I were asked what country of all the British possessions offered not only as large a field as any for study and research but also the best field of any for appreciation of value I should unhesitatingly say the stamps of Canada.

In saying this, I refer to Canadian stamps as a whole, but they may be divided into three periods. First the "pence" issues, 1851 to 1859, and the "cents" issue of 1859, with the same types as the earlier "pence" issues. This group contains many scarce and some rare items. The varieties of paper are considerable, and in the 6d in particular of the "pence" issues, a great number of shades can be found, as also in the 10 cents, 1859 issue.

The 12d Black of 1851, on laid paper, is catalogued by Gibbons at £250 unused and £200 used, whilst the same stamp on wove paper is unpriced. Specimens on the latter paper, surcharged "Specimen" in red, are, however, obtainable at about £50. This 12d has always been a rare stamp, and it is probable that the next 20 years will see a further great advance in its value.

This stamp exists with a double or shifted transfer, but I believe this variety is no scarcer than the normal. It is different, however, with the 5 cents deep red of 1859, the normal variety being catalogued at 1sh used and the double transfer at £10. The latter price also does not indicate its real value, as fine copies sell for double this price and more. This stamp is one of the most striking examples of a double transfer known, a great part of the design appearing clearly in duplicate and in particular an extra oval frame line appears. For many years it was so catalogued, i.e., as variety with double frame line and not described as what it really was, a "double transfer." Once seen it is easy to detect the "double transfer" variety, as it has a very noticeable over-inked look, and without close examination it stands out very distinctly from the normal stamp.

"Double strikes" or rather "double transfers" also exist of the 3d, 7 1/2d and 10d values. In the case of the 3d eight stamps on each plate were "double struck," and Gibbons says these form eight distinct varieties, which occur on all the varieties of paper. Several of these stamps also exist bisected, in a similar way to other stamps of British North America, as New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island.

The 3d, being bisected and used with the 6d or two 3d, was used to make up the 7 1/2d postal rate; whilst the 6d exists bisected and used as 3d. These varieties are of considerable scarcity and command high prices.

In the 1859 "cents" issue, the 5 cents was bisected and used as 2 1/2 cents, and the 10 cents bisected and used as 5 cents. I do not think any of these stamps have been forged, but forged perforations of the 1858-59 pence issue exist, some of which are rather dangerous. The genuine perforated stamps gauge 12. Forgeries exist of this gauge, also 12 1/4, 13 and 10. The perforation of these forgeries is rather closer than the genuine stamps.

As may be gathered from these notes, a considerable sum must be expended to obtain anything like a collection of this group, but, however much is put into it, so long, of course, as fine copies are purchased, it may be looked on as being a very fine investment indeed.

I will now take the second period or group, being the issues from 1868 to 1897 (but not the Jubilee issue of the latter date). We first get the "large type" issues of 1868-1878, which, so far as dates are concerned, is cut into by the "small type" issue of January, 1870.

This large type is now catalogued with considerably more accuracy, but it is almost certain that as these stamps

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are studied more fully, corrections and additions will be found necessary. In the main issues two varieties of paper exist. The "thin, hard and rather transparent paper" of 1868, and the "Medium to stout wove paper" of 1868-72. Gibbons says the latter paper may be further subdivided into (a) medium to stout wove (b) thin, soft, very white, and (c) thinner and poorer quality, sometimes greyish or yellowish (from 1878 to end of issue). The specialist has in this issue an unrivalled field for study, and also incidentally for picking up bargains. The 1 cent and 3 cent exist on laid paper, and the 2, 3, 6, 12 1/2, and possibly other values come on watermarked paper. These stamps and many of the following "small type" issue are of great interest on the original covers, as by the dates of these the many alterations in shade of some values can be placed, and no doubt at no distant date some of these covers will fetch fancy prices.

As regards the 15 cents, "large type," personally I should keep this value distinct from its place in the sets and put all the varieties together from its first appearance in 1868 to the latest printings of 1890.

The "small type" issues, 1870 to 1893, are now listed much more fully in Gibbons, and the Montreal printing, perforated 11 1/2 x 12, appears for the first time. These issues will undoubtedly need some rewriting in the catalogue as time goes on. There is a very large field for the specialist in the many varieties of shade, and though some of the stamps appear to be over-catalogued unused, fine used copies in many cases must appreciate very greatly. This is a field where a very great number of opportunities must come to the specialist at present to pick up for a few pence really scarce and valuable items.

The cancellations of all these stamps are also worthy of close study. Not only are there the somewhat scarce "maple leaf," "crown" and other fancy designs and the railway cancellations, but as well there are the numbers allotted to the various towns, and later the small circular postmark of the towns themselves. It may be taken that all the fancy cancellations are a good purchase and some of the "number" cancellations are scarce and must become valuable.

I consider this group, i.e., the issues from 1868 to 1893, is at present the most likely field in the world for the collector of moderate means, not only to pick up real bargains, but as a whole to have a really fine investment for his money.

Of group 3, the general issues from 1893 to date, the various War Stamps, Registration, Special Delivery and Postage Due Stamps, there is little to be said. Whilst all, except the commonest ones, must appreciate in value, there is practically nothing to interest the specialist and practically no chance of obtaining bargains, and from the investment point of view, I look on it as as poor a field for opportunities as group 3 is rich in them.

In considering stamps from the investment point of view it is worth noting that Canada is a country of vast resources and is all the time enormously increasing in wealth and population. As a matter of fact, it is the only country which engaged in the Great War, which has since increased in per capita income spread of the whole population. Canadian stamps and British North American stamps are also second only in popularity to the stamps of the United States in that country, therefore the market and consequent demand for these stamps are increasing as no other is, and for any varieties or exceptionally fine copies of Canadian stamps up to say 1880, a corresponding rapid increase in value is assured.—Kensington Philatelist.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Whatever the outcome of the argument as to what is or is not correct, the fact remains that the Greek "philos" is the one certain source of the name of our hobby, "Philately" and the derivatives, "Philatelic" and "Philatelist." But when we pronounce those words correctly according to the dictionary we say, "fil-a-tel-ik" and "fi-lat-e-lis" in the "fil-lat-el-ist", preserving the root in the first and mixing things in the other two by joining the "i" to "a" and "t".

Far be it for me to attempt to correct English "as she is spoke" or to criticize our pronunciations, which are both a wonder and a stumbling-block to foreigners principally because of our famous inconsistency in not pronouncing alike words and syllables spelled alike and of pronouncing exactly alike words spelled differently with different meanings. "You read the red signs that you readily read." (Vot means dot?)

And while we admit we derive many words from foreign sources we seem to endeavor to hide the root even while we retain it, as for example "thermometer", "ther-mom-eter". But we do say, thermo-metric. Then why not "thermo-meter" which would itself indicate a measure of temperature? If we were at all consistent, a "tax-im-eter" should indicate how much the driver wants, for the company.

But getting back,—in three words, derived from one source, we have two pronunciations or divisions into syllables! If "phi-lat-e-ly" is right (and a satisfactory mixture of the "i" and "at") then why, O why, not "phi-lat-e-lic"?

And now-a-days a hard "i" is creeping in, "fie-lat-e-list", like "Fie, fie! Fido!" This sound has usually in English been used as an exclamation of disgust, contempt or dislike. And while quite right and proper in "philanderer" and "Philargury" it should certainly not be associated or connected with us. "Fie-late-el-ist"! "Fill-at-a-list" would be better.

Now that our hobby is growing so rapidly, with so many more people using the words connected with it in both print and speech, cannot we "students of stamps" combine on a sameness of pronunciation in the three words exclusively pertaining to our hobby? Why not get together on "Phil-at-elic", "Phil-at-el-ist" and "Phil-at-ely" or agree on "Phi-lat-elic", "Phi-lat-el-ist" and "Phi-lat-ely"? Or have 'em all different, as "Phila-

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PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Philadelphia, Pa., Issue October 27
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Others Will Be Announced in Due Season.

It is our intention during the coming months to make use of the services of certain eminent philatelists for editorial work upon the WEEKLY, and already



three have been secured, each to edit a number of the WEEKLY in October, November and December respectively. Philip H. Ward, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., will edit the October number, Stephen G. Rich of Essex Fells, N. J., the November, and Charles J. Phillips of New York City the December number. Others will be secured for the early months of 1925.

Without a doubt this feature will prove highly interesting and instructive. We shall give our assistant editors all the leeway possible in the preparation of copy and our printer will try and meet the editorial wishes of the one sending in the copy. It means that not only will each editor be responsible for the feature article, but temporarily he will occupy Mr. Severns' chair and for that particular number be the editorial mouthpiece for our publication.

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We introduce Philip H. Ward, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., as the editor of the October 27 issue of the WEEKLY. A few days following the appearance of that issue, Mr. Ward leaves for Europe, where he will attend the famous Godden sale of the Waterhouse collection of U. S. This will be in keeping with Mr. Ward's energy and is characteristic of the man. His philatelic activities have been many, his interests beginning with the advent of the Columbian series in 1893. Since that time he has been actively interested, first, with a general collection and then specializing in Siam and the United States. Of the former he got together one of the finest collections of this country in existence.

During the past few years Mr. Ward has devoted all his time to United States with Ireland as a side issue. His U. S. is strong in fine singles, blocks and covers and 20th century is probably as fine a lot as is held by any collector.

Stamps are a side-issue with our friend. He is a graduate electric engineer and is in the electrical manufacturing business, operating the Ward Electric Co., which manufactures house wiring and electrical specialties.

Mr. Ward has been editor of our U. S. Chronicle since October, 1918, and previous to that time was one of the editors of the *Philatelic Gazette*. He has written numerous articles for philatelic papers. Without a doubt he is one of the best U. S. experts on the 20th century issues of our country.

A signal honor has come to him in having been appointed by the Association for Stamp Exhibitions as one of the committee to have charge of the coming International Exhibition to be held in New York in 1926. He is a member of the A. P. S., the Collectors Club, the Metropolitan Philatelic Society and the Philadelphia Stamp Club.

All in all, Mr. Ward may be considered one of the foremost philatelists of the present day. He is in the prime of life and will be a strong factor in the progress of our hobby in coming years. We shall be very glad to have him occupy the editorial chair in October 27 and our readers will enjoy the novelty of seeing what our special staff can do.

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FORECAST FOR THE COMING SEASON.

By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

There is a general feeling of optimism in the air in connection with business conditions. It is reflected in the opinions of leaders in the trade and we feel positive that the "wish is not the father of the thought." Everything points to a record year and the WEEKLY will do its part by going out after the record number of 10,000 subscribers.

To the veteran dealer, P. M. Wolsieffer, we give the place of honor as president of our national society, the A. P. S. His views and those of other dealers will be perused with interest.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER (Phila. Stamp Company.)

Since I have gone out of the retail selling of stamps over a year ago and confining my business entirely to conducting Auction Sales of stamps and the sale of entire collections, I may not be in touch with all the signs of the times that most dealers can distinguish by daily contact with the retail business.

However, from the viewpoint of conditions as exist in the Auction Sale business, I can say it is very good and promises better still. This I judge from the many requests I receive for information from new names and collectors, a large percentage of them saying they saw my ad in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

My correspondence with old clients and prospective new ones, both as buyers and sellers, is increasing, which is an indication that the stamp business must be good in all other branches of the trade as well.

At the recent Detroit Convention of the American Philatelic Society on the "Bourse Night," from 7.30 P. M. to midnight, it was the liveliest buying, selling and exchanging contest I ever witnessed. At Mr. Voorhees' Auction Sale, on another evening, was the largest assemblage ever gathered for the sale of stamps and some record prices were obtained.

The Sales Department of the American Philatelic Society for the year

showed a phenomenal growth. The efficient Superintendent, Mr. J. E. Guest, reported that the sales were almost double of the year before and going stronger than ever.

Also our Stamp Societies, local and national, are rapidly increasing in membership, and the Convention of the American Philatelic Society broke all records for attendance, collectors participating from coast to coast and some few foreign members as well.

These facts are certainly straws and indications that point to a bigger season than we have had in the past.

I am informed by some of the dealers that advance orders for the new 1925 Scott Catalog are greater than last year at this time, which is also a reliable prospect for a big season.

Summing up all these indications and being aware of the great shortage of fine old issues in fine condition, I feel very optimistic in favor of one of the biggest seasons we have had regardless of the fact that it is Presidential year and many collectors interested in National politics.

E. B. POWER (Gibbons).

The season of 1924-25 should be a good one since general business conditions seem fair enough. Personally I am glad to notice a distinct trend in the general collecting line. I still think, as I always have thought, that the great future of stamps rests on the shoulders of the general collector, and those collectors who go mad over an extra dot in the ear of the portrait or an extra line in the frame of a design are not and never will be the foundation on which this hobby rests.

I believe also in future years we shall hear less of perforations and less of original gum. What are we collecting, holes or stamps? And as for the much coveted mucilage which collectors pay some \$10,000.00 a pint for, I value it not. Are we collecting mucilage or stamps?

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 because it is cancelled from Podunk
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 middle class of Nineteenth Century issues,
 of this there is no doubt. One has only
 to look at Scott's list of sets to see the
 Nineteenth Century sets dwindling, like
 the Grand Army of the Republic, into
 almost a negligible quantity, because the
 supply is not to be had.

I pay no attention to what the "big"
 men in stamps are doing, because big
 men have big means, and it matters not
 how many copies they buy, but I do pay
 most careful attention to the general col-
 lector and I find him plugging along
 about as usual. I might also mention
 that I have started 16,500 new collectors
 with my Radio work, some of whom
 will no doubt be second Ferraris some-
 day.

JOSEPH V. K. WELLS.

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 will set new Philatelic records. One
 reason for coming to this conclusion is
 that everyone with whom I have talked
 seems to think that the coming season
 will be very successful. There is a great
 deal of truth in the words Shakespeare
 put into the mouth of Hamlet: "There
 is nothing either good or bad but think-
 ing makes it so." A pessimist cannot
 successfully sell stamps, he can, however,
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 that he is able to do so, in other words,
 he must be optimistic concerning himself,
 his goods, and the condition of the
 market.

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 everywhere. A man's hobby is a good
 barometer of his business. Those who
 believe that there is an ever recurring
 wave of prosperity followed by a season
 of reaction and depression, predict that
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 seem to be the result of certain definite
 causes. Important among these is the
 stimulation of the boy trade, which has

been accomplished by a new esprit de
 corps existing among dealers. It is un-
 deniable that better values have been
 given to our future philatelists in the last
 few years; they can buy cheap stamps
 at cheap prices and good stamps at fair
 prices; while the dealers have developed
 a habit of giving their young customers
 the squarest kind of a deal, of showing
 an interest in them, and of trying to
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 center to a small cyclone of young col-
 lectors who clamored to see what mar-
 vellous and wonderful offers were being
 made to them that month! That is good
 stuff. It is a mighty active little form of
 publicity, it spreads stamp collecting, and
 Kid Radio no longer knocks Young Phi-
 lately down for the count of ten.

The outgrowth of the boy trade is, of
 course, the very fiber and tissue of the
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that a certain percentage of young collectors always drop out, many of them remain interested for life. They subscribe to philatelic publications, they enter the market for better stamps, and they patronize the advertisers.

Regular trade has been stimulated by much the same elements which have affected the boy trade. Concerning better values, it is notable that stamps are now being sold on a smaller margin of profit than ever before. While it is true that competition forces this condition on the dealer, it is equally true that more stamps are sold; and the dealer can afford to sell on a smaller percentage of profit by virtue of a larger yearly business. Can the benefit to the collector be denied? As he becomes aware of the new state of affairs he buys more stamps, and he buys them with confidence, for he knows that there is no longer the tremendous difference between the cost of a collection and its potential selling price.

Press publicity has gone a long way toward raising philately from obscurity to eminence. It has been a great benefit in the near past and should be encouraged in the future; and those philatelists and philatelic societies that have prepared articles for the press, and gotten all possible philatelic publicity are highly to be commended.

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an impetus to the stamp trade in the past couple of years, and their cumulative effect is just beginning to be felt. Summer business, for instance, has been so active this year that we are inclined to believe the "season" for the stamp trade is now an all year round one. At any rate, from a consideration of the elements mentioned above the signs for the coming season seem to be posted and we believe that they point to a comfortable prosperity for the trade.

FRANK SEKULA.

Four years ago at about this time the great majority of stamp dealers were going about with long faces, looking as miserable as can be and giving one the impression that they were looking forward to total destruction, expecting the loss of all their possessions. They would tell you that the good times are over, there is nothing to do, business will never pick up, and they may as well close up. This was the usual cheerful answer to a greeting. It is quite different now. The tone is more cheerful and the outlook is by far better, everyone seems to be eagerly preparing for the coming fall, expecting the best season they have ever had. In my opinion, they are not mistaken either. The only trouble that seems to be encountered everywhere is the scarcity of material on the market, here and abroad.

In order to offer a fair idea of the situation, it is necessary to have a look at conditions in some of the greatest stamp centers in Europe. Let us begin with France. There are more stamp dealers in Paris alone than in the whole U. S. A., and the business in the French Capitol during the last few years has been better, I believe, than anywhere else in the world. Owing to the continuous fluctuation of the French franc, people there were more eager than ever to invest their money in some merchandise which is not subject to devaluation day after day, and by buying stamps apart from a safe investment, they were also in a position to realize cash in emergency on them. Furthermore in most European countries banks willingly accept stamp collections as collateral, a facility we have not yet achieved in this country. Consequently one gets very few offers from France and if we do get any, the prices asked for material make one dizzy.

Germany, Austria and Hungary have practically been cleaned out after the

war, but around 1921 the people there started to buy very heavily again, and paid especially for Old German States and German Colonies incredibly high prices. Today there is a great scarcity of cash in the countries mentioned above but it appears that even under these specific and deplorable conditions, especially in Germany, the people prefer to starve rather than to sell. They are asking prices even from dealers anywhere from double to ten times catalogue for anything half way decent.

London is still one of the best markets to buy, but even there prices for good things are extremely high.

There are more stamp collectors every day and the stock of the stamps of the good 19th and 20th Century diminish day by day and consequently the ancient and always modern question of supply and demand dominates the market and causes prices to rise.

Any collector who is but a half way careful buyer and keeps in mind that the condition and quality of the material is even more important than price, will find that stamp collecting is not only the most interesting and fascinating of all hobbies, but also a most profitable one.

Elsewhere in this number will be found several advertisements by Mr. Sekula. One of these states that he has opened a retail department under the supervision of Mrs. Thomas, who is well known on Nassau St., from her wide acquaintance with stamps and the stamp business. Not the least interesting of his announcements is the one calling attention to the Zeppelin air-mail already featured in the philatelic press.

GEORGE B. SLOANE.

As regards the outlook for the coming season of 1924-25, there are several factors which lead me to the conclusion that we are about to embark on a most prosperous year, chief of which is the growing enthusiasm already apparent for the coming International Philatelic Exhibition in New York, in 1926.

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SPAIN AND COLONIES

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

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—A writer in the *London Philatelist* very neatly sums up the thought of the collector who finds that his investment in stamps is mounting up to some considerable sum in these words: "Whilst no true collector regards price as the first consideration in stamp collecting, not even the novice can entirely ignore the financial aspect of philately."

—We are informed that the frame that is displayed in one of the show windows of a Chicago downtown bank composed of U. S. stamps marking the domestic rate in this country from 1847 to date was loaned for display by Joseph Byfield, who was one of the early stamp dealers in Chicago and who now is one of the proprietors of the Hotel Sherman, Chicago.

—The managing editor of the *WEEKLY Philatelic Paper* was billed to speak on the "Making of a Philatelic Paper" at the meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society of September 16. An informal auction sale conducted by A. P. Brown was the further business of the meeting.

—We feel complimented to note that the well known *Philatelic Magazine* of Great Britain in its September 6 issue copy Mr. Ward's review of the Scott's advance sheets and designate it as an "Able Review", giving our paper credit for the article.

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—Sweden has issued a set to celebrate the postal union, inscribed, "Union Postale Universelle 1874-1924 Sverige." The ore values have a picture of a horseman holding a posthorn and looking over his shoulder at an aeroplane. The Kr. values a pigeon carrying a letter over the hemisphere which has a ship on the top and is encircled by a train. 15 values, 5 ore to 5 crowns.

—We learn that Mr. D. A. Berry, of 99 St. James Street, Manchester, England (late 13 Oxford Street), has taken the shop and business premises at 24 Corporation Street, Manchester, Eng-

land, whereon for 30 years past the late Mr. Ostara and his daughter Miss Ostara have carried on their well known stamp business. Mr. Berry will carry on his own business there, as soon as the necessary alterations are completed.

—W. O. Staab, Milwaukee, informs us that Mr. C. J. Phillips will be the feature at the meeting of Milwaukee's local society on September 25, 1924.

—Mr. Charles J. Phillips was in Toronto during the latter part of last week and gave the collectors of Toronto and vicinity a very nice evening's entertainment by showing them Mr. A. F. Lichtenstein's wonderful collection of the Maritime Provinces as well as giving the collectors in general here a talk on Philately. I can assure you that Mr. Phillips is doing a great advertising for

Philately in general, and I know that the Toronto Club will benefit considerably from his visit.—L. A. DAVENPORT.

—We have assurance that the Stamp Exhibition at Winnipeg from September 17 to 20 has attracted wide attention and has been opened under favorable conditions. A number of American collectors have made their appearance there, and Mr. C. J. Phillips is taking a considerable part in the business of the meetings as a speaker and exhibitor. An auction sale is to be a feature of the occasion, and there is no doubt but that the convention will have an important effect on philately in Canada. One of the displays is to be made by the Canadian post-office department which we are assured will be interesting and instructive.

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The publishers of the standard catalogue are industriously issuing the advance sheets of the new catalogue, and are now in the letter "R"; and we find that already 1,152 pages are necessary for the countries listed thus far. It looks as though the finished book would be ready by the time advertised, October 15, and we are pleased that such are the indications, because with the advent of the catalogue comparatively early in the stamp season, there is more likelihood of early application of collectors to their stamps. We have no doubt but that the usual stimulus to trade will follow the issuing of the catalogue, and we deem the middle of October with its relatively cool nights which make indoor recreations enjoyable, as about the best time for the coming of the book that is with us for the whole year.

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At the recent convention of the American Philatelic Society it was announced that no prizes were awarded for the competition in stamp studies or papers submitted by members; and the unconsidered remark was made that the literary aspect of philately did not seem to appeal strongly to the members. While an observation of this kind is a natural one under the circumstances, yet it is doubtful whether the lack of interest in the contest was due to any reluctance on the part of members to adventure in a literary way, but the explanation is to be laid to the fact that other stamp activities crowd the time and attention of members. In this connection it may be remembered that the recent philatelic congress of Great Britain held at Glasgow, last June, was unable to make an award in the Bates Prize Competition. One of the questions that has never been decided definitely is whether it is advisable to take the time of conventions with essays or articles no matter what their instructive value may be. It is the opinion of some who have the welfare of organized philately at heart that the collector prefers to read articles of the kind at his ease under other surroundings, where the personal element supplied by the audience is lacking as a distraction. One must be rather nimble-witted

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The president of the A. P. S., has let no time elapse before naming officers to fill the various appointive berths in the society, and we learn that H. Burt, William A. Stone, W. H. MacLaren, Otto F. Moses, and W. H. Barnum have been appointed on the most important committee on revision of the By-laws. The publicity committee has been named as Messrs. H. A. Diamant, E. R. Ackerman and C. E. Severn who are to select two other members to make the complement of five. Various committees such as the

handbook, catalogue, philatelic index, philatelic literature, expert, obituary, recruiting and junior collectors' advisers have been ably filled. All the other appointive officers have been assigned again to the work that they have well in hand. The early start made by the president augurs well for a season of activity, and it is safe to say that the progress recently marked by this organization will be maintained under the careful administrative procedure of Mr. Wolsieffer.

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The committee on publicity, with Henry A. Diamant as chairman, will give signs of activity before long, as a general working plan has been devised, with opportunities for intensive work, as occasion may allow, in various ways, unrelated or otherwise, that will all bear on the idea of publicity. Mr. Diamant who is giving his best thought to methods that give promise of being adaptable to the general purpose. He has the boy collector in mind as a prospect, and he is particularly desirous of getting views of members who have given the question of aligning the boys with us, not as transient collectors but as permanent ones. It certainly is a subject in which every member of the society is interested in view of the fact that \$1,000 are to be contributed to the cause of publicity. No one is more anxious to dispense this money to advantage than the committee on publicity, and it is a feeling of comfort to feel that the co-operative influence of members is available for the actual workers. Soon the general scheme and one based on efforts that do not come under systematic classification will be

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Mr. Charles J. Phillips, New York, left recently on a pilgrimage for Toronto from where he has gone to Winnipeg. He carried with him his collection of Prince Edward Island and Mr. Lichtenstein's superb Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, which he showed in Toronto. It is Mr. Phillips' intention to proceed to St. Paul and Milwaukee where he will be the honor guest at meetings of the local collectors. His itinerary includes Chicago, where he is to arrive September 26, and where the local collectors will make arrangements for his reception in order that they may have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Phillips and inspecting his collections. Mr. Phillips, it is needless to say, through his willingness to appear in the various centers in order that he may show collections of exceptional character to the local philatelists and to edify his audience with the spoken word proves his interest in the forward movement of philately; and we are sure that his generous impulses are recognized appreciatively by all.

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The newspapers recently carried a cablegram from The Hague, describing briefly the features of the International Stamp Dealers Exchange, September 13 and 15. The exhibition is called a great success, and the "special stamps" are said to have been almost all sold out on the first day of the meeting. Here we may mention the receipt of the following sug-



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gestion from a reader, Mr. G. L. Gordon, of San Francisco, based on the exchange idea: "I envied those who attended the recent bourse at Detroit, and I wonder if there were not many others who did not do likewise. Do you think it practical for the collectors, dealers and all others who may be interested in stamps, resident in a state to get together for a day or two for a similar session or fair? A central town of fair size could be the place of meeting, and I think that the occasion would be an interesting affair and give the more or less isolated collectors a glorious opportunity to mingle with their fellows with the idea of barter and sale." It is hard to predict whether or not an exchange of the kind would be attended largely enough to justify the occasion. Yet in theory the thought is an appealing one, and we should like to see some philatelically populous state experiment with the idea. A well advertised meeting of the kind would attract the attention of outsiders to the stamp theme, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that there would be a real benefit to philately outside of that which those who participated in the bourse might derive. Should any collector be interested enough in the subject to give it serious consideration, we have no doubt but that we could put him in touch with other collectors in his section who might be willing to co-operate with him.

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in the mind of the outsider as a permanent institution.

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A writer in the *London Philatelist* undertakes to determine, "The Status of Commemorative Stamps." The author, Captain B. S. H. Grant, approaches his subject in a plausible way that seems to confirm the wisdom of his findings and makes the point that is apt to be overlooked by the analyst of these stamps that the public mind is freshened by a change in stamp designs whether the result of postal necessities or otherwise. Captain Grant claims that the average stamp collector is predisposed in favor of commemorative issues, while the real philatelist, as he may be called for the sake of contrast, is more or less antagonistic to them on general principles. The observation is made that the objection to such issues is not based wholly on the idea but that the fault is charged to the inordinate number of stamps that is apt

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to comprise the series, with the additional toll that unnecessary high values are included in the set. Therefore, the commemorative set of two or three stamps becomes almost innocuous, even to the philatelic purist. We believe that the sensible view taken by this writer is that the hope is to discourage any issues with the exception of those that commemorate events of outstanding importance, with the further stipulation that the stamps be available for postal periods "for a definite length of time in place of the ordinary issues." That second stipulation perhaps is not one that would be received approvingly because of the somewhat artificial stimulus that is given the use of the special stamps. However, the main point that is introduced is that commemoratives themselves be classified so far as possible into two main divisions: first, those which serve "a perfectly legitimate purpose", and those which are unnecessary to the extent that they do not "serve any legitimate postal purpose." In this way the commemoratives would be given varying character, and if there would be any general acceptance of the ruling, the catalogues would carry out the suggestions as made. We must realize that while the stamp collectors are numerically strong, even in the case of stamps that seem to be lacking in real postal interest, a following soon arrays itself under their banner and as Captain Grant says in the final sentence of his editorial, "The law of supply and demand applies, and if collectors want these commemorative effusions the dealers will stock them, and all the time this condition of affairs exists, I fear a place will have to be given to such stamps." While we think that even though there were no stamp collectors to patronize a government's new issues the various post-office departments of the countries of the world would have issued commemoratives on different occasions; and we cannot believe that the influence of stamp collectors could be so unified against the commemorative stamp that sufficient weight could be given their demands that no further issues of the kind be made. Under the plan of the writer we have quoted, the real commemorative would be entitled to consideration, while the weaker sisters could be given a haven or not in the album, as the collector desired.

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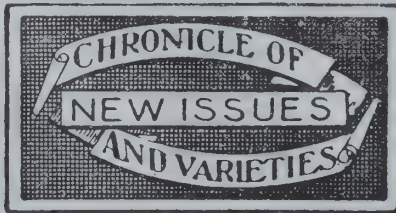
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United States.

2c Black Harding Issue.

Mr. Louis D. Loudon writes to advise that there was found in the North Bend, Oregon, post-office a sheet of the Harding stamps perforated the normal way in addition to a diagonal perforation from the lower left corner to the upper right. He further states that these unfortunately were broken apart and sold over the counter and in this way used in the regular way. I merely mention this incident in view of the fact that a number of our readers have called my attention to similar varieties of other denominations in addition to stamps which have the vertical perforation directly through the center instead of in their normal position. Such varieties demand a very little premium over face value for specialists in our issues give little attention to such oddities. These should not be confused with the rare part perforated stamps in which are found perforations running in one normal direction only.

Air Mail Covers.

Mr. M. A. Rheinboldt kindly sends a cover posted with a 2c stamp with a postmark of Salt Lake City, Utah, May 4, 1921, 8 P. M., addressed to a banking house of New York, the said cover being badly burnt on all edges. The inter-

esting part is a four line rubber stamp notation in violet, reading, "This letter salvaged from air mail plane, which was destroyed by fire at Rock Springs, Wyo., May 5, 1921, Postmaster, Cheyenne, Wyo." I do not recall seeing a cover from this plane heretofore.

Canal Zone Philatelic Agency.

I am in receipt of a communication dated Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, April 28, 1924, and signed by F. H. Wang, Acting Director of Posts, advising all postmasters that a Philatelic Agency has been established on that date at the Balboa Heights post-office and that this Bureau is established for the purpose of supplying Canal Zone stamped paper (which means both postage stamps, envelopes and postal cards) at face value to purchasers for collection purposes. Hereafter all inquiries to postmasters addressed to any of the other Canal Zone offices wherein the orders are for philatelic purposes shall be forwarded to Balboa Heights, to the postmaster at that point.

In accordance with the order, this postmaster will make a monthly report of the sales of postage stamps sold for philatelic purposes as per provisions of Section 183 of the Canal Zone Postal Guide.

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CYPRUS.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the following values of the new type, inscribed Postage and Revenue:

1/4p grey and light brown.
1/2p black.
1/4p green.
1p purple and light brown.
1 1/4p orange and black.
2p red and green.
2 1/4p blue and purple.
4p sage green and purple.
4 1/2p black and orange on each.
6p olive and green.
9p brown and purple.
12p light brown and black.
18p black and orange.
45p purple and blue.
90p green and red on yellow.
1p purple and black on red.

It is curious to note that the 4 1/2p which is equivalent to the 6d denomination is printed on the green paper generally used for the 1sh and the 9p equivalent to 10sh on the yellow paper generally used for the 5sh. All the others are on white. All script except £1 on red being on the old wmk. mult. CA.

GUATEMALA.—Mr. Paul C. Standley advises having received on letters the following surcharged "Official" No. 121, 122, 174, 202 (Surcharged in two colors of ink) 203. Some of these appear to be hand stamped, but in other cases the press has been used.

LUXEMBURG.—We have received from Mr. Henry Hooreman 7 1/2c orange of the 1919 issue with the surcharge "5" in black.

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NAURA.—We are officially informed that the British stamps overprinted for this island were withdrawn and the whole stock on hand destroyed on March 14th.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

NEW ZEALAND.—*Jellicoe stamps?* The *Daily Mail* Wellington correspondent says that in connection with the campaign to advertise New Zealand, a movement is on foot to print a special set of stamps bearing the head of Lord Jellicoe, Governor-General, to commemorate his five years' service and his great popularity in the Dominion.

Such stamps, it is considered, will be treasured by collectors and the general public in all parts of the world, making New Zealand better known.

The authorities are inquiring whether the King's representative can be used as an advertising medium—and we have no doubt the answer will remain, like the photograph, in the negative.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.—Mr. R. Roberts advises of the appearance of the 6d, 1920-1922 pictorial issue, on script watermark paper.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The 4c value has been issued in purple on script paper. Mr. R. Roberts sends a copy for our inspection.

SWEDEN.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle a set of stamps called a "Birthday" Commemorative. The values up to and including the 80ö picture a rider on a speeding horse with the words "Union Postale Universelle 1874-1924." The value is in the upper right corner and at the base the word "Sverige." The three higher values show a bird with a letter flying above the world. The values are: 5ö red brown, 10ö green, 15ö violet, 20ö red, 25ö orange, 30ö blue, 35ö black, 40ö olive, 45ö brown, 50ö grey, 60ö maroon,

80ö blue green, 1kr green, 2kr red, 5kr blue.

TANGIERS.—Following the altered status of Tangiers, the French P. O. has been merged with the local postal service which is administered by France. As from August 1st, Morocco stamps will be sold at Tangiers as elsewhere in the protectorate. The Tangier stamps will be withdrawn from sale both locally and at Paris, and will be burnt.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

TRANS-CAUCASIAN REPUBLIC.—We are informed by Mr. Godfrey White that this republic stopped the issue of separate stamps "over three months ago."—*Philatelic Magazine.*

YUGO-SLAVIA.—*De La Rue series.* Of the series chronicled on Aug. 9, the 2, 10, 15, 20 and 30 dinars have also appeared, says *Briefmarken-Rundschau* (Aug. 15).—*Philatelic Magazine.*

URUGUAY.—Yet another commemorative issue! On July 29th three stamps were issued to celebrate the return of the Uruguayan winners of the Olympian Football Match. The stamps were on sale for three days only and our agent could only obtain five sets. The values are 2c dull rose, 5c mauve and 12c pale blue. The stamps are oblong in shape, crudely lithographed and we confess we are completely baffled by the design, which remotely resembles a female on a raft waving a petticoat in one hand and holding a large bowl, probably the prize, in the other. Below this appears the inscription "Uruguay MCMXXIV Juegos Olimpicos." Our agent's letter to us was franked with a set of these stamps and bore a special postmark "Uruguay, Campeonato Mundial de Football." The stamps will probably be interesting to footballers, if not to philatelists.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*



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3d blue, single wmk.	.08
4d bistre, single wmk.	.11
4 1/2d purple, single wmk.	.12
6d brown, single wmk.	.16
2sh mauve, single wmk.	.60
20sh gray, single wmk.	6.00
*ARGENTINE—25c violet	.12
*FIJI 3d blue	.08
*NIGERIA—1sh script wmk.	.30
*ST. LUCIA—4d script wmk.	.11
2sh 6d script wmk.	.75
5sh script wmk.	1.50
*GIBRALTAR—1sh script wmk.	.30
2sh script wmk.	.60
4sh script wmk.	1.20
8sh script wmk.	2.40
*SIERRA LEONE—1d purple	.03
*JOHORE—2c script wmk.	.02
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136	1870, 3c Green	.08	.06	15	1855-57, 5c vermilion	.25	.20
153	1871, 24c Purple	3.00	2.50	16	1855-57, 10c red lilac	1.75	1.40
178	1875, 2c Vermilion	.10	.07	19	1859-64, 12½c green	1.25	1.00
179	1875, 5c Blue	.18	.14	20	1859-64, 17c blue	2.50	2.00
185	1879, 5c Blue	.18	.14	21	1868, ½c black	1.00	.75
208	1882, 6c Rose	1.15	.90	22	1868, 1c brown red	4.00	1.60
216	1882, 5c Blue	.12	.10	23	1868, 2c pale green	3.00	1.00
228	1890, 30c Black	.30	.25	24	1868, 3c red	4.50	.40
240	1893, 50c	.85	.70	25	1868, 6c dark brown	5.00	1.00
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287	1898, 4c Orange	.15	.12	31	1869-77, 1c yellow	6.00	1.75
288	1898, 5c Blue	.18	.15	35	1869-77, 6c yel. brown	2.00	.22
289	1898, 8c Violet Brown	.18	.15	36	1869-77, 10c rose lilac	3.25	1.00
290	1898, 10c Violet	.12	.10	37	1869-77, 5c olive green	7.00	2.25
297	1901, 5c Blue and Black	.25	.20	38	1869-77, 5c slate green	1.25	.15
314	1902, 1c Green, Imperf.	.20	.15	39	1869-77, 15c gray	1.50	.90
320	1902, 2c Carmine, Imperf.	.18	.14	43	1882-90, 5c gray	.35	.05
330	1907, 5c Blue, Jamestown	.15	.13	44	1882-90, 6c red brown	1.00	.30
368	1909, 2c Lincoln, Imperf.	.12	.10	45	1882-90, 10c brown red	2.00	.70
371	1909, 2c Alaska, Imperf.	.12	.10	46	1882-90, 20c vermilion	.85	.20
373	1909, 2c H. Fulton, Imperf.	.12	.10	47	1882-90, 50c deep blue	1.00	.18
				48	1882-90, 8c gray	1.75	.13
				50	1897, ½c black	.60	.06
				51	1897, 1c orange	.10	.07
				52	1897, 2c green	.10	.06
				53	1897, 3c bright rose	.10	.02
				54	1897, 5c deep blue	.35	.22
				55	1897, 6c yellow brown	1.50	1.25
				56	1897, 8c dark violet	.50	.45
				57	1897, 10c brown violet	.65	.50
				58	1897, 15c steel blue	1.00	.70
				59	1897, 20c vermilion	1.00	.70
				60	1897, 50c ultramarine	1.15	.50
				71	1897, 6c brown	.45	.37
				72	1897, 8c orange	.32	.13
				73	1897, 10c brown violet	.85	.75
				79	1898, 6c brown	1.00	.60
				80	1898, 8c orange	.65	.35
				81	1898, 10c brown violet	.40	.11

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20TH CENTURY. MINT.

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32	1901, 1p Red & Black	.10
42	1905-09, 2½py	.55
45	1905-09, 3py, Scarce	3.50
46	1905-09, 6py Yellow	2.10
47	1905-09, 1sh Brown	1.15
50	1906-10, ½py	.06
51	1906-10, 1py carmine	.07
52	1906-10, 2½py Ultra	.18
53	1906-10, 3py Violet Yellow	.55
54	1906-10, 4py Yellow, Rare	3.25
55	1906-10, 6py Violet	.60
56	1906-10, 1sh Green	1.40
57	1906-10, 2sh Violet Blue	1.35
58	1911, 2py Edward	.30
59	1911, 4py Red Yellow	.25
60	1911, 6py Red Violet	.60
63	1912-19, 2py	.11
65	1912-19, 3py Violet Yellow	.40
66	1912-19, 4py Scarlet & Black	.40
71	1912-19, 3py Surface colored	.38
73	1912-19, 1sh Surface colored	.38
75	1919-21, ½py	.04
76	1919-21, 1py Carmine	.06
77	1919-21, 1½py Green	.07
78	1919-21, 2py Green & Blue	.11
79	1919-21, 2½py Blue	.15
80	1919-21, 3py Blue & Green	.18
81	1919-21, 4py Green & Brown	.23
85	1919-21, 3sh Orange & Violet	1.75
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—Francis J. Field informs us that the remittances made for the North Polar Flight cards will be retained for the flight venture proposed next year from Italy. Those who were interested in the expedition that was to start from Christiania will be glad to receive this information from the Danish agents. It is only another case of patient waiting.

—Rutherford, N. J., collectors, gathered Sept. 6, and organized a stamp club with H. A. Fonda as secretary-treasurer. Meetings will be held every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 4 P. M. at the Pierrette tea-room.

—F. S. Eaton of New Haven, Conn., is on a trip abroad but will attend to correspondence on his return this fall.

—The September-October issue of Harris & Co.'s *Bi-Monthly Journal* is at hand. It is a pretentious magazine of 36 pages and in addition to an alluring

display of offers it contains a copyrighted story by Stephen F. Harris "The Dark Continent." The magazine is attractively arranged and printed.

—We may look for a special set of stamps in 1926 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of American independence. The Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and the Signing of the Declaration of Independence will doubtless make up some of the subjects.

—BUDAPEST Sept. 5.—The Hungarian government has lifted the embargo on rare stamps and stamp collections. It also has decreed that since August 1 all passport fees must be paid in gold kronen.

—The postmasters at direct and central accounting offices "holding Pilgrim Tercentenary postage of the 5c denomination in stock in full packages of 7,000 stamps each are directed to report the quantities to the Department and to withhold the stamps from sale until instructions are received. Postmasters holding less than a full package of 5c Pilgrim stamps need not submit a report. W. Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster-General."

—Mr. D. C. Turnbull, Mishawaka, Ind., has sent us a metered 2c envelope used by the Dodge Mfg. Corporation of that city. The company also uses the 1c. The machine employed is Pitney-Bowes.

—In "Our Porto Rico" *Century* magazine of August, 1920, Mr. Harry A. Franck says: "The American who noting the Stars and Stripes floating everywhere (in Porto Rico) and post-offices selling the old, familiar postage stamps, fancies he is back in his native land again, is due for a shock."

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12c	2.25	1.25
24c red lilac	9.00	4.00
90c	11.00	6.00
1862, 2c	.30	.15
5c	2.25	1.00
15c	3.00	1.25
24c	2.50	1.00
1869, 1c	1.75	1.00
2c	.40	.25
10c	2.50	1.25
12c	2.75	1.40
1871, 90c National	3.00	1.50
1873, 7c	1.75	.75
15c	1.75	.90
90c	5.00	2.50
1882, 5c Garfield, brown	.15	.07
1887, 3c vermilion	.50	.30
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898, Omaha 1c to 10c, mint	2.50	1.50
902, 2c, mint	.40	.20
907, Jamestown 1c to 5c, mint	.34	.20
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20TH CENTURY

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*Cayman Is. 1913, 3d & 1sh white back	1.85	.75
* 1916, 1sh (19)	.60	.35
* 1917, War Tax, 1 1/2d, (101)	4.00	2.00
*Ceylon 1913, 2r. white back	3.00	1.50
*Cilicia 1920, 5pa to 5p (117 to 124 except errors)	.57	.20
*Cyprus 1912, 18p (70) used	1.00	.35
o 1912, 45p (71) used	2.25	.85
o 1923, 18p (91) used	..	.25
o 1923, 45p (92) used	..	.75
*Dan. W. I. 1902, 2c on 3c, 8c on 10c (24-5)	.95	.40
* 1905, 5b surcharges (40-2)	6.00	2.00
*Denmark 1904, 4 on 8, 15 on 24 (55-6)	.25	.10
* 1912, 35c surcharges (78-80)	1.95	.75
*E. Af. & U. 1914, 25c white back	.40	.20
*Gold Coast 1913, 3d white back	.35	.15
*Gt. Britain 1911, 1/2d & 1d (151-2)	1.50	.50
* China 1922, 4c script	.75	.40
* Levant 1906, 1p on 2 1/2 (13)	.25	.10
*Grenada 1914, 3d & 1sh white back	1.65	.75
*Hong Kong 1914, 12c & 50c white back	1.40	.60
*Jamaica 1906, 1/2d, 1d, 2 1/2d (50-2)	.43	.25
* 1906, 2sh (57)	1.75	1.00
* 1912, 3d, 4d & 1sh white back	1.95	.75
o 1921, 6d (95) script, used	.24	.10
o 1921, 1sh (96) script, used	.40	.18
o 1921, 2sh (97) script, used	.80	.35
*Japan 1923, 1/2s, etc. (173-179)	..	.30
*Malta 1914, 2 1/2d (53)	.25	.10
* 1914, 1sh white back (62)	.85	.40
* 1921, 1/2d to 6d (67-73)	1.44	.75
* 1922, Self Gov. 6d (80)	.60	.35
* 1922, Self Gov. 1sh (81)	1.00	.60
* 1922, Self Gov. 1/4d to 6d, script wmk.	1.08	.60
*Monaco 1922, 20c/15c, 20c/1fr	..	.20
*Montserrat 1922, 2 1/2d (56) script	.40	.25
*Newfoundland 1920, 3c/15c (129)	1.50	.50
* 1920, 3c on 35c (130)	1.25	.40
*Nigeria 1914, 3d, 4d & 1sh white backs	1.15	.50
*Panama 1913, 2 1/2c (202)	.50	.20
*Roumania - Levant 1919, 5b-40b	.90	.30

	Cat.	Net
*Russia - Levant Jubilees 1900, Constantinople, Jaffa, etc., first six of each set, any town	1.87	.65
Per set of 13 towns (78 stamps)	24.31	7.50
* 1913, 50p & 100p (230-1)	6.00	2.00
*St. Lucia 1913, 4d (73) white back	.40	.18
*Seychelles 1901, 3c on 36c (31)	.45	.20
*Siam 1908, 4a on 5a (110)	.35	.10
*Somaliland 1905, Off. 2a (158)	1.50	.50
*So. Nigeria 1904, 1/2d, 1d, 2d	1.17	.50
*Sp. Guinea 1911, 1c, 2c, 5c (102-4)	.75	.25
*Straits 1908, 10c (138)	.35	.20
* 1912, 10c (161)	.50	.25
*S. W. Af. 1923, 1d to 1sh second type (without hyphen)	1.50	.75
*Syria 1920, 1pi to 25p (35-41)	2.08	1.00
* 1920, 50pi (42)	2.50	1.00
*Tanganyika 1922, 1c & 10c (8-9)	.65	.40
*Tonga 1924, 2d on 4d, prov.	..	.25
*Trinidad & Tobago, 1sh white back	.85	.40

ORIGINAL COVERS

U. S. 1851, 3c blue town	\$.40
1851, 3c black town	.25
1857, 3c type I	.60
1857, 3c type II	.10
1869, 3c	.15
Cuba 1879, 25c (85a) diagonal half used as 12 1/2c	.75
1880, 25c (91a) diagonal half used as 12 1/2c	.75
Denmark 1864, 4sk & 8sk on reg. letter	2.50
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Sweden 1858, 96 and 1866 200 on letter	3.00

Through our foreign relations, we are continually receiving consignments of old stamps on covers. Those who like these interesting items, drop us a line telling which you are interested in and we shall be glad to send selections as they arrive.

19TH CENTURY

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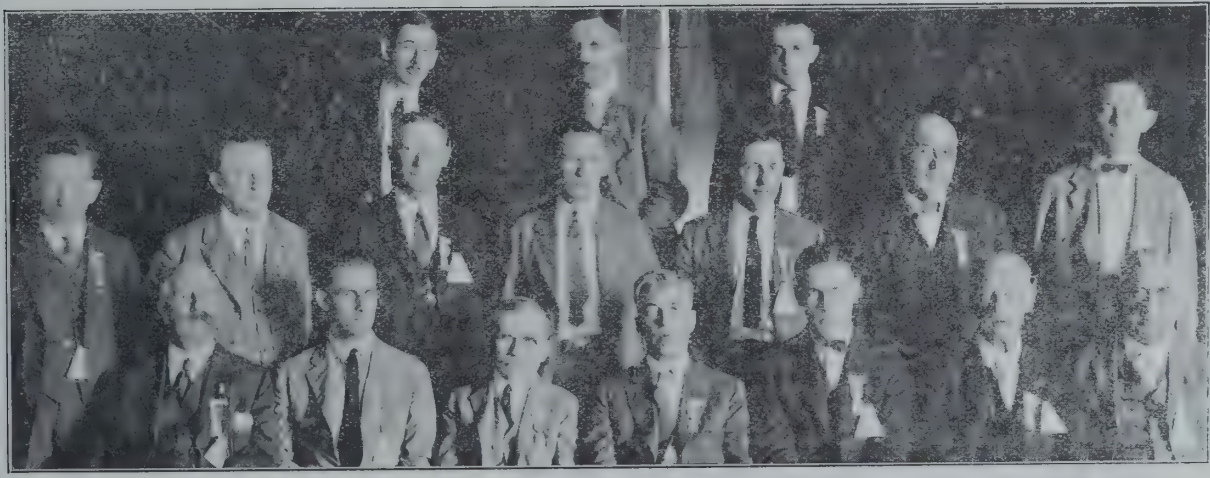
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SOME PICTORIAL SUGGESTIONS

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UPPER SILESIA AND ITS STAMPS.

By REV. J. S. DALLMANN, 2509 Nueces St., Austin, Texas.

Through the late war many little coun-
tries and peoples, of whom the world at
large knew little or nothing, have come
into the foreground. People became in-
terested in them. One of the countries
of which so little has been known, but
which since the signing of the Treaty of
Versailles has interested the world and
also in not a little degree the noble ad-
herents of the stamp collecting profes-
sion is without doubt the little district of
upper Silesia. How little indeed was
known about this country can be illus-
trated by the fact that even quite a num-
ber of Silesians with whom the writer had
an opportunity to speak since the signing
of the treaty of Versailles thought and
maintained that Upper Silesia was the
district of Liegnitz, the part which real-
ly is called Lower Silesia, in German
Niederschlesien and in Polish Dolny
Slask. This mistake might perhaps be
due to the fact that Lower Silesia is a
mountainous country, whereas Upper
Silesia is, with a few exceptions, mostly
a plain.

Upper Silesia has since 1740 been an
integral part of the Prussian Province of
Silesia. It is the extreme southeast cor-
ner of the German Empire. One of its
most interesting spots until the conclu-
sion of the war was the Three Emperors'
Corner (Dreikaiserecke), where Russia,
Austria and Germany met. This place
has now been assigned to Poland.

Of the early history of this country
little is known. Tacitus, and other Ro-
man writers, tell us that the original in-
habitants of Silesia were the Germanic
tribes of the Lugians and Vandals.
Around the Mountain of Zobten the Sil-
ingians, another Germanic tribe, have had
their abode. To the latter Silesia thanks
its name. About 410, during the great
migration, these tribes left and went
southwest, and were finally lost among
the Vissy Goths. Only a few remnants
of the tribe of the Silingians remained
for yet a considerable time in their orig-
inal country.

After these tribes had left, the Poles
began to pour into Silesia, and up to the
year 1000 Silesia was dominated by Pol-
and. Then it fell to Bohemia. While
under Bohemian rule, the country's af-
fairs were administered by national
princes of the house of Piast. These
princes, commonly called Piasts, after
the name of the first prince of this house,
called German artisans, merchants and
farmers to Silesia, where their settle-
ments and cities were endowed with Ger-
man rights. The Poles had done nothing
for the development of the country.
There were only two classes of people
among them, the nobles and the serfs.
The only difference between them lay in
the fact that the former were rich and

the latter poor. Both classes were uncultured and uncivilized, and vied with each other for excellence in ignorance. Under Bohemian and Austrian rule Silesia became a civilized country. After the death of Emperor Charles the 6th, Maria Theresia succeeded to the crown. A dispute arose between her and Frederick the Great of Prussia about Silesia which led to three wars, at the end of which Silesia was ceded to Prussia, under whose rule she has been ever since.

While the population of Lower and Middle Silesia are Germans, the popula-
tion of the rural districts of Upper Silesia are Poles or descendants of Poles. As they had seen how their brethren in the kingdom of Poland, whose affairs were administered by Russia, had been treated, their sympathies indeed were with Germany, which has done every-
thing to uplift the Poles of Upper Silesia. When the Republic of Poland was established after the war was over, it was decided that a plebiscite was to be taken in Upper Silesia, and to let the people decide as to whether they wanted to remain with Germany or join Poland. America was to take over the adminis-
tration of that district until after the plebiscite. And the people of Upper Silesia had full confidence in the fairness of the Americans. Alas, Congress voted this down, and England, Italy and France occupied the country under the leadership of France. The French did everything to intimidate the Germans and to encourage the Poles. We will have an opportunity later to speak about this. But in spite of this, an overwhelming majority (two thirds) voted for staying with Germany.

Upper Silesia had, before a part of it had been ceded to Poland, an area of 13,098.73 square kilometers, and a population of 2,033,685. The importance of the country lies in its rich coal and ore mines.

The Inter-allied Commission arrived in Upper Silesia on February 12th, 1920, and stayed until July 9th, 1922. Like in other parts of Germany where plebiscites were taken, the Inter-allied Commission issued special stamps for Upper Silesia. These stamps were printed in the French State Printery in Paris. But since the stamps did not arrive until February 20, 1920, the stamps of Germany were being used by the public. Only the stamps used for the official mail of the members of the Inter-allied Commission were provided with the hand-stamped surcharge: C. I. H. S. (Commission Interalliée Haute Silésie), i.e. Inter-allied Commission of Upper Silesia. Scott 200-220. The 5, 15 and 20 pfennig values were first surcharged in red, while the other values were surcharged in vio-

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10pf carmine, No. 83, 1900 copies.

15pf dark violet, No. 98, 2200 copies.

20pf blue, No. 84, 2130 copies.

25pf orange and black, No. 85, 20 copies.

30pf orange and black, No. 86, 1800 copies.

35pf red brown, No. 100, 1850 copies.

40pf lake and black, No. 87, 1750 copies.

50pf purple and black, No. 88, 1600.

60pf magenta, No. 89, 1550 copies.

75pf green and black, No. 101, 1750.

80pf lake and black, No. 90, 9 copies.

1 Mark, carmine rose, No. 91, 320 copies.

2 Marks, gray blue, No. 92, 150 copies.

10pf carmine rose, No. 105, 1700 copies.

15pf chocolate and blue, No. 106, 450 copies.

25pf green and red, No. 107, 250 copies.

30pf red violet and red, No. 108, 460;

No. 475 carmine 10pf, 120 copies.

15pf No. 476, dark violet, 110 copies.

On February 20, 1920, the so-called first edition of the stamps of Upper Silesia were placed for sale at the post-offices. These are the Nos. 1-9 of Scott's catalogue. It would lead us too far to enumerate all the different shades and misprints of this edition, which are only of interest to collectors specializing in this country. It is impossible to ascertain the quantity in which these stamps were issued, but it can safely be stated that the number was rather small, as about the end of February, i. e., about a week after they were issued, the 2½ and 3 pfennig as well as the 1 Mark values were exhausted. A week later

the 5 10 and 50pf values were sold out, and about the middle of March the 5 Mark value. As the second issue, Scott Nos. 15-31 was still in preparation, the authorities had to surcharge the stamps on hand with new values. Ten and 20pf stamps had also been cut in halves and used as 5 and 10pf respectively. The order was first issued that 4 million of the 20pf value were to be surcharged 10pf. These stamps were surcharged in red. It must be mentioned that the stamps were printed in sheets of six blocks, each block consisting of 25 stamps. Thus each sheet contained 150 stamps. It also may be mentioned here that a few sheets of the 20pf value remained imperforated, and that two of these imperforated sheets have been surcharged 10 Pf. Collectors should be careful when buying these stamps, and only pairs ought to be acquired.

The stamps were surcharged in a local printing shop at Oppeln, the capital of Upper Silesia. As they did not have sufficient type of one kind, they used four different kinds as given in Scott's catalogue, Nos. 12, I-IV. But there are also two more minor varieties not mentioned in Scott's catalogue, and which ought to be mentioned. The printers did not only use four different types of figures, surcharging the stamps, but also two different types of the letter P in Pf. The lower part of the head of the P lies in an acute angle to the stem instead of horizontally. As these are only on some of the type I and II, they could be catalogued as type Ia and IIa. On the 8th stamp of the second block, part of the f broke off, which gave the f the appearance of an i. The surcharge therefore reads, 10 Pi, instead of Pf.

The surcharge can be found in the following position: 10 on 20 normal, inverted, double surcharge, double surcharge inverted, double surcharge one normal and one inverted, Pi instead of Pf, 10 without Pf, 01 instead of 10, and Pf above instead of underneath the 10.

On March 12, 1920, another surcharge appeared. This time it was the 50 Pf. on 5 Mark orange, Scott 13. The surcharge is a shining deep black color. There are five different types of the 5, as given in Scott's catalogue, and also two types of the P, which could be catalogued IIa and IIIa. There is another variety of the type I. The letters became loose while in operation in consequence of which they moved a little. The 0 on this stamp is two Millimeters from the 5 instead of ¾. As only one stamp in a sheet has thus been surcharged, and this was soon discovered and remedied, this stamp is naturally very rare.

There are the following varieties of the 50 Pf. on the 5 Mk. edition: 5 different types of numerals as given in Scott's catalogue, two types of the P, Pi instead of Pf, Fr instead of Pf, and a double surcharge. As comparatively few of these stamps (40,000) have been surcharged, and they already are scarce, it is no wonder that many of the surcharges were faked. Collectors should be very careful and buy only stamps of this issue that are guaranteed.

A day or two after the 50 Pf. on 5 Mk. stamp had made its appearance, the 5 Pf. on 20 Pf. blue was issued. The surcharge is similar to the 50 Pf./5 Mk. of shining

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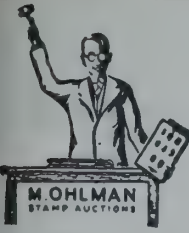
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mark black color. Also the numeral 5
 was used with which the 50 Pf./5 Mk. had
 been surcharged. The number of the
 stamps thus surcharged is 1,200,000.
 There are 4 types of the numeral 5 like
 in Scott's catalogue, and two different
 types of the P which could be catalogued
 types IIa and IIb. There are the follow-
 ing varieties of this edition: Pi instead
 of Pf, Fr. instead of Pf, Pf without a
 period, double surcharge, triple sur-
 charge, inverted surcharge, double sur-
 charge inverted, double surcharge, one
 normal and one inverted, 5 without Pf, 5
 below the Pf, and pair, one without the
 surcharge.

In connection with this a word must also
 be said about the 5 Pf. on 15 Pf. violet,
 Scott No. 10. When the 5/20 stamps were
 being surcharged, it was discovered that
 a few sheets of the 15pf stamps were
 among the 20pf ones, whereupon the
 printers telephoned to the post-office for
 instruction as to what should be done
 with them. "Surcharge them too," was
 the answer, and the stamps were sur-
 charged. When the stamps were
 brought to the post-office, some of the
 officials sorted them out and bought all
 of them. These stamps were admitted
 for postage, and they are some of the
 rarest stamps of Upper Silesia. But on
 account of this the fakers have not been
 sleeping, and collectors should be very
 cautious as to the dealers from whom
 they buy these stamps.

Finally, in May, 1920, two sheets of
 50 stamps each of the 5 Mk. were again
 surcharged for the members of the Uni-
 versal Postal Union. As this Union has
 its headquarters in Berne, Switzerland,
 this edition, which can be easily distin-
 guished from the first one on account of
 its dull black color, is called "Berne
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 (To be continued.)

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By PHILIP H. WARD, Jr.

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 session of the Ferrari sale, which will
 be held in Paris on November 19th, 20th
 and 21st next. In view of these dates,
 the sale of the famous Waterhouse col-
 lection in London has been advanced one
 week and will consequently be held on
 November 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th.

This session of the Ferrari sale, we
 find devoted mostly to France, Ceylon,
 India and Moldavia, with some choice
 pieces from one or two other countries
 thrown in.

In the way of France, practically all
 of the tête-bêche varieties are repre-
 sented in pairs and blocks in beautiful
 mint condition. I especially note a won-
 derful block of four of the 1 franc ver-
 milion, showing the lower right stamp
 inverted. This piece is said to be unique
 and I note is not priced in the catalog.
 There is a tête-bêche pair of the 15c on
 cover in combination with other varieties.
 There are several unused pairs of the
 20c, as well as the 25c and a beautiful
 strip of five of the 40c, showing the two
 types. In the case of the rare 1 franc
 carmine, which, of course, does not ap-
 proach the vermilion in scarcity, we find
 two tête-bêche pairs of this variety which
 by the way is listed at \$2,000 by Scott.
 In the Napoleon issue there is a block
 of thirty of the 20c essay with the thir-
 teenth stamp inverted. A magnificent
 block of the 1 franc showing the tête-
 bêche variety is present, and this piece
 will no doubt bring in the neighborhood
 of \$4,000 to \$5,000. In the perforated
 issues of 1863-70 we find both a block
 of nine and an entire sheet of the 4c,
 showing the tête-bêche variety. Later
 issues are equally as fine.

As for Ceylon, the entire first set is
 represented by superb single mint copies
 with margins, including the rare 4d, of
 which I believe only five other copies are
 known in unused condition. The 8d
 and 9d are also beautiful mint copies,
 and these are almost equally as rare. In
 the perforated issues, there are some
 especially choice pieces.

English occupation of German coun-
 tries during the recent war are well
 represented, including the high value
 Samoa of which only a very few are

known. There is also some of the
 scarce Bushire.

There are some very choice pieces of
 the 4 annas of the first issue of India,
 including mint pairs of the differ-
 ent settings. I especially note a
 wonderful pair showing the corner
 ornaments. The same variety is repre-
 sented in a used pair. There is a block
 of the commoner setting, although in this
 shape must be exceedingly scarce. I
 note an inverted center copy but it is sold
 as is, and as experts have claimed that
 the variety is not known except cut to
 shape, it is quite likely that this stamp
 is not genuine.

Next to the France, the Roumania are
 probably the finest lot. The first Molda-
 vian issue is present in superb unused
 copies with large margins, including a
 magnificent 81 pa. He also has a won-
 derful used copy equally as rare of the
 same stamp. In the later issues, there
 are many oddities, some of which are
 no doubt unique.

This session also contains some fine
 Natal as well as an unusual lot of
 Portuguese India and Shanghai.

It is fortunate that the date of the
 Waterhouse sale has been changed so
 that these two important auctions do not
 conflict, for this will give those of us
 who are going abroad to attend the
 Waterhouse sale the opportunity of be-
 ing present at the Ferrari sessions.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

We have received from E. W. & S. N.
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 plementing his idea with an article in
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Mr. Edwin P. Seeböhm, San Francisco, California, passed through Chicago on a trip, whose objective is Stockholm, Sweden, where Mr. Seeböhm will visit his mother. It is his expectation to return in about two months, and we have no doubt that Mr. Seeböhm will make a rather extended tour of the Continent and Great Britain before he embarks for home. Mr. Seeböhm showed us a number of interesting covers combining United States and British Columbia stamps on Wells Fargo and Company franked envelopes. During the absence of Mr. Seeböhm his business affairs will be looked after by Mr. Theo. L. Behr and Mr. Herbert Seeböhm, both of whom are competent to take a hand at the helm.

—The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Philatelic Association will be held at Philadelphia, on the 21st day of October, 1924, at ten A. M., and upon succeeding days, if necessary, for the transaction of business that might be presented. The chairman of the committee on credentials is Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, and Mr. A. E. Carpenter is the chairman of the committee on arrangements. The call for the convention is signed by Col. J. M. T. Partello, President. We notice that Col. Partello is the sole nominee for president for the ensuing year; and also that Mr. Bachand-Vertefeuille, Chicago, for vice-president and Dr. Hennan, Chicago, for secretary have no opposition on the official ballot.

—John P. Cooper, Red Bank, N. J., would like the present address of S. Anderson, 105 South St., Providence, R. I., "Removed."

—Frank S. Thompson, chairman of the Winnipeg Exhibition Publicity Committee sends us the official program mailed at the special post-office established at the Second Annual Exhibition and Philatelic Convention held at Winnipeg, Sept. 17-20. The envelope is an interesting cover, showing as it does the fine beaver cancellation gotten out by the postal department especially for Exhibition purposes. We congratulate the committee having the affair in charge upon the very excellent program and the marked enterprise exhibited.

—The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* recently published a story about the Paris stamp bourse written by O. O. McIntyre.

Thanks to Edwin G. Dickhaut for clipping.

—The veteran dealer J. E. Handshaw has arrived home from his European trip. He writes that he will soon be heard from with a page advertisement.

—Charles Johnson, Grantwood, N. J., would like the name and address of party in Obar, N. Mex., who sent him an order Sept. 14, unsigned.

—The Fargo Stamp Co., of Fargo, N. D., a new stamp firm, has contracted for space in adlets and will be heard from regularly during the coming season.

—P. M. Wolsieffer advises us of the death of Joseph Gallant, Hempstead, N. Y., which took place Sept. 16. No particulars are at hand but we have known that for a few weeks Mr. Gallant has been in poor health. His advertising was discontinued in August. For many years he has used the WEEKLY, was a member of the A. P. S., and made a valuable member of the A. P. S. Recruiting Committee.

—The work of the Publicity Committee appointed by the President of the American Philatelic Society will be closely followed 'we should judge from the tenor of communications that have reached us, and it would seem as if those who give close attention to expenditures of the society are reconciled to the test that is to be made and are willing to give the experiment every chance to succeed. We quote from a letter received from Mr. C. F. Richards, New York City: "What I would like is the steady, if slow, growth of our hobby as in the past. However, I have no objections to the thousand dollar appropriation providing it does not come from the stock fund. I hope you agree with me that the stock fund should be allowed to accumulate, and sometime the interest will take care of publicity."

—Some time ago, we received Number Two of *Air Mail*, published by Eugene Klein, Philadelphia, at ten cents. The first issue of the booklet appeared over two years ago, and in the present issue it is said that the collecting of air mail stamps has grown extensively since that time; and some dealers even are almost making an exclusive business of air mail issues. There are sixteen pages in the number under notice, and we see that practically all of the air mail stamps are listed in unused condition. The 24c car-

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—The convention of the Metropolitan Philatelic Association which had been called for September will be held October 21-22, at Philadelphia. The changed date is due to the fact that forty days had to elapse after the closing of nominations, which took place August 25.

—Frank Sellman, Hotel Montana, Portland, Ore., will be very glad to have ideas and suggestions in regard to the management of a junior stamp club. He has already organized a club in Portland which has taken a strong hold upon the boys of that city, and market enterprise has been shown in interesting and enlisting new members. We hope from time to time to publish article dealing with the management and programs of junior stamp clubs and shall be very glad to publish some short articles from promoters of these clubs.

—A Saturday Afternoon Stamp Club has just been organized which will meet every Saturday afternoon to discuss philatelic subjects at 15 South William St., N. Y. City. H. A. Fonda is Secretary and Treasurer and many of the downtown collectors have enrolled as members.

—I noticed in MEKEEL's for Sept. 1 an inquiry as to the location of Charleston, Four Corners. It is in the south central part of Montgomery County, New York, about 15 miles (air line) south of Fonda, the county seat. Its population as given in the 1910 census is 105.
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Although Erich Parche is now residing in New York City, he takes exception to our giving Mr. Bergman the honor of being the first Mexico member of the Five-Year Club. We are of the opinion that Mr. Parche presents a good case and Mr. Bergman will without doubt relinquish to him the "first" place in the list of Mexican members. We quote from Mr. Parche's letter:

"September 15 I read that Mr. G. (Bergman of Jalapa, Mexico, in making his application for membership in the Honor Club expressed the belief that I was probably the first member of the Five-Year Club from Mexico and that you are very glad to accord him that honor."

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If we were disposed to do so we could procure a large amount of questionable advertising which would be quite profitable to our publication but disastrous to collectors. We propose to protect the trade and the collecting fraternity more than ever this coming season. We shall not require that a dealer shall be a member of the A. S. D. A., but when complaints come in against dealers who may be using our columns, such a course may be found necessary.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

A reader has written to say that he thinks there is much that could be written in reference to recent issues of U. S. revenue stamps that seems to have been left unsaid; or, at least, he has not succeeded in having found answers to questions that form themselves naturally in his mind relative to the "ifs" and "ands" of certain revenues. It is perhaps true that the 20th century U. S. revenues issued from the time of our war period, 1914, to the present, seem to have been taken as a matter of course, and have not caused the usual flutter of interest on the printed page. The \$50.00 violet of the 1914 documentary series is a stamp whose history was fully covered at the time it was succeeded by the \$60.00 brown. The story of the 1/2, 1, 1 1/2 and 3c proprietaries 1914 was told with a sense of its dramatic values in the WEEKLY which was the first publication to announce the fact of the existence of these stamps. Through the pertinacity of Mr. R. L. Wickes, these stamps which were prepared for use but never used became available for collectors, and while they are catalogued at something above the normal price, yet they may be

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In looking through the columns of our contemporary, the *Australian Philatelist*, Sydney, New South Wales, we find in the minutes of the Newcastle Philatelic Society the following paragraph: "Correspondence was also received from the Queensland Philatelic Society seeking our co-operation in an endeavor to secure the establishment of a philatelic branch at the main post-offices where stamps suitable for philatelists could be purchased. It was the opinion of members present that the establishment of such a branch would not be in the best interests of philately or philatelists, and it was resolved to advise the Queensland Society accordingly." This is a new slant at the question of accommodations for collectors, and while we must think that the society who discouraged the movement has a good reason for its decision, yet it would seem as if it would be a step in advance to have philatelists and their wants or whims recognized and provided for officially.

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Admissions have been made by different collectors that they do not subscribe to the prevailing sentiment that it is necessary for the collector who really wishes to enter into the stamp activities of the day to dismiss general collecting from thought. It is somewhat of a coincidence that two of our old-time readers have written in to say the same thing in different words, and that is that general collecting may be followed even though it is restricted in its form to the extent that it need not take into consideration the common issues of a country or on the contrary, the rare issues of a stamp

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It is strange how much difference a few years make in the general view regarding certain stamps. We remember that it was not so very many years ago when the first ad was received offering in our trade column catalogue value or so, which then was considerably under \$1.00, for fine copies of the 5c 1847. Other examples could be cited to show that the attention of collectors when concentrated on any stamp or number of stamps insures an advance in price that in some cases is little short of spectacular. It seems but a short time ago when about the most neglected and forlorn lot of stamps were the Confederate general issues. In the stamp album that was usually brought out for the edification of the visitor there were only a few more or less nondescript copies of the stamps. Of course, it was known that the "ten" cents was scarce and likewise the 10c with outer frame; and that it was desirable to get the frame showing on all four sides if possible. Now, conditions are changed and the general portion of the catalogue seems to have taken on a fresher interest by reason of the attention given to Confederate stamps mainly through the appreciation of the



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1924, Winnipeg, Canada." The Canadian
collectors may well feel satisfied with
their accomplishment and as we have
said before, there is no question but that
advertising that has resulted from this
meeting will have a good general effect,
with particular reference to Canada
itself.

From Mr. F. H. Griswold, who is on
the editorial staff of the monthly pub-
lished by the Chicago Association of
Commerce, we have received a clipping
that described certain of the auction sales
scheduled for New York, with a number
of paragraphs of general philatelic in-

terest added for good measure. Mr.
Griswold says, "The fact that the New
York Times is giving considerable atten-
tion to philately may be a news to phil-
atists but I thought it possible that the en-
closed clipping would interest you. I
rather surprised me to see one of the
New York dailies devote so much space
to this subject." Mr. Griswold is a
newspaper man of many years' experi-
ence; and his observation is such as to
make us feel all the more indebted to the
enterprising New York Times for its
liberal and intelligent treatment of phi-
lately. We assert that this great news-
paper by recognizing the news value of
the subject places itself in a position as
a "forward-looking" newspaper; and
while in time other papers will emulate
the example of the Times, we feel sure,
yet, it will have the satisfaction of know-
ing that it is the bell-wether of the flock.
We take the following paragraph from
the Times: "Members of the Collectors'
Club have been congratulating Alfred F.
Lichtenstein, Chairman of the Board of
Trustees and one of the leading collec-
tors in the United States on the award
recently made to him by the Royal Phil-
atelic Society of London of the Tillaer-
medal for a notable collection of the
early 'Pence' issues of Canada which he
exhibited before the society during the
previous year. Other medals went to
foreign collectors."

One of the principal characters in Carl
Van Vechten's new book, "The Tattooed
Countess," is a young man who is de-
scribed as having passed through the vari-
ous collecting stages, including that of
postage stamps. In imagination, he trav-
ersed foreign lands whose stamp designs
of "golden suns" and other fascinating
insignia intrigued his thoughts. It
would have been better for the young
man if he had kept his mind on stamps
instead of tempting fate's frown in the
manner that he did. A stamp collection
has kept many a boy and man, too, out
of mischief. The writers of this day in
any analysis of a boy's character recog-
nize the stamp interest that usually enters
into the calculations of the "little man"
and by doing so, give their examinations
a touch of realism that we do not object
to.

We regret to learn of the death of
Joseph Gallant of Hempstead, N. Y.,
whose activities as a dealer and as a
society worker are well-known to our
readers. Too, Mr. Gallant was a gen-
eral collector, he has told us, and we
deplore the loss that philately has sus-
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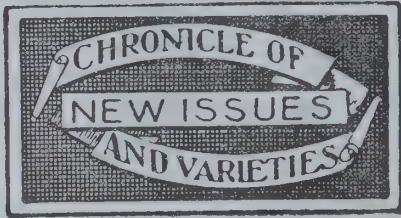
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United States.

Special Delivery Charges.

In a recent Chronicle I gave a resumé of that portion of the proposed Postal Bill, sponsored by the Postmaster General, which was of interest to the philatelist. Mr. Robert J. Wagner, an employee of the Department and one posted on its activities has written a very interesting letter dealing with this subject, from which I quote. This makes clear some of the details in the proposed Act, which to the layman seem ambiguous.

"At present, in addition to postage, the special delivery feature costs ten cents, and of the 10c, eight cents is paid to the employee making delivery. As the matter now stands, for the said 8c, any single piece of mail matter is given immediate delivery by a carrier to any point within the limits of delivery by regular city carrier, or to points within one mile of the post-office. Most such special delivery matter is delivered on a bicycle by substitute clerks or carriers not otherwise employed at the time. It is easily seen that when the heavier parcel post packages are given this service, 8c comes quite some distance short of being ample compensation for the service, that is, time and energy expended. Say for in-

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stance, a parcel of type metal weighing near the 70 pound limit, for a printing plant a mile from the post-office, or a bundle of several auto tires, or a bushel basket of peaches weighing 60 pounds, which the carrier dares not sample when he sits down to rest. . . . These are not unusual cases, I see them frequently going thru our local post-office.

The evident intention is to make the 15c and 20c charges on the heavier parcels, paying as compensation to the carrier, 11c and 15c respectively, and has to my understanding, at least no 'sort of tax,' except the extra charge to the public for the service, which I am sure is worth it. The 8c and 10c scale, was no doubt plenty, before the parcel post was introduced.

As to the stamps, probably, if the new suggestions are favorably acted on, new special delivery stamps of the face value of 15c and 20c may be issued, altho in the case of the 20c, possibly two tens can be used. At present, special delivery service is given in Canada, to letters carrying two U. S. special delivery stamps, in addition to regular postage, but no 20c stamp has been issued to cover. But, of course, the demand for this service is probably not great enough to make such necessary, altho raising the domestic rates on certain parcels probably would do so."

As Congress is not in session, the proposal is not even in their hands, consequently the Department would not care to suggest what they might do providing the proposal is enacted into law. There is hardly any doubt but what there would be one or two new stamps to take care of these extra requirements.

New Envelope Contract.

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As we have recently had a new series of postage stamps, and as we have not had a change in envelope design since 1916, it would not be a bad idea to give us a new set of envelopes at the beginning of the new contract.

New Provisional 2c on 3c Envelope.

Through the courtesy of Mr. H. Cla Reed, we have a new variety of the surcharged 2c on 3c envelope, issue of 1920 21 to chronicle. This variety is of the Washington type IV-17, size 7, die F, watermarked 20, with a high back. These were located in one of the Federal offices in Raleigh, N. C.

Odd Current Cancellation.

I recently received a communication with a railway mail postal cancellation which in addition to the regular name of the road and date contained the words, "Trans. Clerk." Mr. B. K. Miller has made inquiry as to the meaning of this notation, and we learn that the transfer clerk is the one who takes the mail from the depot receiving station to the post-office. While I have seen dozens of railway cancellations, this is the first with this notation that has ever come to my attention.

AUSTRALIA.—Mr William T. Traha under date of August 15th last sent copies of the 1½d red without watermark which was placed on sale at the General Post Office in Sydney the day before. Mr. Trahair refers to this as surprise issue and further notes that whether this is a provisional issue or not he has been unable to ascertain but that fair supplies of the stamp were received.

BARBADOS.—The British Guiana Philatelic Journal understands that there is under consideration a scheme for unifying the Postage and Revenue stamp and issuing one combined series for both purposes. It is not known exactly when the change will be put into effect, but the date is not expected to be a distant one.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal

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Belgium.—Mr. R. Roberts advises of 10c brown in the Parcel Post series. I forwards a copy for chronicle.

Brazil.—Mr. A. A. Wasserscheid in referring to the recent issues of stamps in his country sends us three values that describes as follows:

200R vermilion, perforated 11½, type "A". This has no watermark. It is visible it may be the end of a sheet, yet the same time may be an issue without watermark as No. 227.

200R rose, perforated 13x13½, type "A". The watermark seems to be what might be called a Greek ornament, or an ornament made up of five pointed stars. One of the stamps has the letter "A". 200R orange, type A75. This is listed without watermark, yet apparently there is one which I am unable to decipher.

Since receiving these from Mr. Wasserscheid he informs us that Scott's Monthly Journal prints the following: "We have seen some copies of the current 200r rose, aviation design, on paper with a new watermark. This consists of a row of large five-pointed stars, with a row of 'Casa da Moeda' below each of the rows being repeated to cover the sheet. It is stated that this paper is intended for revenue stamps."

British Guiana.—The British Guiana Philatelic Journal states that stocks of the 48c, 60c and 96c on paper with old Multiple wmk. will last for a considerable period, there being little likelihood of further indents for these values in the present year. It is proposed to destroy certain stocks of stamps in hand, including booklets of the 1c and 2c, Ship type of 1907, which are used

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less owing to deterioration of the gum. The 2c stamp, supplied in rolls for use in a slot-machine whose use has been discontinued, is also suggested as a victim of an early holocaust.

Inverted watermarks noted. Old CA: 1c green, 6c grey and black. Script: 2c carmine, 2c bright violet.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

France.—Mr. Herbert L. Nichols informs us of the 75c (Pasteur stamp) in the same shade of blue as the 50c value.

Liberia.—Mr. H. Lueders shows us the 30c, 50c, 75c and 1, 2 and 5 dollars, both ordinary and service, of the current "plasters," on clear white paper instead of the coloured paper associated with earlier deliveries. Enquiries on the spot elicited the information that the colouring was probably due to the paper between which the stamps had been packed, as it was understood that no new printing had been made. We notice that the new Registration issue spells "Grenville" "Greenville," the former spelling having been current on previous registration stamps.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

Netherlands.—We are indebted to Dr. C. W. Hennan for the following information:

"The International Stamp Exhibition at the Hague (Dutch official name is Gravenhage) has been opened by one of our Ministers in the presence of our Prince-Consort (husband of our Queen) and inland and foreign collectors of world renown.

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The exhibition stamps, 2 sets only, were supplied on one admission ticket, and ten sets to those who had signed Gld. 12.50 in the guarantee fund.

Quite a new series of Netherlands is appearing from 1 cent up to 5Gld. The 4c stamp is issued and the 10, 15, 30 and 40 will follow. (These are in the design of the exhibition stamps in other colors.)"

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STAMP NEWS IN BRIEF.

BRITISH EMPIRE.

Australian Commonwealth.—Mr. L. J. F. French shows us a copy of the 1d, purple, with very shiny yellow gum, a variety we have not noticed before. Also the 1½d green, with a white line running across top of right value shield, to meet the "E" of "POSTAGE."

That informative journal, the *Victorian Philatelic Record*, states that instructions have been given that the large stock of paper with the Multiple watermark shall be used for the 1d value exclusively, so collectors will be spared a full set on this paper. The parcel of paper was discovered when taking stock prior to removal of the Government Printer's works to fresh premises. We gather that this gentleman is not enamoured of the Multiple paper for printing purposes.

Canada.—The Second Annual Convention and Postage Stamp Exhibition has been fortunate in securing pictorial postal publicity, a neat cancellation being now in use showing what we take to be a beaver in a central oval, with maple leaves in the corners, and suitable inscriptions. We are indebted to Mr. Wm. Van, the energetic General Secretary of the Exhibition, for a cover showing this cancellation.

Falkland Islands.—In the *London Philatelist* Mr. W. H. Lawson, F.R.P.S.L., states that, owing to a shortage of certain values in 1922, South Georgia asked the Postmaster at Port Stanley whether surcharging might be resorted to. While awaiting a reply he bisected the 2½d old C A, and copies were used as 1d stamps, these being noted in the English journals. The reply from Port Stanley, when it came to hand, forbade the surcharging, as further supplies were on the way, and no authority was given for the bisection, though copies of the bisected stamp certainly passed through the post in the ordinary way.

India.—A kind correspondent, who signs himself "Qoi Hai," states that it is now definitely decided that India shall print her own postage stamps on the expiration of the present contract. The press will be established at Nasik Station, about 120 miles from Bombay, on the main line of railway. Being situated at a height of about 2,000 feet above sea-level. Nasik has a temperate and equable climate suitable for the work which it is proposed to carry on there. The earliest supplies of the new Indian-printed stamps are not expected before the middle of next year, and provisional surcharges early next year are a possibility.

Irish Free State.—Mr. J. Breen shows us two distinct shades of the current shilling, one the ordinary pale blue, and the other of a deeper tone. We also owe him thanks for the first sight of the new 2d letter card which bears an impressed stamp in green, the central device being the Celtic harp.

Sarawak.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. point out that our catalogue only

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Southern Rhodesia.—The same kind informants notify us that they have discovered among their importation of the 6d stamp a sheet showing the ninth and tenth vertical rows imperf. between, giving six pairs imperf. vertically. Southern Rhodesia has not been long in carrying on the Rhodesian tradition of imperf. varieties.

South-West Africa.—Yet another setting of this overprint is to hand this

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a. inverted	.06	.04
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month, as noted in our Supplement. This small group is quite interesting and so little is known about comparative rarity, some varieties having been sent mainly to England, while others have been issued at the local P.O.'s, that it is not unlikely that some values in the earlier settings will turn out to be quite good.

Straits Settlements.—We are indebted to Mr. G. Armstrong for photographs of an interesting freak in his possession. This consists of a pair of the 4c, King George, Plate 2, with plate number and top margin attached. Part of the margin has been turned over during printing, resulting in both stamps lacking part of their design.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Belgium.—M. P. Massez kindly notifies that, according to a Ministerial decree, the 75c, engraved, will henceforth be printed in blue.

Brazil.—It is a curious coincidence that a stamp commemorating a revolution of a hundred years ago should appear during the present Sao Paulo revolt. The stamp listed this month, says Dr. Mario Sanctis, commemorates the Revolution of 2nd July, 1824, which commenced in Pernambuco, the design showing the device of the republic of 1824.

France.—The Olympic Games stamps have now been withdrawn from issue and will not be valid for postal use after August 31st. We wonder whether their ugliness has anything to do with their short life.

Mr. C. Holroyd Russell points out

that the current 5c Sower exists in orange-buff as well as the original orange shade.

Germany.—Mr. A. R. W. Ross submits specimens of the German figure type discovered in looking through a large lot, which show damaged figures. In the 10pf the "1" has a broken top, lacking the serif altogether. In the 20pf the tail of the "2" is broken, and shows no serif. Specimens of the same values with rather thicker figures are also submitted, the figures differing also in shape, though this may possibly be due to heavy impression.

Holland.—Mr. P. Gordon Wimberley, whom we had the pleasure of meeting recently, shows us the 2c, Lion-in-basket, in distinct shades of red and orange-red. Also the 10c, Queen, with lined background in several shades, noticeably distinct slate and grey specimens. On his return to Holland he advised us that the ugly 1, 2, 2½ and 4c stamps are to be replaced shortly, but stocks on hand are to be surcharged 1c, 2½c, 3c and 5c respectively, to serve as Postage Dues. A conversation with Mr. Wimberley convinced us of the interest of Holland's recent issues as a field for study. Many minor varieties are known to specialists over there, and we hope our correspondent will give M.J. readers an article on the subject before very long.

Japan.—A correspondent very kindly sends us a post card bearing reproductions in colour of the unissued Crown Prince Wedding stamps, referred to on several occasions in these notes. The

Br. Columbia Cont'd.

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11, unused	2.50
used, cancel, "35"	3.00

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5, used .. from 5.00 to 25.00	
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used	5.75
9, used	20.00
another, cut into on two sides	15.00
11, used	15.00
12, used, fair	6.00
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22a, unused	4.00
23 or a	2.50
24, unused	.65
25 or a	4.00
26 or a	2.00
26b, unused	3.00
27, unused	1.00
27b, poor, scarce	5.00
31a, unused	5.00
32, unused	.20
32a, unused	2.50
33, unused	.45
34, unused	.70
34a, unused	3.00
35, unused	1.20
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37, unused	5.00
38, unused	1.00
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39a, unused	2.00
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42a, unused	2.00
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44, unused	.75
45, unused	1.50
45a or b	1.50
46, unused	.80
47, unused	1.80
48, unused	1.50
48a, unused	1.60
48b, unused	1.50
48c, unused	1.50
50, unused	.40
51, unused	.06
52, unused	.08
53, unused	.08
54, unused	.25
55, unused	1.00
56, unused	.35
57, unused	.35
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59, unused	.75
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No.	My price
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another	2.00
1, used, fine	5.00
another, looks fine	
but thin	2.25
another, close	3.00
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another, o. g., but damaged	0.50
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29, unused, .50; used	.65
30, used	1.25
31, unused	4.50
32, used	.90
33, unused, superb, no gum	10.00
used, superb	8.50
34, used or unused	.25
35, unused, \$3.00; used	2.00
36, unused, \$2.00; used	1.50
37, used	.50
38, unused, \$3.00; used	.40
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5a, used on piece	12.00
another, with overprint "Alliance", no other mark	4.00
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part of one side	12.00
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MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS.

Coloured Papers.—Blue 2½d scripts are becoming more stabilised in price, but we shall probably see some interesting changes in these and other recent varieties, in the new edition of Stanley Gibbons' Colonials catalogue, which we may expect in October. Nearly two years will have elapsed between the two editions, and seldom has a new one been awaited with keener interest. It is gratifying to learn that a new method of listing the various coloured papers of the Georgian issues is being used, in which such a widespread interest is taken at the present time. A certain amount of misunderstanding still seems to persist as to the definitions of the various papers. A useful method is to have mounted on a card a set of stamps showing the grades as listed in Gibbons, and using these for comparison with any that come along.

Changes in design or colour of our Crown Colonies are now fortunately less frequent than during the few years following the war. It is noticeable, however, that no settled colour scheme appears to have evolved. Although many Colonies use blue for the 3d stamp, the colour is not standardised. Thus, those who bought up the 2½d blue script of Caymans in the belief it was obsolete (on the strength of a certain dealer's announcement) will have found, after holding on for a year or two, that they are still current. Apparently the old colour scheme is being adhered to, as we now have the 3d on yellow script paper. This same duty on the new yellow paper, old watermark and engraved design (S. G. 62a), is a variety well worth picking up as it is one of the scarcest of the coloured paper varieties.

Rhodesia.—The Rhodesia stamp referred to previously in these articles continues to arouse interest and controversy. South African collectors appear to be specially incensed, and there is little doubt that there is serious ground for complaint against the stamping of these remainders with artificially adjusted date stamps. It has given dealers the chance of offering these stamps as genuinely postally used stamps, and this is being done, one seeing such stamps as the Falls 5sh and high value portrait type at so much per 100, with the statement that they are guaranteed postally used, whereas before the deal it was practically impossible to get these stamps used by the dozen. It may be taken for granted that practically all high value Rhodesians (prior to the Admiral K.G. issue) being offered as "fine used" at the present time are from the "cancelled to order" remainders.

There has been some discussion in the American press on "knocking" by dealers, one by the other, and there seems "over there" to be even less unity than we are accustomed to here; and in the house organs—more numerous and live than in England—we often see digs at charging, etc. All these bickerings tend to undermine the faith of collectors generally in the stability of their hobby, and destroy that confidence which is so essential to the delicate Market of Philately. Fortunately here these bickerings are less obtrusive and certainly unknown in

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the high places here, and if a dealer complains of "cut throat" competition, or indulges in personal remarks, he gets ignored. It is usually found that competition of this sort is not very serious, and that where good stamps are offered much below retail market rates, they are "out of stock" by the time one can write for them, and probably only one or two copies are supplied at this rate, so that the practice of catch-penny advertising is not one to be encouraged, although the lucky one first in gets a few bargains—and what hobbyist is keener on bargains than the Philatelist?

Barbados, 1912.—The "knocking" above alluded to is not confined to persons; sometimes particular stamps or countries get the knocks, often very justifiably. Sometimes, however, not. An interesting example is the Barbados set of 1912. Some visiting collector was unable to sell a single set at a reasonable wholesale price to a few London dealers, hence the outcry against dealers and mint Georgians in particular. The facts apparently were that the stamps were offered to parties either not short of or not dealing in this line. Others decried this set as overboomed, but the violence was rather taken out of the knocks by another dealer offering to buy a number of the sets at the price offered. Only the set to 1sh was offered, and there is no doubt that the absence of the high values made all the difference, as despite statements to the contrary, the 2sh and 3sh duties of this set are amongst the most valuable of Georgians, excluding high values 5sh upwards which have a smaller and more exclusive clientele. This is not surprising when one remembers that only about 400 of the high values were issued. Numbers, however, are not everything, and popularity counts for a lot when cash values are considered, and Barbados, although popular, is not much more so than most other British West Indian possessions. Another point in their favour is that the 1912 set has been acclaimed by those competent to judge, as one of the best designed of all the Georgian issues, and the colour and design of the highest value, the 3sh, is particularly pleasing, making it a stamp all collectors would be proud to show to other non-collecting friends.

One writer has stated that the mint set to 3sh only fetches a little more than £1; if correct, and if this catches the eye of any seller, he may send them to the writer, % the Philatelic Magazine, and save time and his commission!

Pacific Provisionals.—The new provisionals of New Hebrides and Tonga are only coming on the market slowly. The later ones appear to be due to a genuine shortage of the 2d value, which is the one in general demand, but more details of the New Hebrides and the circumstances surrounding their issue would be welcome.

Of Tonga, the 2d on 5d, 2s6d and 5sh appear to be the commonest, and the only values that have appeared as yet in quantity. These duties are selling at 2sh to 2s6d each. It is probable that we shall find that despite retouches mint sheets of the other duties similarly surcharged will find their way on the market sooner or later. The knowledge of the existence of stocks of a stamp often keeps the price down, when very few are about actually, people curtailing their buying in the knowledge of the stocks.

St. Vincent, 1d on 1sh.—An example of this is the 1d on 1sh K.G. St. Vincent. The bulk of this stamp was bought up by speculators. Only a portion was sold, however, the remainder being deposited in the vaults of a French bank. This stock does not appear to have been brought out yet, and in spite of apparent scarcity, the catalogue price remains at the low figure of 6sh. It has been stated that when the remainder comes out they will be sold at 5sh each. If this price is realised, the profit to the speculator will be nearly £250 per 1,000 stamps, the original outlay being £4 (approximately) per 1,000. Any schoolboy can work out the percentage profit, and if any can still say stamp collecting does not pay, it will not be.—Philatelic Magazine.

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THE PARIS STAMP BOURSE.

UNIQUE STREET MART WHERE POSTAGE STAMPS CAN BE PUR-
CHASED OR SOLD.

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN.

(This article is taken from the *Public Ledger* of Philadelphia and will prove
of interest to our readers. It is a very breezy sketch of the Paris stamp bourse
seen by one who may not be very much of a philatelist, but who is certainly pos-
sessed of a keen newspaper instinct. It is novel in its treatment of the bourse and
we pass it on to our readers for their enjoyment.—W. O. W.)

This great city, with almost 3,000,000
inhabitants, has the queerest market in
the universe.

The City of Mexico has its Thieves'
Market and London has its Rag Fair as
distinctive features.

Paris has its Postage-Stamp Market.
It is the only one in the world.

The oddity of the thing does not lie in
the matter of its existence. Stamps are
a recognized medium of barter, sale or
exchange in every civilized country.

Its bizarre peculiarity is that it is held
out under the trees. Its sessions are
held only two days in the week.

It has existed in its unostentatious way
now for fifty years.

Never in all that time has it had a
roof over its head.

I came upon it by accident.

Walking along the Avenue Gabriel, I
saw ahead of me under the trees at the
corner of the Avenue de Marigny a
large crowd of people.

My first impression was that it was
the usual crowd waiting for busses to
pass that point.

Then I observed that they were broken
into little groups. The formation sug-
gested the soap-box orators of Hyde
Park Corner, London.

This concourse was, however, divided
into parties of from five to fifty
individuals.

Something in the center of each group
held their attention.

There was a universal craning of necks
and teetering on tiptoes of those on the
fringe of each squad.

When I had sufficiently edged my way
into the circle of one group I found that
they were all intently eying a middle-
aged man who was carefully turning the
leaves of a thick book.

Then there came the inspiration that
this was the priest of a new religion.

There are numberless odd, weird and
outlandish cults in Paris. Perhaps this
was one.

Besides, they were all silent, intent and
eager.

I was sadly in error.

What fascinated them was a transac-
tion in postage stamps between one of
these al fresco dealers and a seedy-look-
ing chap at his side.

The book the dealer was consulting
was a stamp catalogue containing illus-
trations and prices.

As for the watchers, they were not

merely sightseers or curious bystanders,
I discovered.

Every one of them was a stamp col-
lector who knew the value of the speci-
men under discussion.

They were waiting to see what price it
brought.

It was raining, but some obliging
friends held umbrellas over the dicker-
ing pair.

Some of the peculiarities of this very
curious mart are:

It is the center of the philatelic busi-
ness in France.

Thursdays and Sundays are its busi-
ness days.

Its dealers have no connection with
any stamp trust.

Every man does business independently
and buys and sells for himself.

It was a rainy Sunday afternoon when
I ran across it, but there were at least
100 buyers and sellers on the ground
under the trees.

The meeting place is in a small grove
just outside the Theatre Marigny.

As many as 5,000 persons have at-
tended its sessions on a fair, sunshiny
day.

There are a number of women dealers.

One old woman had a large book, as
big as a modern atlas, filled with stamps.
It was propped open on an iron park
chair.

Its owner sat on another chair and
held an umbrella over it to shield its con-
tents from the drizzle.

Stamps of all nations and denomina-
tions were pasted lightly in rows on
every page.

She was the only one who displayed
her stock despite the rain.

Some had their coat pockets stuffed
with stamps.

Every one carried one or several stamp
catalogues, which were consulted contin-
uously in the course of business.

All sorts and conditions of men and
women, boys and girls, were in the
throng.

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RICHARDSON'S 5c NEW YORK.

By ERI H. RICHARDSON.

Some of your subscribers may be interested in the following notes dealing with my collection of the 5c 1847, exhibited in New York in 1912, and which won the silver medal in its class. Soon thereafter I was presented with the Pacific Philatelic Society cup for my research in this stamp.

This collection consisted of over 600 picked copies partially of my own collecting but mostly from the accumulations of H. G. Smith and Frank G. Lord. Smith and Lord started this accumulation in Minneapolis many years ago.

Lord was traveling at the time for one of the railroads, the Grand Trunk I believe, Smith was an insurance man and secretary of the A. P. S., a fine, lovable character. He died about a year and a half ago. The only thing he had left at the time of his death in the way of stamps was the collection, about two thousand varieties I believe, all presented to him by members of the A. P. S. at the time of his retirement after faithful service, a most interesting collection with many unique notes.

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The collection was really a historical study of the 5c 47, illustrated by the stamps in every detail, beginning with the postal laws enacted in 1825 and which led up to the prepaid postage. I went into every detail of the stamp; paper, stitch watermark, engraving with all of the plate varieties (only oneshift being known at the time I began my study), color and shade varieties, gum, cancellations, covers and the various interesting cancellations which had been used during the period of prepaid postage and were afterwards used for cancelling the stamps.

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When we gather our answers to one series of questions, they may be tabu-lated and entered in this column, to be cut out and pasted into your album where needed if you wish.

The earliest stamp to fall under our "Early Low Values Specialized" is the 3c '51. Suppose you are interested. How about terminating each issue of the Forum with a question, the answer to follow as soon as sufficient replies for tabulating have arrived?

In the Detroit A. P. S. Convention Auction a very beautiful cover was sold, mailed with the orange brown 3c 1851, on first day of issue (July 1st), from So. Wilbraham, Mass. The price I do not recall exactly, though it took a fifty dollar bill with some of its little play-mates to get this cover. As a rule covers bearing these very early U. S. stamps on first day of issue come from the larger cities. This system of first day uses can be carried on down through all values if you are interested, though this is merely one of many interesting phases of philately. As a starter—This Week's Question:

Have you seen any orange brown 3c used on July 1, 1851, from towns other than New York, Mobile, Hartford and So. Wilbraham? Let's start a system. R. S. V. P. (Reply Something Very Promptly.)

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The company is known among exporters and importers the world over as Scadta. Since its establishment in 1921, Scadta has covered 368,530 miles in 4,521 miles of flight. It has carried 2,830 passengers and 14,522 kilograms of mail, which makes, including shipments of money and other merchandise, a total of 219,567 kilograms of pay-load. Savings in time in interior transportation are almost unbelievable. In one instance trails that are traversed only in four days by mule pack are covered in 70 minutes by plane. Seaplanes fly up the Magdalena River in 8½ hours, as contrasted with 8 to 15 days by steamer.

Special services have also been performed by Scadta. The region of the Catatumbo River, which had long been in dispute between Colombia and Venezuela, was surveyed from the air. This region is covered with vast swamps and tropical forests. Three thousand nine hundred square miles had to be mapped. It was estimated that this would require two years' time and the expenditure of \$200,000 if done by surface methods. In sixteen days Scadta covered the entire area, taking 1800 photographs from the seaplane "Caldas." The total cost was one-tenth of the estimated cost by land.

"Colombia is one of the richest countries in the world, but due to the character of the terrain, the Magdalena River has been the principal artery of communication. The capital, Bogota, and many of the other important business centers, are located high in the mountains, 750 to 1,000 miles in the interior. To get the natural riches out of the country, as well as to bring in the goods of other countries which these riches purchased, required that advantage be taken of the fastest and most modern means of communication.

Right after the war, Colombian and German capital combined to make an aerial survey and in 1920 the first seaplane safely reached Girardot, on the upper reaches of the Magdalena, 625

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By CHARLES STUART STREET.
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Some dealers are still greater offenders. They write the price in blue pencil and I have two that were priced in ink! I also have a particularly desirable cover that has the mere detail of sixteen, only sixteen prices written on it in different angles and different kinds of money by sixteen different dealers, different in person but curiously alike in this gross carelessness or rather stupidity.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.
—Here is an instance of British justice visited upon the head of a postmaster who "feloniously embezzled the sum of one shilling and ten pence of the moneys of the postmaster-general" as reported in the *Illustrated London News*, of January 11, 1845. Evidence was lodged against the suspect, age fifty-three, a person of respectable appearance, that the prisoner had the management of the branch post-office at Walthamstow, in Essex; "and on the 14th of December a woman named Carter took a letter addressed to her husband, a seaman whom she at the time believed to be at Calcutta to which place the letter was addressed, to the prisoner and paid him one shilling postage. Shortly afterwards the prisoner sent to her to say that the postage was one shilling and ten pence, and she gave the additional sum required. The letter never came to hand at the general post-office, and in consequence of some suspicion that was created, one of the presidents in that establishment went to Walthamstow, accompanied by an officer in the employ of the post-office, and he questioned the prisoner upon the subject of the letter, when he gave several contradictory statements respecting it but asserted that he had sent it in the ordinary course to the general post-office." The letter was found when the prisoner's house was searched, and notwithstanding that "several highly respectable witnesses were called who gave the prisoner an excellent character" the jury returned a verdict of guilty, "coupled with a strong recommendation to mercy;" and the justice sentenced the prisoner "to be kept at hard labour for twelve months."
The subject is a little too serious to allow us to make the obvious comment that the postmaster who came to grief was the first person known to collect stamps in unused condition.
—"In your Sept. 29 edition, page 517, group picture of the A. P. S. convention, you state:—'First row seated, Gen. C. A. Coolidge (Second person), Dr. H. A. Davis.' Between myself and Dr. Davis are seated J. H. Davis Reynolds of Flint and J. D. Hubel of Detroit. Please note this correction."—GEN. C. A. COOLIDGE.
—Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman was renominated for representative to Congress, swamping his opponent Edward A. Dillon, of Linden, N. J., by a tremendous majority of more than 26,000 and with nine districts of Morris County still to be heard from. It must be very gratifying to our philatelic friend to be able to command such warm support. Mr. Ackerman has the congratulations of the WEEKLY as well as our host of subscribers.
—Post card greetings have been received from Harry E. Huber, who is at Curacao in the West Indies. Mr. Huber makes an annual trip into southern waters.
—Cincinnati Collectors Club held their second meeting September 16, 1924, in the office of Dr. A. E. Hussey, with 20 members present. The feature of the Cincinnati Local, No. 2, is the Bourse held each meeting. It was decided to hold meetings on the first and third Tuesdays. A committee was appointed to find a permanent home. It was also decided to take in junior collectors. At the next meeting the specialized collec-

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—Our new street-front display-window shop here in Fresno is now open, and, being the first thing of its kind in the San Joaquin Valley, is attracting a great deal of attention. There are many collectors here, but much missionary work is necessary. The *Republican*, largest daily paper, gave the Fellowship Stamp Shop a full column write-up, and the other paper was also generous, and will run a feature story about stamps and collecting.—ROBIN LAMPSON, Mgr.
—Four new "slogans" to go on the mail of the 5,000 members and other business men, one for each of the four weeks in October, are announced by the New Orleans Association of Commerce Wednesday. They are:—"All America eats New Orleans candy." (Week beginning October 5.) "New Orleans—Famous for its cooking." (October 12). "New Orleans—Where the South sells its cotton." (October 19). "The Paris of America." (October 26).
—Rev. Elias Rasmussen of Windom, Minn., sends in a subscription for our Library Roll of Honor for the Windom High School Library, contributed by local philatelists. In his letter Mr. Rasmussen calls attention to the fact that four metal signs have been posted upon each of the four main roads leading into the town, upon these signs being the following inscription:—"A. P. S. and S. P. A., Windom Members. Look Us Up." We can safely promise that stamp collectors visiting Windom will find Mr. Rasmussen a real philatelist. He suggests that it would be a good idea if other towns with society members would do likewise.

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Mr. Charles J. Phillips was in Chicago on his return from the Winnipeg, Canada, exhibition, by way of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Milwaukee; and the Chicago collectors took advantage of his presence in their city to show him a mark of attention by holding a reception for him in the French Room of the Hamilton Club. Mr. Phillips displayed the Lichtenstein collections of British North America to an appreciative coterie of collectors, and Mr. Phillips' collections of Canada and Prince Edward Isle also were on view. During the course of the afternoon, Mr. Phillips regaled his auditors with many an interesting reminiscence and he had a number of stories that were particularly apt in a philatelic sense. Mr. Phillips' views on topics of general import, as always, are worth hearing. He is much interested in the progress of the Collectors Club of New York, and he is devoting every energy to recruiting the membership from the ranks of collectors throughout the country. He believes that the Collectors Club, with a building of its own, will stand as a monument to the stability of collecting and will exert a moral influence that will be of incalculable benefit. The practical advantages that may be derived from a meeting place or home in the most important center of America are evident to all; and the visitor to New York will be made to feel that he has a haven therein. Mr. Phillips, too, finds that much attention is being given to the plans for the great international exhibition as have been revealed thus far, and he thinks that the coming event will be perhaps the most important in the history of philately. His well known views on the necessity of securing for our pursuit a definite standing in the opinion of the world at large need no elaboration here. We agree with him that if philately is to take its rightful place in the accepted order of things, it will be required that it be heralded far and wide. While the stamp papers are doing their duty in carrying tidings to those who are already in the fold, yet more expansive effort

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is needed; and it is only through advertising that has a general appeal that stamps will achieve the end that is so prominently in the minds of those who have the welfare of collecting at heart. Mr. Phillips is unqualified in his opinion that the recent Winnipeg convention was a success, and the only regret that he voices in connection with it is that so few collectors from this side patronized it as exhibitors or visitors. He cites the obvious fact that the occasion has had a most helpful effect on philately in Canada, and we may readily understand that the great field that is provided by Canada for philatelic cultivation may yield the most fruitful returns. Of his reception in the cities Minneapolis, St. Paul and Milwaukee, Mr. Phillips has words of appreciation. He attended meetings of collectors in the cities named and was the recipient of no little attention; and his fund of philatelic information, aside from the noteworthy stamps that he showed was at the service of those who met him. Mr. Phillips is doing a distinct service for philately by his outspoken alliance with it and his alertness to take advantage of every opportunity that is afforded to speak and write of it publicly. We may add that Mr. Phillips will edit a number of the WEEKLY in the month of December; and we are sure that a good many of our readers are looking forward to the issue in question.

Mr. F. H. Griswold, associate editor of *Chicago Commerce*, the official publication of the Chicago Association of

Commerce, calls our attention to an unusual example of the industry of a "natural" stamp collector who has amassed a collection numbering about 10,000 varieties, without having ever bought a single stamp for his accumulation. We have long been interested in this type of collector, whom we frequently encountered in our boyhood days of collecting but latterly he has become almost as extinct as the dread "Dodo." Ordinarily the collection of the man who takes pride in the boast that he has never expended one penny for the specimens in his book is not much of a sensation and has a somewhat home-made air, but in the instance of the collector referred to by Mr. Griswold, he has surpassed any record established by collectors of this character, we should say. The fact that he began his collection in the eighties accounts for the presence of used Heligoland and other stamps common enough forty years ago but very desirable to-day. As we pointed out some time ago, occasionally a collector of this kind is one who began to collect stamps instinctively before ever having heard of a collector or dealer, and perforce, such a collector must be content with such stamps as he might find on correspondence and through other enterprising methods.

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engineers just received from Uruguay 'Campeon Mundial de Football', translated is, football champion of the world. The Uruguayan government declared that the day upon which they won the Olympic games championship shall henceforth be celebrated as national holiday. If they could win few more contests they would only have about every other Tuesday from eleven to twelve to do business in. Certainly the use of the postmark to proclaiming celebratory news is one that will not be regarded unfavorably by the one who adheres most strictly to philatelic rules. In using the postmark, the government has a monopoly in presenting directly to the citizen news or information of special significance, and in doing so the authorities are in no risk of offending their philatelic patrons; and as for the one who interests himself in postmarks, occasions of the kind are regarded with satisfaction.

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We learn from the latest number of *Stamp Collecting* that Holland's international stamp exhibition was a decided success, it having been "opened by the Netherlands State Minister of Post and Telegraphs on September 6 in the presence of the Prince Consort and distinguished assembly of public officials and philatelists from all parts of the world." The exhibits seem to have been adequate in all respects, and we notice that the Berlin postal museum was among those that contributed dis



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ree special exhibition stamps were
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Miller of Baltimore, Maryland, a cover
that came to him from Jerusalem, con-
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ward. We quote: "A letter was re-
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jects of collection. Further, none will
assert that philately had its inception
in a particular year; and so, we shall
have to be content to say that col-
lectors were industriously pursuing the
stamp "before 1860."

as a member of the merchants' as-
sociation his profits will mount high.
Word comes from the Pacific Coast
that there is a movement there favor-
ing the adoption of a special cancella-
tion to commemorate the dedication of
San Francisco's imposing Legion of
Honor war memorial edifice, the gift
of the late A. B. Spreckels. Senator
Shortridge has sponsored the request to
Postmaster General New to order the
preparation of the cancellation, and it
is understood that he is favorable to the
plan.

* * *
A collector has written making in-
quiry concerning the truth of the story
that "some years ago a Chicago dealer
bought one hundred sets of the Execu-
tive Department stamps for a song."
If any such purchase has been made
within our memory, which goes back a
good many years, we shall be greatly
interested in the particulars, as we have
no knowledge of any such transaction.
The only basis for the statement that
we can recollect is that Mr. J. A.
Pierce, the veteran Chicago dealer, who
died several years ago, used to tell a
story to the effect that about 1883 he
bought a batch of Executive Depart-
ment stamps from a son of a secretary
of President Grant at about seventy-
five cents a set. Mr. Pierce had re-
marked that he could have had more of
the sets at the time if he had wanted
them, but he preferred to take the con-
servative side. Lewis Robie in his
book, "Stamp Hunting," utilized the
story that he with others had heard
from Mr. Pierce. If our correspondent
has any further details to give, we
should be pleased to have them at this
time, when it seems that department
stamps are slated for happier days.

* * *
We have been asked by a worthy
correspondent for "definite particulars
as to the names of the first stamp col-
lectors." This question is often re-

ENTERTAINMENT AT CONVENTIONS.

By A. N. CAUDELL.

I have recently seen a suggestion that
social affairs at our philatelic conven-
tions be relegated to the background,
and more time be devoted to business
sessions. This appeals to me as the very
worst suggestion that could possibly be
made. If either the business affairs or
those devoted to pleasure have to be cu-
tailed or abandoned it had far better be
the former. Most or all business might
be conducted by mail, and as a matter
of fact much accomplished at the ses-
sions is decided by the proxies of absent
members.

It is undeniable that an annual conven-
tion is desirable, and the larger the num-
ber of attendants the better the convention.
But if the social and entertainment
features be diminished or abandoned
there is sure to be a decided les-
sening of attendance. In such case I
can vouch for two absentees at most
future conventions, myself and my wife.

I firmly believe that there are many
good male philatelists who would not
care to hie away from their families to
attend a convention merely for the pleas-
ures afforded by business sessions, nor
to take their wives to be left at their

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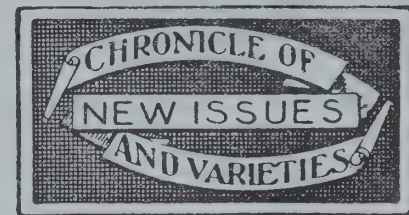
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United States.

Plate Number List, Sept. 27, 1924.

Through the courtesy of Major W. W. Kirby, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, I am enabled to bring our list of postage stamp plates up to and including September 27, 1924.

In this list we find the first of the higher denominations of the four hundred subject plates for the rotary press, which I announced several weeks back would be turned out in short order. These stamps will be perforated 10, and are being made for the purpose of precanceling, for as explained in this column before, the Department is saving thousands of dollars by precanceling stamps on the rotary press at Washington, rather than have each separate and individual post-office perform this work.

The new denominations which we may expect within the next few weeks are the 4c, 5c, 6c and 10c. These will at first appear precanceled only, but the Department no doubt will arrange for a supply in an unused condition through the Philatelic Agency.

Plate No.	Denomination	Class.	Series.	No. of Subj.
16021-16022	1c	Ord. Curved	1922	170
16023-16038	1c	Ord.	"	400
16039-16040	1c	Ord. Curved	"	170
16041-16044	1c	Ord.	"	400
16045-16048	6c	"	"	"
16049-16052	1c	"	"	"
16053-16054	1c	Ord. Curved	"	170
16055-16062	1c	Ord.	"	400
16063-16064	1c	Ord. Curved	"	170
16065-16068	30c	Ord.	"	400
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\$8.75. The 90c 1869 sells well in almost any condition, for a copy cut into a left and top in used condition sold at \$17.25. A copy of the 24c 1870 gridded described as unusually strong embossing sold at \$96.00. Special printings of the 1857 issue, which were all a little clipped as usual, went at from one-third to one-half catalog. A copy of the 5c 1883 special print went at \$52.00, while a horizontal strip of the 1883-2c, without vertical perforations, and with thin spots, sold at \$80.00. In the way of Departments, the 2c Navy error seemed to have made a record price at \$56.00, while the \$5.00 State went very cheaply at \$155. A \$10.00 with two horizontal perforations sold at \$53.00, while a \$20.00 one went for two dollars less. It was surprising that newspapers generally brought half catalog and more in a number of cases. The postage Due special prints brought nearly catalog in every case.

Faked Harding Part Perfs.

I mentioned several weeks back that a stamp dealer was advertising and distributing what he designated as perforated Harding stamps, and these were nothing more than the imperforated sheets torn apart into blocks of four by means of a perforation ruler, thus giving a block imperf. on all sides except the edges.

One of our valued readers now submits a further block from the same source, which has been perforated by perforating machine, and the block has perforations on all four of the sides plus a horizontal perforation through the center, giving us two pairs imperforated between. The same dealer is endeavoring to dispose of these as legitimate varieties, whereas they are perf. 11½, and have faked perforations.

Collectors should beware of part perforated stamps, which can be made from accessible imperforated varieties. The faker has never yet been able to imitate the Government perforation to such an extent that they cannot be distinguished by those who have studied the subject. **Canal Zone Booklets.**

We have been informed that Washington is preparing 1c and 2c booklets of our current stamps overprinted "Canal Zone" for use in the zone. The overprint will be similar to that appearing on the regular stamp and the booklets will be put up in the 25c and 49c kinds. Those who are interested in obtaining these may communicate with the philatelic agent at Balboa Heights.

ASCENSION.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts copies of the new permanent set recently placed on sale. They are the same type as the 1922 issue of St



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AUSTRIA.—New Charity stamps, issued on September 6th and sold at four es face value, have been kindly ight to our notice by Mr. Arthur alters, of Bournemouth, and Messrs. itfield King & Co. They are of the omary morbid type, the designs deag description but answering roughly the following hypothesis:—K.100+, Woman with lyre over corpse with tches; K.300+900, Woman and man sping hands, the former holding what y be the handle of a wheelbarrow in left hand and the man (who appears be left-handed) seated on an anvil; 00+1,500, Woman and three un- hatched children (and this cold summer, 1); K.600+1,800, Seated beaver nus homo) smelling salts (?) prof- ed by seated lady; K.1,000+3,000, ing female flinging fruit down on ise-tops. We might make a better ss at each of these, but these de- ptions will perhaps be enough to go with. The inscriptions are: "OSTER- H" (at top) and "post" "1924," vasi- ly placed. The denomination is ex- ssed at foot and under the frame , in the lower right-hand corner, is imprint of the engraver, one Sterer. Messrs. Francis J. Field, Ltd., also re- cept of these. Perf. 12½, K.100 00 sage-green, K.500+1,500 purple- y, K.300+900 sepia, K.600+1,800 e, K.1,000+3,000 brown.—Stamp Col- ing.

AHAMAS.—Mr. R. Roberts advises of appearance of the 3sh Staircase de- on script watermarked paper.

ERMUDA.—Mr. James C. Mills notes recent appearance of the 4d red on ow and the 6d claret both in the Ship of A11 on script watermarked paper.

ENMARK.—Mr. A. E. Pade reports 1kr, brown and blue, No. 160, with surcharge "Postfaerge" in the same as the previous one.

ITREA.—The set which was previ- ly issued, surcharged in black, has appeared as follows, viz., 2c on 1b, on 1a, 15c on 2a, 50c on 5a, sur- rged in blue; and 5c on 2b, 25c on a, 1l on 10a, surcharged in black. rs. Whitfield King report this new es.—Stamp Collecting.

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"Within a few weeks there is to be a special issue of postage stamps to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the birth of the poet Ronsard. This will be the third of the special series issued within a year. First came the Pasteur stamps, which are to remain in circulation, and then the series designed to commemorate the Olympic Games. These latter, which have been the subject of a good deal of hostile criticism owing to their inconvenient size and artistic failings, are to disappear, and will no longer be valid after September 1st. The new Ronsard stamps, which have been authorized as a result of the efforts of a committee of artists and writers, will be issued only in 75 centime values, but as this is the amount of postage for letters sent abroad it meets the object of the Ronsard Commemoration Committee, which is to carry to all foreign nations a reminder of the glories of France's great poet. These stamps will be valid until the end of the year, after which there will probably be an issue devoted to the Exhibition of Decorative Art.

These special issues usually yield quite a handsome profit to the Treasury, and in the case of the forthcoming Ronsard stamp it is estimated that, through sales to philatelists of stamps which will not be used for postage, the Treasury will benefit to the extent of about 100,000f. after paying all the special costs of the issue."—*Stamp Collecting*.

FAR EASTERN REPUBLIC.—The *Philatelic Magazine* is informed by one of their correspondents that this republic stopped the issue of separate stamps over three months ago.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle a copy of the 1sh Postage Due stamp with the new watermark sideways running up printed by Waterlow & Sons.

HONDURAS.—*New Series*. The *Echo* adds the undermentioned to the 6c violet listed in our last: 2 centavos, red; 10 centavos, blue.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

NETHERLANDS.—Mr. Max Brauer informs us that he has recently received the following new surcharged postage due stamps which are overprinted in black: "Tebetalen 4 Cnt Port" in four lines on 3c olive green, No. 88; 5c on 1c, red, No. 72; 10c on 1½c, No. 109; 12½c, on 5c, No. 76.

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PORTUGAL.—Mr. J. Gerard Graham, of Oporto, has been good enough to send a copy of the 80 centavos violet.—*Stamp Collecting*.

PARAGUAY.—Mr. E. G. Kent, in send- ing us the new provisional listed this month, states that it is likely to be good, as only 100,000 were printed, of which quantity 18,000 were burnt, being badly surcharged. The stock is practically ex- hausted already. All the late 1p, Build- ing, are sold out, and the 5p are nearly gone. A stamp famine is likely, if the definite issue, ordered in 1922, does not soon materialise.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

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Nun of them haz even offured to apeer on a nu issu stamp an I dunno az enny ov them iz so hansum az to be abul to sell thair pikchur fur moarn 2c at that an Geo. Washinton iz ar ol stanby fur private letters.

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But kum tu think, them suggestions wud probly split th fillatellick vote 3 ways an weed vote bout az we wil ennyway.

A friend ov mine sez sein that thairs sum U. S. stamps with sunshine on them wy not wun with moonshine,—an a sympathetic flavur gum? But I tole him probly sum peepul wud lick em so hard thayd cum loose atterwards. But if shoze heez intrested in fillately.

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Naturally, when one starts to study what map stamps can teach them, they look to their own country first, and we find only the 10c Louisiana Purchase Issue, Scott's No. 327, with its story of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 from Napoleon for \$15,000,000, carried through by Mr. Robert Livingston, then Ambassador to France. That map shows our country, but not North America, which we find depicted on a set of stamps, issued by the North American Telegraph Co. to frank their tolls, Scott's Nos. 3477-3484.

This study of map stamps takes us into 32 countries, including our own. Our nearer neighbors North and South have both shown their possessions far better than we have.

Canada was far reaching in this respect, issuing the two stamps, Scott's Nos. 82-83.

Newfoundland's one stamp shows in outline its entire country, Scott's No. 98. Mexico, fortunately, was not so ambitious, and she made no remarks on her two map stamps, Nos. 512 and 624.

It may seem odd that more map stamps have been issued by 14 different countries in the Western Hemisphere (the number of stamps being 275) than in all the Eastern. But is this to be wondered at, when we realize that the people of these Western countries are far more concerned "about being on the map," than their older sisters of the Eastern Hemisphere?

In Central America we find more map stamps than in any other part of the World, for here we find those map stamps issued during the Seebeck Days by Nicaragua, to the number of 67, both in the general issues and her officials, Scott's Nos. 81-98i and 863-880i.

Then comes Costa Rica with her two beautiful stamps of 1923, with the map showing the Western Hemisphere, and the head of Columbus, whom so many Western countries have delighted to honor, and his three caravels, Scott's Nos. 123 and 125.

Here we find Panama with her 130 map stamps, Nos. 1-83, 101-139, 151-162, 179-184, 196, 203, 205, 302, 341-346, 401-407, 431-435, 529-530, picturing two

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Brazil globes, Nos. 172-173, 215-217, 225-226, 234, and Argentina map stamps, Nos. 286-291, 308-309, 319, 629, are of interest, but the writer questions whether the former should be mentioned as map stamps.

Venezuela, in 1896, issued five stamps, Scott's Nos. 119-123.

Turning our faces North, we find the ten stamps of the Dominican Republic, Nos. 111-119, showing the Island with Haiti.

Cuba next adds its eight, Nos. 253-260. Crossing the Atlantic, we first reach the Azores, Nos. 74-77, with their four stamps surcharged on the Globe map stamps of Portugal, and the same four stamps, of course, by Portugal, Nos. 106-109.

Going North, we find three stamps with a figure that looks more like a bear than the map of Ireland, Nos. 46-48.

Belgium No. 53, Bulgaria 153 and Esthonia 76, each contribute one stamp to our collection.

Belgium's map is especially noticeable, as it is the tiniest of all shown, as well as the first issued (1884-5).

Bulgaria's is but an outline, while Esthonia's is nicely framed.

We find the Australian Commonwealth map stamps surcharged, North Western Pacific Islands and the 28 are used in the New Bismarck Archipelago, Nauru and New Britain Islands, Nos. 1-10, 13-14, 18-39.

In the Mediterranean we find the Isle of Samnos and its three map stamps, Nos. 621-623.

Turkey is near with six map stamps, Nos. 426, 428, 554-555, 571-572, and the hard to get Turkey in Asia shows an odd map, No. 91.

Add three more from that oddly spelled country, Azerbaijan, Nos. 19, 23, 34.

Liberia's five triangle stamps add to the picturesqueness of the collection, and one reduces your exchequer, Nos. 47, 48, 66, 376-377.

Then that continent that is an island gives us 34 more, Nos. 1-15, 26-33, 39-51, to add, with the kangaroo in its midst, and the four new South Wales, Nos. 85, 87, 386, 388. Here the dealer gets in his innings, as he does with the early Panama & Canal Zone.

The Chinese Province of Ichang, issued an outline map stamp listed by Scott in his supplement as No. 8, three mace carmine in 1895.

Castellorossa or Kastellorizo, an island near Asia Minor, issued five, Nos. 60-64, map stamps while under Italian occupation in 1923.

Reunion Islands, a French possession, off the coast of Madagascar, issued 15 stamps, Nos. 60, 64a, 84-85-86, 151-2-3, some with maps and others with globe maps.

New Zealand is the last one, issued in 1924, outline map stamp No. 176, makes the 32 countries and gives us a grand total of 395 stamps.

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Today's exhibition—or Internationale Postzegelentoonstelling to give its proper title—is organised by the Nederlandsche Vereeniging van Postzegelverzamelaars, or Dutch Union of Postage Stamp Collectors, to celebrate its 40th anniversary. The Pulchri Studio in the Lange Voorhout, where the exhibition is held, is admirably suited to the purpose. Lest any visitors to The Hague forget that an exhibition is on, the large advertising sign stretched across the avenue immediately facing the railway station should be sufficient corrective. The stamps are shown in upright frames, as in Brussels—indeed a wise economy has been effected by using the same frames, and they are also to go on to Paris for the exhibition there next May. I am informed by Mr. Klinkhamer that the exhibits are insured for £250,000.

Special Stamps.—Following precedent, the Dutch Post Office has been prevailed upon to issue special stamps (see under "Stamps of Today" in this number). The purchase of an admission ticket entitles the holder to purchase two sets. To obtain larger quantities one must buy more admission tickets. The effect of this is that all stamps are sold at a premium of 25c per set of three.

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Prince Consort at Opening Ceremony.—By noon a great international crowd of philatelists had assembled, and His Royal Highness the Prince Consort entered, followed by their Excellencies Prof. G. J. Van Swaaij, Minister of Canals and Posts; S. de Graaff, Minister for the Colonies; and Mr. J. A. N. Patijn, Burgemeester of The Hague. Mr. G. J. Van der Schooren, President of the Exhibition, delivered an address of welcome in Dutch to His Royal Highness, and in French to the visitors.

Postal Museum for Holland.—The Minister of Posts then spoke in Dutch at some length, dwelling upon the educational value of the hobby, and congratulating the Society upon its achievement. It had been decided to create a National Postal Museum for Holland, and he was

particularly pleased to know that the nucleus of it would be the fine collection of Mr. P. W. Waller, shown in the exhibition, and which by gift of the owner would become the property of the State after the end of the present month.

Recent Issues Defended.—Speaking of criticisms of Dutch provisional stamps, the Minister denied any speculative motive. They were actuated, he said, purely by the desire to utilise old stock for postal purposes, and if collectors aided them so much the better. As to the Jubilee issue—well, did not the importance of the occasion fully justify celebrating it on their letters? He congratulated the society on attaining its 40th anniversary, expressed the hope that its good work would long be continued, and had much pleasure in declaring the exhibition open.

The party was then conducted round the frames. Mr. A. J. Warren, the veteran British collector, whose Dutch stamps are a feature of the exhibition, had the honour of being introduced to His Royal Highness, who was much interested to learn that it was just forty years since he commenced his collection in Java, and that he therefore shared the anniversary honours of the society.

Some of the Chief Exhibits.—To detail the stamps shown at an exhibition is impossible, to describe them is difficult. Many great collections change but little between one exhibition and another, and one must seek out, so far as possible, what has not been described before.

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reference collection of the Universal Postal Union at Berne. Of plate VII (with horn on forehead) there is a block of ten, five over five with wide margin between, as well as smaller blocks and singles. Of the 15c a mint block of 30. Nor must a proof sheet of the 5c in black be overlooked.

Mr. A. Leon Adutt's collection of Confederate States, well known among English philatelic societies, is again shown. Some very compact sheets are exhibited.

Mr. Leon de Raay (Amsterdam) has gone deeply into the Memel overprints, and Mr. Joh. van den Berg has done the same for the Sarre.

Both Mr. Lichtenstein (New York) and Mr. R. F. A. Riesco (London) exhibit Cape of Good Hope, and between them one is surfeited. Of the Wood-blocks Mr. Lichtenstein has some 40 copies of each value in singles, pairs, blocks and on entires, including a block of 4 of the 4d error on original cover. Mr. Riesco has blocks of four of the 1d both in carmine and vermilion. Mr. Riesco's Chili stamps are also here. Pairs and strips are plentiful, but the rarity of blocks of the first type is evidenced by the fact that even in such a collection as this only two of the first type are to be found in any of the numerous printings—one of six of the 10c 1857-58 and a block of four of the same value of 1858-59. A very pretty strip of five of the 1c with magenta cancellation of concentric circles graces the pages of the 1862 issue. Of the various scarce Admiralty issued there is a range of 28 copies.

The France of Sir J. R. Andrew Clark (Maidenhead) deserves a column to itself. It includes 1849-50, 20c black, block of 9 with centre stamp *tête-bêche*, 1fr 1853 in block of four with *tête-bêche*, a wide range of "Susse" perforations with trial sheet, and a good deal more besides.

Colonel G. S. F. Napier shows Greece up to 1900, arranged in the intricate detail for which the stamps of the first two types are famous.

The stamps of Great Britain are ably represented by the 12-volume collection of Mr. Geo. Munro (London), although it lacks the great rarities. Mr. Johan Koning (Amsterdam) also shows British stamps in some quantity in the form of plates reconstructed by lettering, including the £5 Anchor (36 copies).

No International Exhibition is complete without a "Post Office" Mauritius, and this is provided by Mr. Manus who shows his fine copy of 1d on entire and unused 2d, also the Berlin reprints. "Post Pairs" in eight reconstructed sheets in different stages of the plate form a compact exhibit of 12 sheets.

I have not space to refer to much else in this very interesting Exhibition, but there are some items in Baron de Reuterskiold's Switzerland I must not miss. Here is the only yet discovered copy of the Zurich 6 rappen from a worn plate without retouch, showing the worn void. His "Double Genevas" are perfectly shown, with an unused, and four entires each bearing the two halves (a) normal (b) reversed (c) left vertical pair (d) right vertical pair. Then there is 10 rappen with framed numerals in strip of

3 on entire—perhaps the rarest stamp of all Switzerland.

Mr. Wemberger's stamps on entires are a sight to see. The 3pf Saxony in pair Uruguay 180c, South Australian 1d in strip of six, Moldavia 80c, Oldenburg 1/4 groschen, France 1fr vermilion, strip of 6, all these and others, on original letters.

Then there is Mr. Parkinson's Uruguay and Oldenburg (1/4 sch. mint block of 7 with side margins—unique), range of postmarked blocks; 1864 4/4 sch. mint block of 20 (80 quarters).

Mr. Van Gelder has an exhibit of Early Swiss in the Rarities class which includes a perfect Basle dove dated 25/2/1865 with red postmark on piece.

Entertainment.—On Sunday, Sept. 6, a short reception was held at the Twee Steden Hotel on the occasion of the 40th Jubilee of the Society, and a gold plaque was presented to Mr. Van der Schooren in recognition of his valuable services. This was followed by a dinner in the evening.

On Monday an enjoyable trip was made by tram to the Castle of Wassenaar for tea, returning in time for the Mayor's Reception at the Town Hall. The Mayor, in a happy speech, said that it was not the custom of the municipality of the Hague to receive societies of collectors. If in this case they had made an exception it was because the nature of their hobby gave it a semi-official character. Everybody had been a stamp collector at some time or other, but where the philatelist began was where stamp collecting left off.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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For a number of years it has been possible to obtain incomplete sets of twenty varieties of the Belgium charity stamps of 1910 and 1911, types Montald and Lemaire. The remaining four numbers had always been scarce, and having only "1911" for an overprint, must have tempted many would-be forgers. These are numbers 248a, 248b, 249 and 250 of the Standard Catalog.

Now complete sets of 24 are being offered in Belgium, but the four stamps in question have forged overprints, easily distinguishable with a trifling amount of comparison.

The genuine overprints have long, slim, curved serifs on the 1's, and these serifs slope downward at an angle of about 60 degrees. The "9" is complete, and shows no breaks.

In the forged overprints the figures are thick and irregular, the serifs on the 1's are mere straight knobs, and the bottom of the nine has a distinct break, so that the ball of the figure, which is very distinct in the genuine, and joined to the rest of the figure by a slim continuous line, is in the counterfeits merely a somewhat irregular, detached blob of ink. This character is constant in every stamp of a considerable number of blocks. Furthermore, the last "1" of "1911" has no serif at all on the left side of the foot!

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comes an announcement of the "new is-
sue", clipped from the N. Y. Sun, of Feb.
26, 1890. To quote in part,—"It is proper
to announce that THE SUN'S long cam-
paign against the sickly green two cent
postage stamp ended on Saturday with
the complete triumph of sound aesthetics
and the just reward of perseverance and
patriotism. We may say that the will of
the nation has once more asserted its
irresistible power. The birthday of
Washington was appropriately celebrated
by the first public appearance of the new
two cent postage stamp, which restores
the bright hue of health to the revered
cheek of the Father of the Country, and
shoves the sickly green horror of the past
four years into the back garret of hideous
memories".

This establishes the day of issue of the
2c red 1890, as Feb. 22, 1890. Also it
started the usage of red-ink, for our
regular rate stamp, and this has been
used continuously since, with exception
of some few commemoratives.

Col. A. H. Benners has sent in many
stamps, showing flaws and varieties,
among them being several that should be
called to your attention. A 1c Re-en-
graved shows a solid dot of color directly
under the N of CENT, it falls in the
white curved line, and looks as tho the
plate had been damaged at this spot.
Then there is a series of pairs of 1c, 2c
and 3c 1890. In the acanthus leaf at left
side of medallion, where it terminates in
a whorl, there are two dots, instead of the
single customary opening in the leaf.
This is the top part of the floral decora-
tion immediately under the curved label
below U of United. A 3c 1857 Type II
shows a flaw over the ear of bright ap-
pearance, not unlike some of the flaws
which occur on this stamp back of the
head. A 1c American in dark blue has
the small pearl at left missing entirely,
and the top of the N of cents is separated
by a line of color, the serif at right
being detached from rest of the N. An-
other unusual item is a piece of cover
franked for the 10c rate, composed of one
3c 1851, one 3c '57 Type II, a 1c '57 Type
V, and a 3c Nesbit cut to shape, and
affixed to cover. All of the items show
intensive study.

Mr. J. W. Prevost read in a recent is-
sue of the New Issue column, where one
of the "Triangle" stamps showed entirely
white inside the triangle. He remem-
bered having one and brought it to show
me. It is a truly remarkable variety.

This is a block of four of the 2c water-
marked, 1895 issue. The stamp at top
right shows both of its triangles in almost
pure white, while the copy at left is al-
most white, tho faint horizontal lines
show. The two bottom stamps are quite
normal. As a block it looks most unusual.

During the Civil War many designs of
patriotic nature were used on envelopes.
Both the United States and Confederate
States employed these. Those from the
Confederate States being far less numer-
ous. An odd one that has just come to
my attention shows an elephant wearing
a U. S. flag down his side. He has a
fore foot raised, while a rat is scamper-
ing away from under in a great hurry,
the inscription below reading,—"What if
a hungry rat should cross the path of an
Elephant, squelch it, by Heaven, squelch
it". There are many of those sort of
covers with designs on them. The tem-
perance cover is well known. Then the
cover calling for penny postage way back
in those days, and back in the fifties
when the government charged 5c if not
paid by a stamp and 3c if paid by a stamp,
we find the rhyme "Pre-pay, pre-pay,
is the order of the day." Some collectors
save all kinds of covers with advertising
labels, and old return addresses of all
kinds. Some save those from colleges,
others those from hotels back in the
fifties, and often on the backs of en-
velopes we find all sorts of designs. One
company put out calendars for the whole
year, others showed maps of their part
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Saturday, September 20th, at 6 o'clock p. m., the doors closed to what has been the largest Philatelic exhibition ever held in the Dominion of Canada. This convention originated among the Winnipeg collectors some eight months ago and the exhibition committee has worked strenuously ever since trying to make this exhibition the greatest thing the collectors of Canada have ever witnessed. When the opening took place on Wednesday, September 17th, the success of the exhibition was immediately assured and surpassed in every way the expectations of the most critical. Centered under 1,500 sq. ft. of glass were displayed 166 exhibits of rare stamps valued, conservatively speaking, at \$1,000,000. The exhibition embraces 88 displays for the senior class and 78 for the junior class. The excellence of the exhibits made difficult the task of the judges for awarding the prizes but a decision was reached at 1 a. m., Wednesday morning, when the list of prize winners was announced in the daily press the next day.

On account of some of the judges being unable to attend the following were appointed: Charles J. Phillips of New York; R. C. Osborne, A. H. Sutherland, C. Arnott, F. S. Thompson, William Van, all of Winnipeg; J. C. Cartwright of Birtle; J. B. Parker of Regina.

Thursday, September 16th, at 10 a.

m., saw the official opening of the great exhibition. Mayor Farmer of Winnipeg presided at that function and suitable addresses were delivered by Dr. F. Dey, president of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society, and Mr. Charles J. Phillips of New York. A large and interesting crowd was present and the addresses delivered were very interesting. Mr. Phillips who has been connected with Philately for thirty-eight years, formerly a dealer in London, England, and now engaged in the same occupation in New York, brought with him a special collection of rare stamps which represents a total value of \$28,000. One of the greatest rarities in the exhibition was an unused strip of six of the first stamps ever issued, "The Penny Black," Great Britain, dated May 6, 1840. The strip was valued at \$300. Another outstanding stamp in this exhibit is the 30c United States stamp of 1869 with flags inverted at \$1,000. Still another is the New Brunswick 5c brown stamp bearing the head of Post Master General Connell issued about 1863 and valued at \$350. Another very valuable exhibit was made by A. F. Lichtenstein of New York, who is listed to be the possessor of the finest collection of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in the world. This collection brought to the exhibition by Mr. Phillips included a wonderful set of blocks and strips of unused penny issues and amongst the rarities noted are 24 superb copies of the

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All the visitors were taken for a sightseeing trip around the city and a very enjoyable time was had. It is regrettable indeed that we are unable to give in detail the addresses and speeches delivered during the convention, but amongst the most important was the address by Mr. Charles J. Phillips of New York, on "Relative Rarity and Catalogue Use of Stamps." Mr. Phillips said that in many cases the proportion between the numbers printed was not recognized in prices quoted in the catalogues. Quoting from Scott's current catalogue, he compared the three penny, six penny and shilling issues of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. "Of the former 12,880 were printed and were priced at \$17.50 each, while the Nova Scotia issue, of which 1,615,000 were printed were priced at \$7.50. He did not believe the Nova Scotias were overpriced. They recently sold at from \$5.00 to \$6.00, but the New Brunswicks were enormously rarer and certainly could be priced at more than \$17.50. The six penny New Brunswick of which 5,738 were printed, were priced at \$50; and the Nova Scotias, 406,356 number, were priced at \$30 each. The New Brunswick was 50 times as rare as the Nova Scotia, and should be priced higher. The Nova Scotia, he said, was priced too high. It came often, and only very exceptional copies would be bought. The most striking difference was in comparison of the one shilling issue. The New Brunswicks, of which 5,738 were printed cost \$200 each, while the Nova Scotias, 205,400 in number, cost \$225. It was on record that a large quantity of the Nova Scotias one shilling stamps had been burned. There was record of the number destroyed, but the experience of the bigger collectors of these stamps was that the New Brunswick one shilling was several times rarer as the Nova Scotia one shilling.

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A few years later he opened a stamp shop in Minneapolis at 243 Nicollet Ave. and organized "The Missionary Stamp Exchange". He imported stamps from all parts of the world and developed a thriving business, when a call to enter the lecture field caused a cessation of this promising work. After touring about thirty states as lecturer for the Redpath Lyceum Bureau he settled down in Chicago, where a successful venture in real estate had given him a solid footing.

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With a feeling of acute sorrow we announce the news of the death of Henry W. Wolseley, the dean of Chicago collectors, at the Hyde Park Hotel, aged seventy-five years. For thirty years we enjoyed the friendship of Mr. Wolseley, whose collecting life had covered a span of about sixty years. So recently as a few months ago we accepted the invitation of Mr. Wolseley to spend an afternoon with him and his stamp collection, and though the day was insufferably hot, Mr. Wolseley showed that he was not averse to looking over our shoulders as we turned the well-remembered pages. Thirty years ago Mr. Wolseley identified himself with local philately in Chicago, and as the years passed on his reputation as a careful collector became well known. His albums always contained stamps that were well worth attention, and he was fastidiously neat in his manner of housing his collection generally. A collector from boyhood Mr. Wolseley was able to give his stamps due regard at times, but again he was so busy in his work in the legal profession that he was compelled to ignore their beckonings on other occasions. He always had a liking for British Colonies, and his specialized collection of Strait Settlements was really an exceptionally good representation of the stamps, and when it was sold it realized a good price in the aggregate. Some years ago Mr. Wolseley decided to collect United States issues, and it was not long before he had a fine showing of them; and these stamps, with his collection of British Colonials with the twentieth century almost complete and containing things such as the scarce Natal one pound ten shilling C. A., are left as memorials to his philatelic enthusiasm and application. While always a busy man until his retirement a few years ago, Mr. Wolseley was never too busy to be of assistance to those who sought information that he could give from his vast fund of general knowledge, not alone of philately but of a host of other subjects. The personality of Mr. Wolseley in all its engaging qualities is so vividly before us that we feel that we can say little that can give a real idea of it to those who did not know him.

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Mr. R. L. Hustis, of Milwaukee, the philatelic humorist extraordinary and general cheer leader of the philatelists paid the editor of the WEEKLY a visit some time ago, and we may say briefly that the editor is convalescing. Mr. Hustis is the exponent of genial collecting, and like many a natural humorist, he writes with the fluid of fun. He can reel off reams of conversation that would make a hit at an undertaker's soiree. He says that he is interested in the WEEKLY and wants to increase the circulation of it, and that is why he is so faithful in contributing to its columns. He feels that many improvements could be made in the WEEKLY and we do not want to deny that he may be right. He has his ideas as to the future for our paper, and he thinks that it is a shame that we haven't got full 10,000 readers; and he becomes tearful in imploring collectors to come to the rescue of the paper. In his heart we think that Mr. Hustis blames the editor because we have a circulation of only 9,900 and that he knows that he can point out many essentials in which the inspired touch is lacking; and just for that we are going to play the most uproarious joke on Mr. Hustis that ever befell the lot of man. We are going to ask him to show us how we can improve the paper, and we have selected him, even though he does not know it, as the editor for the special number of the WEEKLY in March, 1925. We know that Mr. Hustis cannot laugh that off.

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We thank the Hon. L. G. Harris for a copy of the bill incorporating the recommendations of the postmaster-general. While the bill is a long one it is not without interest to philatelists in certain of its provisions as have already been pointed out by different writers on our paper. The changes in postage rates and the effect in the use of stamps of different denominations have been outlined; and to answer an inquiry on the subject we may say that the fee for the registration of mail matter under the new regulations "shall be not less than 12c to be prepaid in addition to the regular postage;" and it is ordered that a receipt on registered matter is available only upon the payment of a fee of one cent. It is interesting to know that the receipt when returned to the sender will "be received in the courts as *prima facie* evidence of such delivery." It may be added that a section of the revised statutes gives the postmaster-general the option to fix registry fees at any rate not above 20c in addition to the regular postage. Special delivery rates are scheduled at 15c for matter weighing in excess of two pounds and not over ten pounds, in addition to the regular postage, and to secure immediate delivery of article weighing over ten pounds carrying a tariff of 20c.

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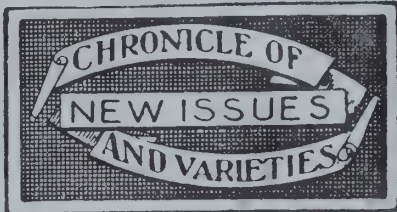
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United States.

Air Mail Postmarks.

I am officially informed by the Superintendent of the Division of Air Mail Service, that when the Shenandoah makes its first trip to the Pacific Coast, it is not contemplated that it will carry any mail as had been originally expected.

There was, however, a special mail carrying flight quite recently from Nashville, Tenn., to Chicago, Ill., and I am informed that this flight was arranged by telegraph so that the department was unable to give the general public much advance notice. I am not informed, however, as to whether a special cancellation was used on this occasion but, of course, if the mail was backstamped it would readily show that it went via the air route.

I am trying to arrange with the department to give us as much advance notice as possible regarding air mail flights, so that our readers will have ample time to send covers after obtaining the information through this publication.

Postage Stamp Supplies for Holiday Mailings.

Under date of September 27th, the Third Assistant Postmaster-General has called the special attention of all postmasters to the importance of submitting advance requisitions for stamp supplies needed during the month of December, in order that all available transportation equipment may be used exclusively for the prompt dispatch of holiday mailings. This applies to all items of postage stamps, postal cards, and plain and office request envelopes. It is pointed out that it will be to the direct advantage of all branches of the service if mails can be relieved of all unnecessary shipments of supplies from December 1st to the 26th inclusive. These requisitions on the department should reach Washington not later than November 15th.

Mention is made in the communication

of carload shipments of envelopes, and we now learn that a minimum car consists of 3,000,000 envelopes or 6,000,000 post-cards.

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ALGERIA.—The Economist Stamp Co. has shown us the 3c orange of the 1900 issue of France with the overprint "Algerie" in black. Also the 1c of the same issue with the surcharge "Algerie 1/2 centime" in four lines in red.

AUSTRALIA.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us that owing to shortage of watermarked paper consequent upon the delay of supplies from England, these two values had to be printed on paper produced locally and machine gummed by the printers. I understand that of the 1 1/2d, 110,000 sheets were printed and of the 1d green, 2,000 sheets only, that is to say, 13,200,000, and 240,000 stamps were printed, and it is claimed that a great proportion of these were used for postal purposes in the ordinary way of business. A fresh supply of watermarked paper is now in use.

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There is also a new value, viz., 3 brown, without watermark, and the following values have been seen with watermark:—2c carmine, 4c green, 20c blue, 40c violet (old map design).

In the original set, all values up to 30 were without watermark, while the 50 and 1 peso were with watermark.—Stamp Collecting.

NETHERLANDS.—Dr. C. W. Hennan reports the appearance of two values of the new series of stamps issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Society for Saving Shipwrecked Sailor. The values are 2c brown and 10c red and will be on sale for six weeks only.

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NIGER TERRITORY.—The new postage stamps being prepared for the French Niger are from designs by M. Kerkor, engraver for the Ministry for the Colonies, and represents a Niger river-boat, the citadel of Zinder, a Touareg, and a well.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

NYASSA.—A very clever set of Postage Due stamps has appeared for this Portuguese Colony—clever in that, while of triangular format, they embody the central subjects of four of Sir Robert Edgumbe's designs as used for the current postage adhesives.

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SIAM.—Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., calls attention to the 3 satang of the current series which is now printed in chocolate brown, the printing being done in two operations. In the block that Mr. Ward has the name of the country, the Siamese characters and the figure 3 are in a deeper color than the balance of the stamp.

SOMALI COAST.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise of the appearance of a new color, this time it is the 50c blue and indigo, in native design.

TURKEY.—*New issue contemplated.* The Swedish Postal Department, according to the *Westminster Gazette* (5-9-24), has been consulted by the Turkish Post Office as to the possibility of Sweden providing Turkey's next issue of postage stamps.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

YUGO-SLAVIA.—*Special postmark.* To commemorate the visit of part of the British fleet to Ragusa, Aug. 1st to 4th last, the postal authorities substituted a red cancellation for the usual black one both on postal matter and on registration receipts. We are indebted to a "P.M." reader on the spot, Mr. H. F. Short, R.N., for specimens of both. This is the only instance we recall of the colour of a cancellation having special significance.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

THE WINNIPEG EXHIBITION.

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Turning to the stamps of Canada and comparing some of the figures and relative prices, Mr. Phillips stated the six penny, all papers taken together, of which 350,478 were printed, were priced at \$35 each, and the 7 1/2 penny green 82,410 printed, were priced at \$40 each. The latter was four and a half times as rare as the former, but was priced at only a few dollars more. He believed ordinary copies of the six penny were priced too high, and the 7 1/2 penny far too low. Good copies of the latter should be worth close to \$100 and he believed they would be soon.

Of the 12 penny Canada, 1,510 copies were issued. Others just as popular were the Cape of Good Hope, woodblock errors. Of the one-penny blue 158 were issued; of the four penny red 542, and yet these real rarities sold at less than the 12 penny Canada, while they were from four to ten times rarer.

Of the much more common Canadian stamps, Mr. Phillips referred to the 1859 cent's issue. Of the five-cent, 39,792,000 were issued and cost 30 cents each. Of the two-cents, only 910,500 were issued and cost \$4.50 each. In his opinion the five-cent stamp was much over-priced at \$4.50 unused or used. Of the 17-cent blue only 600,000 were issued, yet this stamp, one-third more rare than the two-cent, was priced at only \$3.50.

Mr. Norris Oughtred of Montreal arrived later and during a committee meeting it was decided that the next annual Canadian Exhibition would be offered to Montreal. Mr. Van emphasized the fact that now the Canadian Exhibition is a certainty, concerted effort should be made to hold Philatelic Exhibitions in the famous Canadian cities each year and if Montreal accepted, Toronto would be assured of the 1926 exhibition. Dr. W. F. Dey, president of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society, pledges his support to Montreal on the proposition. In concluding we can say that the convention and the exhibition in Winnipeg was a decided success. Everyone was happy, and the guests were well satisfied. The sight of the displays was unique, a thing never to be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to visit the magnificent displays.

Glancing through the list of prize awards we note that nearly all the honors went to Canadian collectors, which would be quite natural. However, C. F. Langworthy, of Washington, D. C., secured first honors in Class H, United States; Charles J. Phillips, N. Y. City, first prize in Class M, dealers; K. N. Woodward, N. Y. City, first prize for ten best pages in four classes.

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—It was the privilege of the Managing Editor to meet A. W. Filstrup of Benton Harbor, Mich., upon a recent visit to Boston. A short time ago we featured Mr. Filstrup in connection with membership in the Honor Club and it was a great privilege to meet him and get a closer insight into the philatelic treasures that he possesses. We hope some time to give our readers a line on some of the good things in his collection.

—Maxwell Krause now has in his employ Justus Sinexon, Jr., who will have general charge of mail orders, and want lists. Mr. Sinexon is the son of Dr. Justus Sinexon, of Philadelphia, a widely known collector and A. P. S. member. Mr. Krause is opening a new office in the Weimer Bldg., Lebanon, and with new equipment and added help will be able to give customers better service in addition to extending the lines which he has been handling. This is quite a step forward and shows how rapidly his business has been growing during the past few years.

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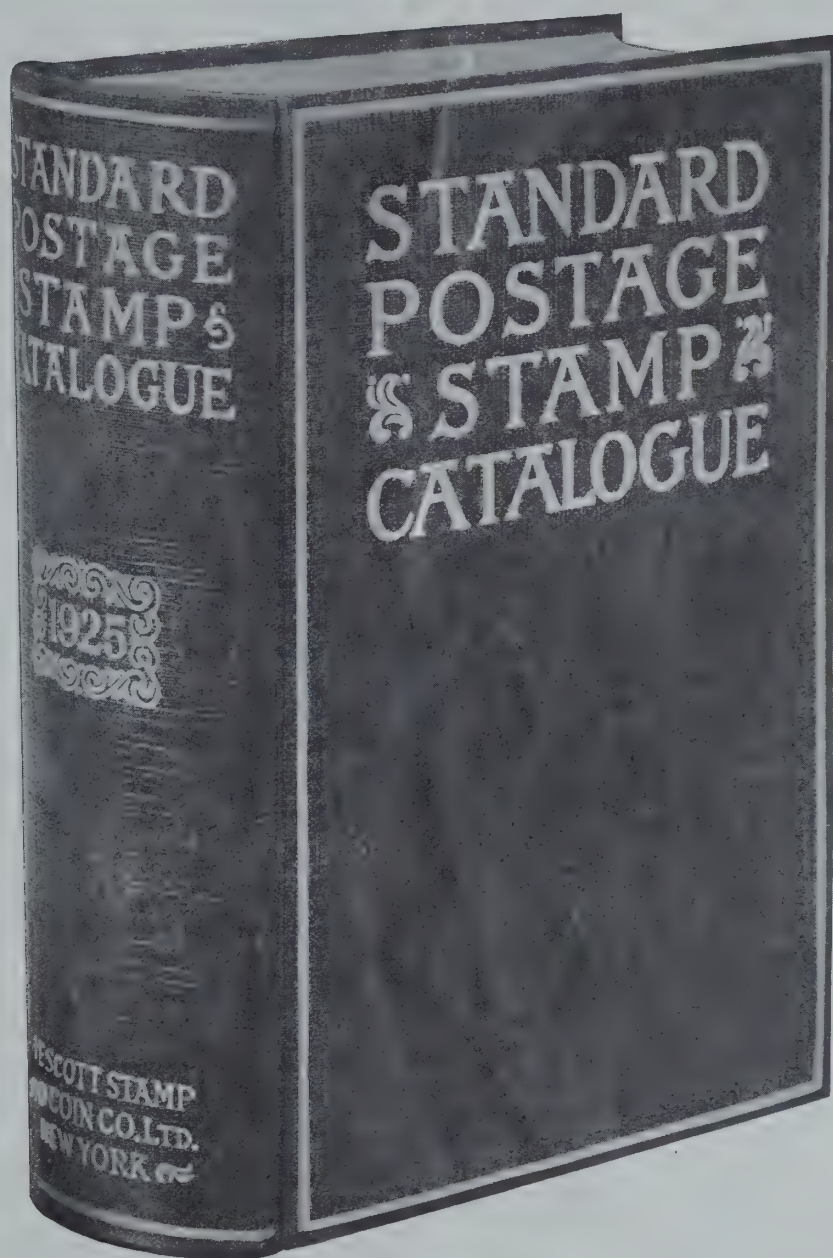
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THE FORUM.

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Devoted to 19th century United States postage stamps; Cancellations, Minor Varieties, Kates, and all interesting Material and Data welcomed. Your accompanying letters are subject to entry in this Column in whole or in part. Return postage and registration requested with all sendings.

Well, I'm glad that's over! Office doors bearing signs "Will Return Tomorrow," or else you go into an office, wait a few minutes, and someone sticks their head out and says hurriedly, "Mr. Blank is out of the city, and will return after Oct. 10th." It was a wonderful World's Serious, as the Sport writer jokingly said. It sort of paralyzed business a few days, and is really serious, thrilling is a mild word. Can stamps carry such a thrill? Sure; but it is not all so crowded into a few moments tenseness, a longer and more pleasant thrill, if you get what you hope for. We saw the Old Master come thro a smiling. He has been collecting for eighteen years, and I hear that he has the largest collection of "Strike-outs" ever made. Then he gets his star item of his whole collection, the World Series. That's the way to collect stuff!

What do you do with all the little odd items that you run across? Crazy perforations, paper creased before printing, margins altogether too wide, stamps that the printer grabbed with inky fingers, stamps with blurs, blots and blemishes—freaks all. What do you do with them? Most of these would hurt the looks of an album page, as they are usually way off center, torn, or damaged somehow.

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Several have sent in stamps falling outside the realms of the Forum. This column is a continuation of the "Early Low Values Specialized" column, as conducted by Mr. Warner Bates, who suggested that I explain this, as several had not considered it as such, and I had forgotten to mention it in my first article.

I see no fixed reason why we should adhere to "Early" and "Low" except that it reduces our range to what may be carried out more thoroughly than if too wide a range is attempted. If, for example, some enthusiast writes in that he has found a 1924 \$5.00 stamp cancelled from some town in Alaska, which used a Blue Iceberg cancellation, I think you would like to know it, and I'd make mention of it. However, if readers want articles on Revenues, Confederates, Departments, Airplanes, Precancels, Dues, etc., we will not have room for postage stamps, which is what we want in this column for the greater part.

STAMPS WITH A THRILL.

A Two Pane Item of the 5c 1847.

Dr. R. W. Payne has shown me a cover bearing a 5c 1847 stamp, cancelled with 7 bar grid, and postmarked "Bridgeport, Ct. Mar 8", both in black. At the left is a wide margin, of 7 mm. This was folded under when the cover was bought. It was soaked out and it shows the right vertical line of the stamp from the left pane, and a bit of the bottom line of that stamp as well, bearing out the supposition that the 5c of 1847 was printed in two panes as were the 10c '47s. Quite a rare item, the only one so far recorded.

The Miracle Cover.

Assuming that you know what a cracked plate stamp looks like—jagged lines of color breaking into the design at any old random place—we will note what is termed the Major crack on the 3c '51-'57 stamp. It is the best known and largest on the 3c 1851 stamp. The crack starts at the bottom of the plate, and runs North by about one point East, disappearing (in the late use of the plate) through the "S" of Cents, and into the bottom right rosette of the third stamp above. The stamps in the 9th (horizontal) and bottom rows, show this defect in the form of a thin line (same color as stamp of course) carrying through the rosettes from top to bottom on the right side of these two stamps.

When you find one of these Cracked Plates on a 3c Imperforate stamp, you've been fortunate, to put it mildly, for they assay maybe one in a thousand. If you ever in your lifetime find one on the 3c 1857 Type I perforated, you may declare a holiday, for you have something infinitely scarcer, as this plate was discontinued soon after the arrival of the Perforating Machine. They are very very scarce, in fact far scarcer than that, if I make myself plain. All the above is merely stage setting.

Along comes a letter from Rev. A. T. Gesner. He says among his old covers he has found one with an Imperforate 3c 1851, affixed at top right corner of the envelope, pen cancelled by

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

While the collecting of postage stamps is classified as a hobby, most of us sooner or later reach a point where we must look upon it as an investment and consider it from this point of view.

In the last few years considerable space has been devoted to the discussion of postage stamps as an investment and even a booklet upon the subject has been issued by one of our foremost dealers. There has been much said upon both sides pro and con, as to whether stamps are a paying investment, and arguments have been presented to advance the contentions of both sides.

Mr. Charles J. West in recent articles in the WEEKLY painstakingly took the time and trouble to calculate the catalog value of certain stamps for certain years and then gave their values at a later date in accordance with the same catalog, and in this way ably contended that the advance in value was not equal to the rate which might be reasonably expected from other investments, hence Q. E. D., concluded that stamps could only be considered as a hobby, and not as a paying investment.

Personally, I do not agree with the conclusions so reached. It is true that if a man simply buys a stamp to fill a space and is satisfied with the average condition copy that the catalog covers, that he is not likely to obtain a normal rate of interest upon his investment, when he sells.

If, however, he has studied stamps from all angles and has followed their possibilities, I claim that stamps under such conditions are an extremely satisfactory investment.

I can readily call to mind today numerous instances where collectors have accumulated intelligently, and have realized handsome profits upon their investments. One collector that I recall in the course of ten years or thereabouts got together a collection of mint United States blocks and singles which I know did not cost him over \$25,000, and these have been sold at a price in excess of \$100,000. I know of a further collection of the same issues, which in addition included superb used pieces and took in a greater scope, wherein the profit to the collector was probably 100 to 150%, although during this time he had his pleasure. Just three years back, another collector started a collection of mint 20th Century U. S., in blocks and singles, including the oddities, and possibly invested around \$3,000. He has today refused \$3,750 for the same collection, and no

doubt if sold at auction it would bring even more. Such students as Dr. Chase, who has specialized and written upon certain of our early issues, found all of his investments to be sound.

If one should go back to the Worthington sale of 1917, he could possibly pick out 70% of the United States stamps and sell them at auction today and secure anywhere from 100 to 500%, or even, more in excess of the prices that they brought at that time, and if we go back a couple of years earlier to the Seybold sale of covers, we can add today 1,000% profit, and many things would still be cheap.

A block of six of the 10c 1847 was sold only six or seven years back at \$654, which was an auction record for such an item, and those of us who followed the sale at the time considered that the purchaser paid an enormous price. Today if the piece was offered upon the market, it would be reasonable at \$10,000. Single used copies of the same stamp could be purchased in superb condition only a few years ago at \$5.00, and they would sell at several times the amount today. Many may claim that these are isolated instances but they are not, for they are only a few that offhand come to mind.

All of our big collections of United States when intelligently made have proven to be good investments.

My remarks have referred almost entirely to the issues of our own country for the simple reason that I have devoted my philatelic activities to this line. There is no doubt that issues of certain other countries may be just as sound. British North America, British West Indies and the like are much in demand, and it is my personal opinion that if a collector specializes in any country, he has a sound investment, for there is no one today that can know everything about every country, and the specialist who concentrates on certain issues can often pick up wonderful things that when later written up and presented in their true light turn out to be real rarities.

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By H. CLAY REED.

I am enclosing herewith a few notes on the current one-cent United States stamped envelope which you may find of interest to your readers. The envelope collecting public doubtless is small, but at the same time it is as silent as a grave on matters which concern envelope collecting. The latter situation impels me to forward this article—which, by way, is the result of personal observation. Revival of interest in envelope collecting has been predicted for some time past but it doesn't seem to materialize. The reason, I am convinced, is partly due to the general apathy of envelope collectors themselves. I am interested almost exclusively at present in 20th century U. S. envelopes, the most promising branch of envelope collecting, and I would like to see things brighten up as they should this line.

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below the chin, the envelope is die; if it cuts the profile below the base of the nose, it is die D.

2.—To distinguish die C from dies A and B. Compare the E in POSTAGE. die C the E is considerably taller, in proportion to its breadth, than in either die A or die D.

3.—In die B, the left stroke of the A in POSTAGE almost touches the T at the bottom—more nearly so than in any other die.

Die B was used only a short time, and was found only in watermarks 19 and 20. Consequently it will not worry the collector of current or new varieties. Die C is known so far only in high backs. Die D comes only in low backs, and the flaps of the die D entires are cut square, while the A's in low back have the side flaps rounded off. These differences in knives are characteristic of the various dies, but of course the infallible test is the stamp itself.

The descriptions given in Bartels' catalog of these dies will apply to the general run of these entires, but the only real tests the writer has been able to apply successfully to doubtful specimens are those described above.

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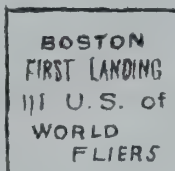
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By JOSEPH A. STEINMETZ, President of the Aero Philatelic Society.



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Late afternoon word was received that due to heavy fogs on the Maine Coast the expected Air Fleet had been forced down into Casco Bay and the arrival at the Boston Air Port was then postponed

until Saturday, September 6th, weather conditions permitting.

Meanwhile the Post Office Air Field tent was being liberally patronized and about 600 pieces of first class mail matter were received, mostly at the 8 cent rate for the Eastern zone, with but few pieces for the 18 cent mid-continent and 24 cent Pacific zones and a few Registry.

The next day, September 6th, a much smaller throng assembled and the Field Air Mail Post Office was not opened until nearly noon and was not so well patronized as on the previous day, hence covers of this date are of much greater rarity than September 5th though both dates are properly Historic and Commemorative, and should be collected, the 5th for the first landing in U. S. of World Fliers and the 6th arrival at Boston air port.

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By E. L. TAYLOR, In Charge of the Post-Office Stamp Division.

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Canadian stamps have always been

held in high regard by stamp collectors at large, and it was not long after the establishment of this division that a brisk demand came from all parts of the world, including far away Australia and India.

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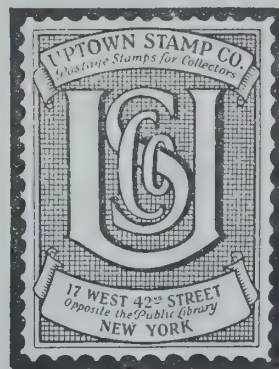
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Our Feature Article.

It was not so many years back that the post-office frowned upon us when we requested philatelic courtesies. Today, philately is officially recognized by the department and every effort is made to extend real service to the philatelist. Much of this favorable attitude has been brought about by the broadmindedness of the present Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Warren Irving Glover of New Jersey and his efficient superintendent of the Division of Stamps, Michael L. Eidsness, Jr., of Iowa.

In our feature article this week we are fortunate in having Mr. Glover present the scope and attitude of the Philatelic Agency and I may say without betraying any confidence that the Agency is a pet hobby of both Mr. Glover and Mr. Eidsness, and it is with a great deal of personal pleasure that they watch its growth.

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Canada Follows Suit.

Canada, our great neighbor to the north, has followed our lead and in turn has established a Philatelic Agency for the benefit of the collector. Mr. E. L. Taylor, in charge of the Post Office Stamp Division, presents the attitude of this division and we know from personal conversation with this gentleman that it is their aim and hope to advance philately. We are sorry to see that they should ask in excess of face value for certain stamps in the hands of the department for we believe the slight extra compensation will be more than offset by the criticism, but we know that this is just one of those minor details that are bound to crop up in any newly formed organization and one that will no doubt right itself in time.

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Surely one with this past history is qualified to speak with authority on organized philately, and if the general collector would take his words to heart and join our national and local societies, they would not only benefit personally but would benefit the hobby materially. Any serious collector of stamps owes it to philately to join at least one society.

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Our National Society.

Numerous letters reaching my desk prove conclusively that many appreciate their membership in the American Philatelic Society, for they attach to their name the well known letters with their number. This I know is not necessarily for credit purposes, for many of the communications come from those who are well known and need no introduction. The national society has now reached a point where it is considered a privilege

to be counted among its members. The time is fast approaching when the same remarks will apply in the case of our dealers and the American Stamp Dealers' Association. The fact that such an organization can make considerable headway proves pretty conclusively that philately is coming upon a firmer basis day by day. The time is almost here when a dealer who is out of the fold will be considered in the same light as those in other lines of business, who do not join their trade bodies. It will be thought that they either are denied the privilege or else are so backward in their ideas that they cannot see the advantages to be gained from an organization of this type. Millions are being invested in the hobby and under such conditions, the one who is not aggressive, does not adopt modern methods and ethics of merchandising, will likely fall by the wayside.

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SOCIETY BENEFITS.

By P. M. WOLSIEFFER.

Often collectors have put the question to me: "What society shall I join first, our home town local society, or a National organization?" In each instance I have answered: "By all means your local society first, but both if you can."

Collectors are indeed fortunate that have a local stamp club or society, and should give it every encouragement, and, if possible, become a Branch of the American Philatelic Society, where their interests and activities will be largely increased in many ways. Any five or more collectors in a smaller city or town, where there is no local stamp society, may easily have one by becoming a Branch of the American Philatelic Society. Of course, it would be necessary for each one to be a member of the A. P. S.

Where local societies are strong in numbers, they usually have their own exchange and Sales Department, but the Branches of the American Philatelic Society receives special large circuits direct from the Sales Superintendent and it places them on an equal footing for this particular and important benefit, enjoyed by their fellow collectors in the larger cities and local societies.

In your home town society you have the benefits of personal co-operation with your fellow members; you derive information by frequent meetings, compare notes, swap, buy or sell your duplicates, see how the other fellow mounts his stamps, and that added to the frequent Philatelic social functions gives you many advantages over the isolated and lone collector who can only read about it.

In the American Philatelic Society, or National Organization, you gain prestige by becoming known all over the world. Its annual membership roll is consulted everywhere and when you place an order with a stamp concern and sign your name with the letters "A. P. S." and your membership number, it is equal to any reference you could give, and receives prompt and respectful attention.

If possible, every collector should support the American Philatelic Society that does so much to enhance the value of your stamp collection by its Annual Conventions, publications and "Publicity" work all through the year. Its publicity makes your stamp property increase in value and it is wise to "insure" that continued increase by taking a membership and active part in the A. P. S. The larger the Society grows and the greater its Permanent Fund becomes by increased membership, the more it can accomplish.

Don't hide your light under a bushel; let your friends know you collect stamps, for it often happens your friends would aid you by looking up some old correspondence, or perchance they might be sufficiently interested to also become stamp collectors. That is one form of "publicity" it pays to practice.



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In a recent conversation with Mr. Wayne, he gave me some of the details of the wonderful correspondence found in this bank at the time that the center of the structure was renovated in 1901. At that time several rooms filled with letters and records that had not been touched for years were cleaned out.

It must be remembered that this institution in the 40's and 50's was one of the largest and best known in the country, and not only had correspondents in all of the larger cities of the United States, but had an extensive correspondence with banks abroad. The letters alone would fill several wagons and it will be realized that among these would be communications from practically all of the Presidents from George Washington on through the Civil War. There were, no doubt, numerous communications from Benjamin Franklin and Robert Morris, as well as other Revolutionary characters interested in our finances. This correspondence was disturbed for the first time in 1901, and in some of the rooms the dust was, without exaggeration, at least one-half inch thick. As all of the letters were retained in the olden days, and as the stamps were on the back of the letter sheets, one can readily picture strips of the early St. Louis bears—perhaps a block-pairs and beautiful singles of the Baltimore Buchanans with, no doubt, an Alexandria here and there. As for 5c black New York's, these were, no doubt, present by the hundreds, and one can imagine that the 5c and 10c 1847 numbered in the thousands. If you have seen the Girard National Bank building and realize that the whole third floor was full of this correspondence, you can picture to your-

self what it must have contained.

Mr. Wayne had been connected with the bank about two years when all of this mass of paper was sold to a junk dealer, and after it had been taken away he picked from the floor numerous covers that had dropped in being carried down the stairs to the wagons. These were sold to Mr. Durbin, a well known stamp dealer of the time on a basis of \$250 in exchange and consisted mostly of New York fives and the fives and tens of 1847. Realizing the possibilities of this correspondence, Mr. Wayne immediately called upon Mr. Morehouse of Frankfurt, the junk dealer, who had acquired the "waste paper", endeavoring to salvage what might be left. Unfortunately the entire lot had been ground into pulp and not a further stamp was to be had.

It is doubtful whether the archives of any institution in the country could have equalled the possibilities both in autographs and stamps that this correspondence just mentioned would have. It does not take a great deal of imagination to find all of our early issues present and many of them in substantial strips and blocks, for currency and valuable securities of weight passed from bank to bank in those days, just as they do today. Being located in Philadelphia, which was the center of activities at the time, there is no doubt that their foreign correspondence was extensive, and we can see whole strips of the early France and blocks of the penny blacks, and as for early German states, these certainly must have been prolific.

In telling the story, Mr. Wayne stated that had the correspondence been sold at the time as stamps and autographs, that the amount realized would no doubt have paid for all of the interior alterations. If the lot was sold today, it would pay for the whole bank, including the ground it is situated upon.

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536	3d orange brown	.30	.18
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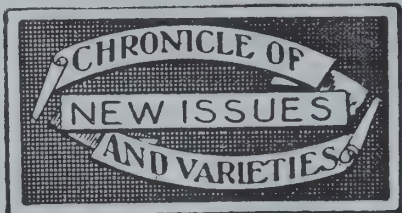
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United States.

New Air Mail Stamps.

Business firms have been calling the attention of the Department to the fact that letters on which postage has been prepaid at the air mail rate are arriving at destination after having been transported by rail, and these complaints have been taken up with the several postmasters. The clerks claim, and certainly rightly so, that in assorting vast quantities of mail, they cannot readily distinguish between the air mail stamps and the normal stamps, which in certain cases are quite similar. Under the circumstances, the Department is now considering and will, no doubt, have ready for delivery shortly after the first of the year a new series of air mail stamps, which will possibly be longer than the Special Delivery and perhaps the same height. They are going to be of such a size and design that they will be readily noted, and it is hoped that their use will distinguish air mail communications from the normal mail. It is suggested that on one stamp we will have an airplane in flight showing on the right Golden Gate, San Francisco, and on the left Hells Gate, New York. One will possibly bear a long arrow and a third a fancy combination in which the insignia of the air mail service will be worked. The designs have not definitely been decided upon and it is not likely that the proposition will take definite shape before the Christmas holidays.

4c Martha Washington 1923.

Mr. Ernest Allison Smith has shown me a block of twelve (4 x 3) of the

current 4c brown with portrait of Martha Washington from the lower right corner of the lower right pane, wherein it is noted that a portion of the stamps became torn in handling, and that the torn portion was mended by the usual means of a piece of heavy brown paper on the back. The sheet then received the normal vertical perforations and later the horizontal perforations but the damaged part no doubt caught in the perforating machine, so that we get an irregular block showing all the perforations vertically and part of the perforations horizontally. The block has been blue penciled and should have been removed by the inspector, but like other blocks of other denominations that have been found, they slipped the vigilant eye of the Bureau employee.

Around the World Air Mail Trip.

In the WEEKLY for September 22nd, there was a quotation from the Boston Post wherein it was stated that special 1c green and 2c red stamps showing a picture of an aeroplane were issued and used in connection with the "Around the World Fliers' Trip" from Boston to New York. I am officially informed by the Department, that no such stamps were ever issued, and they state that this is only one of the many rumors that add to the burdens of the Philatelic Agency by the request of such stamps from collectors.

To further quote from their letter, they state that "The Department will be glad to advise you and the WEEKLY STAMP NEWS of new issues contemplated well in advance of their issuance.

I sincerely hope that you will take steps to correct this erroneous article in order that the agency may not be further embarrassed by requests for stamps which were never issued."

CEYLON.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 50 rupees lilac, on script watermarked paper.

FIJI.—The 4d black and red on yellow and the 1sh on emerald, both script watermark, have been issued. Mr. R. Roberts sends us copies of each for chronicle.

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HAYTI.—The expected new series has now materialized, and we are indebted to our Special Correspondent at Port-au-Prince for examples. These, we note do not correspond exactly with the forecast in our issue for May 31st, the designs, denominations, and colours being as follows:—Issued September 3, 1924 engraved and printed by American Bank Note Co., Perf. 12. 5 centimes de gourde green, President Borno; 10 centimes de gourde rose-carmine, citadel; 20 centimes de gourde blue, map; 5 centimes de gourde orange-brown, President Borno; 1 gourde olive, National Palace. The Citadel on the 10c is that of Laferriere, near Milot, and was built by "King" Henri Christophe, whose palace is depicted on the 4c de piastre stamp of 1906. Our correspondent quotes the quantities printed as three million of the 5c de g and half a million of each of the others.—Stamp Collecting.

LATVIA.—Our Special Correspondent Mr. George H. Jaeger, reports the issue of an entirely new series according to the order of the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Latvia. Owing to the resolution of the International Postal Confederation at Stockholm, the following new values are needed:—15 sant. for post cards (up to now only 12 sant.). 5 sant. for printed matter (up to now only 4 sant.). 2 sant. for letters (up to now only 1 sant.).

Such values have not hitherto been required. The designs of the new stamps are the work of the Director of the Latvian State Printing Office, Professor Sarrinsch, and include a map of Latvia (inspired by the Estonian 100 mar stamp), the head of the State, Janis Tschakste, and the leaders of the Latvia movement, Valdemar Barons, &c., as well as views of Riga, Libau, Mitau, and Livonian Switzerland "Kokenhusen."

These new designs will be a change from the present rather monotonous course of arms series.—Stamp Collecting.

SIAM.—The Oriental Stamp Co., is sending us a copy of the 3 sat. Waterloo in its new colour, chestnut (chronicle last month), write:—

"In view of numerous inquiries we have received during the past few months we shall esteem it a great favour if you will kindly mention in Stamp Collecting that the prospect of the appearance of a specially printed set of air postage stamps for this country seems a long way off."—Stamp Collecting.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. Stephen G. Rich has shown us a cover bearing metered cancellation. It is the same as the usual one with the exception that where the time is noted in the regular cancellation on the metered one are the words "Paid ½d". It also bears the words "Post Early in the Day" and the same in the other language used. Mr. Rich also calls attention to a copy of the 6d with the shift in the purple border and is particularly noticeable around the 6d on the left side.

URUGUAY.—Mr. N. King, of Southport, reports recent receipt from Montevideo of a copy of the current 2 centimos, tercio type, in which the design only measures 17 x 21mm as against the normal 18 x 22mm. The whole design has a parently been redrawn proportionately smaller. The colour has also been changed from mauve to rose-lilac.

Mr. King has also come across, among some hundreds of the current 3c green, a single copy perf. 11½ x 12½.—Stamp Collecting.



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THE 1915 ISSUE OF BELGIUM.
Dr. FRANCIS P. RENAUT, F.R.P.S.L.
As I was rather ashamed to inflict on readers the long article which appeared in the May M. J., I tried to summarise the history of this issue and leave some hints in the shadow, a method which fear led to some wrong opinions, hence a few notes to correct them and add me information.
It seems that this issue will remain a subject open to discussion, as no official information has been available owing to the prudent policy of the Belgian postal administration, which observes a complete silence about the postal issues, and owing to the fact that perhaps this administration gave little attention to the various printings and dies. Therefore neither the date of printings nor the quantities of stamps printed have been disclosed. Only by inferences and data gathered and a scientific basis almost entirely lacking to guide collectors in the maze of these numerous varieties.
It is also noteworthy that in Belgium the study of this issue is much neglected; the local philatelic press and the specialist's catalogue of Messrs. Gelli and Tani do not mention these different printings. Furthermore, at the recent Brussels Exhibition not a single exhibit was devoted to this issue, which, in general collections of Belgium, was but poorly represented. The chronological sequence of the printings can hardly be given, as in Belgium a distinction must be drawn between the date of the printing and the date of issue. The postal authorities supplied the post-offices with the values required without paying any attention to the various printings; from 1919 the different issues were mixed all over the country, and frequently in the same postage stamps of the same value but of different printings, were sold at the same

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time. Postmarks, therefore, are not a safe criterion. On the other hand, some values have been used in a few towns only, or in a very limited area, owing to local needs and the supplies available. It is not improbable that for all the printings dies were prepared for each value, though it might happen that some dies were little used, if at all; such was the case with the 30c die, which was used only for post cards.
Also great variations are found both in the paper and in the gum; the later printings have often a paper showing the mark of the felts, and the gum is nearly brown or dark yellow, instead of white.

THE MECHLIN PRINTING.
In actual fact there were two different printings of Mechlin. The first one has been described in the previous article; it may be added that the retouches were by no means uniform all over the sheet, and therefore variations from the original die, but as in the Haarlem printing all the C's are similar in the sheet, though the shape is not uniform in the various values. Moreover, round the margin of the sheet runs a frame of single or double lines in the colour of the stamp, a few millimetres from the perforation, as was the case for the 3 centimes, black.
The second type—omitted to avoid confusion—appears as a sort of combination of the first one and of the Haarlem printing; the corner design is from the original die, but as in the Haarlem printing all the C's are similar in the sheet, though the shape is not uniform in the various values. Moreover, round the margin of the sheet runs a frame of single or double lines in the colour of the stamp, a few millimetres from the perforation, as was the case for the 3 centimes, black.
Probably all values were printed in this type, except perhaps the 15c (owing to the large stock of the Haarlem printing). We have seen:—
2c, single line, 2½mm thick, thick rounded C.
5c, single line, 1mm thick, thick rounded C.
10c, single line, 1½mm thick, thick C.
20c, double line, 2mm thick, thin and wide open C.
According to the marginal marks, these stamps were printed at least during 1920. They can hardly be distinguished from the previous printing when they are not found in strips or large blocks, showing

the uniform C's or with the margin attached.

THE HAARLEM PRINTING.
Some readers have shown me the 1c in this type, a variety which I had never seen in all my researches and which was not recorded previously—a fact consequent on the extraordinary *olla podrida* of issues found in the Belgian post-offices between 1920 and 1922.
OCCUPIED PROVINCES.
I have been able to locate the position of the variety with small terminal "E" in "ALLEMAGNE"; it occurs on the seventh stamp of the second row of the left pane. As regards the relative rarity of the different values of each printing, it can hardly be established as long as we do not know the exact quantity of stamps printed in each case. The examination of dealers' stocks shows how difficult is any appreciation, as in some instances varieties are largely represented which are missing in other stocks. Usually every value belongs to one printing only and rarely to two, but we never saw all the varieties represented even in the largest stocks.
The necessity of gathering many clues is once again made obvious, and this study can only be a first step toward the perfect knowledge of this long-neglected issue.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

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THE STORY SEEMED LIKE FICTION
and I doubted it. However, the party gave me to understand he would sell the stamps. He told me he would bring them to London so I could see them. He promised, but failed to keep his promise at first. The party lived some miles from London, where he had a country home, and the old safe where the stamps were found was a long way from London. I learned in due time that the party was not telling a fairy tale, but the truth, for he brought the entire lot to me, and after spending a large sum of money, the entire lot became my property. The matter is a secret not known in London, and the party who put the deal through, with another interested person, as far as I know, are the only ones there that know anything about this

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We are glad to welcome to our club Henri I. Baer of Springfield Gardens, N. Y., who appreciates our hobby to such an extent that he uses an embossed letter-head calling attention to the fact that he is a philatelist. He has an extended line of collecting interests, including France and French Colonies, Alsace, Old German States, Old Italian States and Hayti. Of all of these he has specialized collections, incidentally keeping up a general collection, which figures some 35,000 stamps upon which he carries \$17,000 insurance. Mr. Baer's specialized collection dates from the collections of his father and grandfather. His favorites are Bomba heads, which he is plating.

The Seattle Star of Seattle, Wash., has upon its staff one H. W. Parish, whose name is inseparably connected with the growth of philatelic interests in that city. For more than twenty years he has been a subscriber to the WEEKLY and this is the second five-year renewal of subscription that he has sent in. We are very glad to have Mr. Parish as a member of our Club.

From Mr. Seyern at our Chicago office we have received an application for the Honor Club from C. F. Mann of that city. Mr. Mann has been treasurer of the C. P. S. from time immemorial and years ago he served as treasurer of the A. P. S. He is an auditor of the Illinois Central Railroad and though his duties are so exacting as to make heavy demands upon his time, he has given many years allegiance to his faith in philately. We are pleased to have him on the roll of "permanent philatelists."

Our readers must have been impressed with the splendid appearance of our Honor Club list as found in the WEEKLY of October 13. Applications for membership continue to come in and we are glad to welcome to the charmed circle William B. Erichson, 7129 Mt. Vernon St., Homewood, Pittsburgh, Pa., who remits \$5 for a five-year renewal.

F. LaRoche Jr., Sedro-Woolley, Wash., has been a reader of the WEEKLY since it was published in St. Louis in 1896. Mr. LaRoche is not an active collector but feels impelled to keep in touch with what is going on in the stamp world. He believes that the WEEKLY will be the means of inspiring him to "become a live one again," if there be any agency in the world that will do this.

Mr. Sandstrom's application for membership comes to us through Mr. Severn's office in Chicago. He is a general collector of many years standing and is a member of the Chicago Philatelic Society. He enters the Honor Club from a rather unique standpoint in that he is probably the first one to jump from the three-months class to a five-year renewal.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

NEW HEBRIDES.

Last month we stated that we viewed with gravest concern the action of the postal authorities at Vila in issuing a number of provisional stamps. We have now received some further information to the effect that these stamps were issued in accordance with Article 6 of the rules for carrying out the provisions of the International Postal Convention, dated November 30, 1920, which states that, on and after the first day of May, 1924, postage stamps of the Condominium of the New Hebrides of the values and colours specified below, will be used for the prepayment of correspondence in and beyond New Hebrides, in substitution for those now on sale (April 17, 1924). 7/8d green, surcharged 1d; 1d red, surcharged 3d; 2 1/2d blue, surcharged 5d; 5c green, surcharged 10c; 10c red, surcharged 30c; and 25c blue, surcharged 50c. The same notice also states that applications from collectors and dealers would only be complied with so far as the stocks in

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On July 10th last the remainders of the 1911 issue were destroyed, with exception of the 1d, 2d, and 6d values with the Script watermark, and the 5, 20c, 1 fr and 2fr, as well as the new surcharges.

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—Mr. Joe Klein, who is making a combined pleasure and philatelic trip to Europe sends a postal from Budapest showing a special "Philatelic Day" cancellation reading, "Magyar Filatelista Nap"—dated Sept. 24th.

—Dahlia blooms mailed from San Francisco on the morning of Sept. 23rd were exhibited at the American Dahlia Society show in New York on the evening of the 24th—That's air mail service.

—Now that United States local issues are again coming to the fore, it will be of interest to know that a couple of the original plates from which these little stamps were printed are in the possession of Mr. Alfred F. Henkels.

—The Philadelphia Stamp Club expect to hold a "bang-up" Christmas meeting on December 30th. Charlie Phillips is coming over from New York to talk and exhibit. Everyone is invited.

—Scott lists the 1c 1916 postage due, perforated 10, unwatermarked. It may exist but I would like to see a block to prove it. Some single used specimens are supposed to have been around but I want to see an honest to goodness block to prove it.

—Edward Stern, Herman Toasperm and your editor will sail on the S. S. "Homeric" on November 1st to be present at the Waterhouse sale.

—Life recently quotes a little story from the *Detroit News* entitled "The Little Red Album" from which we quote—

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—Used high value King George Seychelles are being offered from England at about one-fifth catalogue value.

—Of the error, 3c red on amber, envelope, less than fifty were saved and several of them were used. They all came from Crawfordsville, Indiana.

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of 3½ mills per person. In 1923 with a population of 108,000,000 the expenditure was \$541,458,654.24 or at the rate of \$5 per each.

—It is said Thomas Brown, a clerk in the Richmond, Va., post-office during 1810, invented the first post-office box.

—We are in favor of a portrait of Walter Johnson on the new 13c stamp. The old home town, including the Post Office Department, all turned out to see him bring home the bacon.

—Gustavus Kabel of Bridgeport, Conn., has acquired newspaper fame by papering two entire rooms at his Oak Street home with postage stamps. It required more than two years to complete the task and 300,000 stamps were used. The designs consist of flags, cannon, initials, dates, etc. Mr. Kabel took great pains in his wall papering. First a layer of varnish was spread over the walls and after the stamps were pasted on a generous coating of white lacquer was applied. We are indebted to Joseph Zimmerman for the clipping from the *Bridgeport Sunday Post*, of October 12. The story is a very interesting one and is accompanied by a picture of Mr. Kabel.

—S. P. A. New York Branch, No. 1 was organized on September 28th in the office of J. M. Bartels Co., 135 West 42 St. Fifteen charter members were enrolled. The officers elected were: President, A. O. Litt; Vice-President, Alfred Nielson; Secretary and Sales Manager, F. F. Greeley; Treasurer, N. R. Hoover; Trustees, A. E. Landvater, Dr. D. R. Whitcher and R. C. Bach. The Branch plans to meet every other Thursday night. The dues will be \$1.00 a year. The object of the Branch is to form a body of collectors who can meet, exchange and sell to members, and compare notes philatelically. President Litt says New York and Brooklyn should yield 200 members for the Branch.

—The *Springfield Republican* recently contained an interesting article contrasting the old stage coach days with the present auto bus lines which was illustrated by reproductions of two old wood cuts showing the stage means of locomotion. It is remarked that almost one hundred fifty years ago, or on October 20, 1783, the first mail and stage coach in New England and probably in this country was operated for the first time.

—The South Bend *Tribune* gives almost a column to philatelic topics based on the activities of the Mishawaka Philatelic Society whose name has been changed to Northern Indiana Philatelic Society, which it is believed is broad

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—In the same newspaper we find an interesting account of a dinner that was attended by fifteen members and friends, including the assistant chief of police of Elkhart. This organization certainly is a live one and is doing more than its share in publicity work.

—We have received a copy of the second edition of "Aero-Stamp Collecting", by Fred J. Melville, and published by the Philatelic Institute, 26 High St., Plumstead S.E., 18, London, at one shilling. This popular work is amplified in the present edition and has the latest examples of air mail franks with copious illustrations, including the last three stamps issued by the United States. This catalogue well deserves the description of "guide", because of the text that provides a setting for the illustrations of most of the different varieties. In an entertaining way, Mr. Melville furnishes an introductory in the form of three chapters that give a satisfactory explanation of air mail activities in connection with the stamp issues. An appendix is a compilation of postal terms used in air mail parlance, and further features are cuts of essays for a British Aero stamp and a bibliography of works and articles on air mail posts. The little book is tastily presented and is well worth having.

—The New York Times recently had a very fine article on the coming Waterhouse auction sale in London and the Ferrari sale in Paris, both of which take place in November. It is told that this country will be represented at the sale by a number of dealers, among whom may be included Edward Stern of the Economist Stamp Company, New York, and N. B. Paulson, of Chicago, Ill.

—We find it quite interesting to watch the decline in price at which large variety packets or collections may be bought. We do not have to go back many years to find a price of \$10.00 as the standard for a thousand different stamps, while now the number may be bought for about a dollar. Three thousand stamps are offered for around \$6.00 and five thousand for about \$20.00; and ten thousand for a bit under a hundred dollars.

—We notice that her majesty, the queen of the Netherlands, offered two medals "for the most beautiful collections of Holland and the Dutch Colonies," at The Hague exhibition.

—The membership of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, is somewhat over four hundred and fifty, and in its "fiftieth anniversary fund" there are six thousand pounds in investments and cash.

—The programs of philatelic societies already received show that the coming society season will be a most interesting and instructive one and it behooves all local and other stamp organizations at least to provide tentative programs which should be adhered to as closely as possible.

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With Sept. 30 we closed the greatest year that we have ever known in securing subscriptions for the WEEKLY. This year the Pikes Peak Stamp Co., Colorado Springs, Colo., is first on the list with a total of 680 and is awarded a half page of advertising. The Fennell Stamp Co. comes second with 591 and is entitled to a quarter page, with W. J. Zink of Cleveland, Ohio, third, and also entitled to a quarter page. These three contestants have sent in a combined total of over 1,700 subscriptions. We publish herewith the figures for the year and in so doing we extend our thanks to all who have participated in the contest. We feel particularly pleased in enrolling the Anchor Stamp Co., of Jersey City with 20 new subscriptions obtained in September, also the Lakeview Stamp Co. of Cleveland, another new-comer with 11 to its credit.

A new subscription contest for 1924-25 was inaugurated October 1 and we have now started with a clean slate for another year. As is our custom we shall publish from month to month the detailed results. The totals from October 1, 1923, to Sept. 30, 1924, are as follows:—

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The above news item was prepared for the WEEKLY some days ago and it seems wise to make it a preface to this further story concerning the activities of A. W. Filstrup, mentioned therein. Quite recently he paid a visit to New England and it was my privilege to meet him while he was in Boston. I had a very interesting conversation with him. I found that he was an ardent philatelist but our meeting was not sufficiently long for me to get fully acquainted with his wide range of activities.

As a stamp collector he began his career when a boy of fourteen and with his brother, two years younger, a general collection was formed. In 1901 their interest in collecting ceased, but in 1910 the Senior Mr. Filstrup, of whom I am writing, started in again actively collecting.

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Monday, June 22nd.—Afternoon: Business meeting. Evening: Reception of delegates by the Cambridge Philatelic Society (It is expected that the Dining Hall of King's College will be lent for this occasion.)

Tuesday, June 23rd.—Morning: Business meeting. Afternoon: Visits to places of interest in Cambridge, colleges, etc.

Wednesday, June 24th.—Morning: Business meeting. Afternoon: Business meeting. Evening: To be arranged.

Thursday, June 25th.—Morning: Business meeting. Afternoon: It is expected that the Fellows' Garden of Sidney Sussex College will be lent for a Garden Party or, alternatively, an Excursion to Ely by motor boat or charabanc will be arranged. Evening: Banquet in Dining Hall of Trinity College by kind permission of the College Council.

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Reviewed by CHAS. J. PHILLIPS.

The 1925 edition of this catalogue is just to hand and as this was my baby for over thirty years it gives me peculiar pleasure to review the first edition that has been produced by my successors. The firm express their thanks for valuable assistance rendered by many old friends, like Messrs. Bacon, Yardley and Collins, and to some new ones, such as Messrs. Bradbury, Hitt, Dyer, Mann, etc., etc.

The new edition is a distinct step forward in philatelic knowledge in several important countries. The greatest improvements I note are in the New Zealand "pence" issues that have been re-written by Mr. Bacon in strict chronological order.

We now have these stamps arranged in the following order:—
1856-59. No wmk.

Feb., 1862. Wmk. Star. Imperf.
June, 1862. Wmk. Star. Rouletted.
Aug., 1862. Wmk. Star. Serrated and Pin Perf.

1862. Wmk. Star. Perf. 13.
1862. Pelure pp. All varieties.
Dec., 1862. No wmk. Thick hard pp. Perf. 13.

1864. Wmk. N. Z. All varieties.
1864-67. Wmk. Star. Perf. 12 1/2.

In this latter set we note a radical alteration. In the 1923 catalogue and for many years previously, we had three shades of the imperf. 3d. The common brown-lilac, the scarce lilac and the very rare deep mauve. These two latter stamps are now classed as imperf. varieties of the perforated stamp and not as separate issues of the imperf. The same remark applies to the imperf. 6d, pale brown, a stamp I only know unused.

I am very glad to see a thorough revision of the early issues of the Straits Settlements. This has wanted doing for years, and is now a very fine list based on the series of able articles by E. D. Bacon in the *London Philatelist*. The new and numerous illustrations of the issues of March, 1880, 10 on 30c claret, are especially to be commended.

In Victoria my old friend, Mr. R. B. Yardley, has completed the good work he started with me some three years ago. He has revised the list of the "emblems" type, the three types of the V and Crown wmk. and especially he has finally established the status of many stamps formerly grouped with Postal-Fiscals but many of which were the only stamps of these denominations available for paying postage on heavy packages.

The prices have received careful revision and show a marked upward tendency in many of the older issues of special interest to American collectors.

The Trinidad stamps show distinct advances. The "Lady McLeod" goes from £50 and £25 to £75 and £40, which its rarity well merits. The blue lithographed stamps have many prices advanced, £2 to £3 each, and are still under market value here for fine copies.

In Canada there are many increases, the 3d on laid paper goes up 10sh each shade. The 3d on thin wove only goes up 1sh each to 8s6d, while copies here readily sell at 12sh to 14sh each, the hard paper 3d goes from 10sh to 12s6d, and the real thick paper is increased 5sh and is then undervalued as compared to the others. The 10d blue are raised from £1 to £2 each and the 7 1/2d is increased £2 each shade. The 5 cent Beaver jumps from 1sh to 2s6d and is still 20 cents below Scott's price. The 12 1/2c green are each increased 1sh and the 17c slate from 12s6d to 20sh. One of the biggest increases is the 6c brown, watermarked, from £3 50sh to £8. Gibbons have at last found out what a rare variety this is, and I now shall not get any more from London at 40sh and 50sh.

Space will not permit of further details but I would strongly advise all Americans who collect British Colonies to get a copy of this new book to supplement the popular Scott catalogue. Gibbons contains a wealth of detail and prices that are not found necessary in our American catalogue but a knowledge of which will pay the collector twenty-fold the cost of the catalogue by showing him the correct value of hundreds of varieties only catalogued by Gibbons.

I should like to congratulate the Editors, Messrs. Fulcher and Stanley Phillips, upon the production of a very fine catalogue.

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 Oct. 22. We tried to tune in at our
 Beverly office, but while we are able to
 get Davenport, Iowa, and Hastings,
 Nebr., in excellent form, we find it dif-
 ficult making connections with St. Louis.

—Erwin Strasser has sent us for in-
 spection two Russian covers. Upon one
 of these are 155 stamps and upon the
 other 120. Many of the rows of stamps
 overlap each other so that only the nu-
 meral of value shows. The covers are
 indeed curios.

—We are indebted to Nathan L. Levy
 for a specimen of a new stamped envel-
 ope from the Canal Zone. The denomi-
 nation is 2c and it is printed in carmine.
 It is upright rectangular in shape with
 the words "Canal Zone Postage" at the
 top and the value in numerals and let-
 ters at the bottom. The central design
 shows the seal of the Canal Zone. Mr.
 Levy informs us that there is also a 1c
 value presumably in green. The envel-
 ope was made by the Union Envelope
 Co., of Richmond, Va., and printed by
 the Panama Canal Press at Mt. Hope,
 Canal Zone. They were placed on sale
 October 10. The envelopes are printed
 in two sizes with no gum on the flaps.

—The World's Series (scandals of
 1924) being over I hasten to inquire if
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—A. A. Leve sends us a clipping from
 a local Syracuse paper featuring his re-
 ceipt of a letter by the dirig'ble ZR-3.

—In the Boston *Traveler* of Monday,
 October 20, appeared a stamp story en-
 titled, "The Curse". It won the prize
 award for the day and the author was
 James Lanphere, a sophomore in the
 Revere High School. Clipping from G.
 A. Hunt.

—We recently published a change of
 address of Frank E. Hadley, of Detroit,
 Mich., but gave the number of the street
 incorrectly. Mr. Hadley is now located
 at 112 John R St., where he will be
 pleased to have Detroit collectors inspect
 his stock. He has a ground floor location.

—J. H. Blackney, of Saginaw, Mich.,
 sends us two items of interest. One is
 a card which arrived on the ZR-3. The
 other is a Canal Zone cover which bears
 an airmail marking, although Mr. Black-
 ney calls our attention to the fact that
 the postmarking on the cover is insuffi-
 cient to establish a genuine air mail flight.
 The letter left Balboa Heights October 7,
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 ments covering the special Air Plane
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 ber 5—410 ordinary letters and post cards
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Our first application this week is from F. W. Gilcreast, 1416 Lenox Ave., Bethlehem, Pa., and in enclosing his remittance to cover the renewal, Mr. Gilcreast reminds us that he has been upon the WEEKLY list for twenty years. The freedom with which stamp collectors announce their years of connection with the WEEKLY as subscribers is a sure indication that stamp collecting makes one feel young.

We acknowledge with thanks the remittance of \$5 from James Starr, 1200 Atlantic Bld., Philadelphia, Pa., and we are pleased to add him to our list of Honor Club members. Mr. Starr's application comes in in a very informal manner, and our next application is equally informal in character as the check for \$5 is merely accompanied by our regulation subscription renewal blank. We refer to Charles F. Sanders, Jr., 214 E. 12th Ave., North Wildwood, N. J.

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In an auction sale of philatelic literature to be held in London on November 13, 1924, we find some excessively scarce numbers listed, and among these gems in the line of literature are the first Swiss catalogue of W. Georg in original wrapper, with the date of 1864 and the three great rarities of literature, F. Vallette's "Petit Manuel de L'Amateur des Timbres-poste," with the Paris 1862 imprint, which is said to be rarer than the Potiquet first edition of 1861, which has been sold for 25 pounds, and which is conceded to be the first philatelic publication. The second edition of a Potiquet catalogue is offered in original wrapper and also the first, second and third editions, Paris 1863-65, of Baillieu's "Guide de L'Amateur de Timbres-poste." There are many other most interesting examples in this offering of over two hundred lots, and American literature is well represented. While the collecting of literature in this country does not compare in extent with that of a number of the European nations, yet we do know that progress is being made in this direction by perhaps a score of patrons.

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A London newspaper recently contained an account of a find of valuable stamps in the Record Office, Chancery Lane, London, but judging from the re-

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ports that are now available in the philatelic papers it is not exaggerated in its importance. We find that these stamps were attached to replies that were sent to Lord Palmerston, secretary of state for the colonies, in answer to a questionnaire as to improvements in postal procedure since 1839. The great historical value of this discovery is such as to make it a momentous one, and the fact that stamps were included in the replies gives a philatelic cast that is apparent. We learn that a proper disposition was suggested by the Council of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, who advised that they might be included in the Tapping collection at the British Museum. It is probable that further replies will be found inasmuch as the circular was sent in 1855 to the governors of no fewer than twenty-six different colonies. In the *London Philatelist* the stamps submitted by New South Wales are illustrated, and they consist of strips of three of each of the imperforate stamps then in use, the one penny orange vermilion, the two penny blue, the three penny blue green, the six penny slate green, the eight penny orange and the one shilling brownish red. On the sheet that bears these stamps is the notation: "Postage stamps are in general use; everything liable to postage must be prepaid by them. Specimens of the New South Wales stamps herewith." Further particulars will be of decided interest and value.

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Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal* publishes a posthumous article by Hugo Griebert, whose death several months ago occasioned so much sorrow in philatelic circles. He explains that the first stamp of Spain, which a few years ago was selling at a few pence each, is now much advanced in price, because of the demand for the stamps for plating purposes or merely for speculation. In the brief article under notice he lists five new errors all belonging to plate two; and he says they are of "considerable rarity." For instance, here is a description of a typical variety of these transfer errors: "The 'o' of 'Franco' is very thin and a very remarkable variety." It is evident that a careful scrutiny of this popular stamp as it has become latterly, particularly, may be attended with great material advantage, as Mr. Griebert says that in case a student finds what he calls "the" retouched variety, a reward several hundred times the cost will be had.

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Now that the collecting of United States stamps on original envelopes is no longer an infant industry and is followed by a body of collectors numerically

strong, any observations based on the experience of collectors of covers may be of interest. It is remarked that during the seventies and eighties a large number comparatively of the total issue of stamps must have been destroyed; and hence the relative scarcity of covers and stamps of those decades. The attention of Mr. D. C. Turnbull of Fishawaka, Indiana, has been given to this phase, and he has a theory that might account for the somewhat barren stamp returns of the years named. He says that while the factors governing the condition are many and not always of a regularity to allow systematic inquiry, an observation covering a period of three years and visits to almost sixty court houses in search of stamps leads him to the conclusion that another factor is not to be disregarded. He cites a reconstruction period from say 1867, shading into the seventies, which was more or less governed by local conditions, and he continues, "New court houses built, old filing systems remodelled, papers filed in regular filing envelopes, business increasing, no time to refile old papers, so they stay as they are without, and envelopes and stamps intact. All new work handled in a new way, envelopes thrown away on incoming mail, gradual cleaning out of dark corners, old drawers, store rooms; old files of obsolete papers sold to junk man. This letter sheet may have a lot of 10c 1847 or imperforate U. S. revenues in its make-up. This condition of cleaning up and improvement was general, all lines of business affected, homes included, and now we cannot find many stamps to speak of in that period between 1875-89." Mr. Turnbull has given us a new line of thought, which in its applications could be extended in an analysis of the issues of other years.

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A number of readers have called our ection to cuts of the envelopes that ve carried on the Zeppelin, and some our callers are showing the envelopes mselves. In Chicago, perhaps the gtest number of covers were received t Mr. Marco Heiman, on behalf of one t the great European stamp dealers who ends upon his correspondent to re- n the lot. Mr. Heiman was photo- ephed posing with his covers by one t the newspaper artists on the Chicago bne with the intention of using the ture, but it happened that the news- er in question received a cover ad- ssed to its publisher; and it was this roduction that evidently had prece- ce. One of the most interesting de- scriptions of the envelope comes from an ianapolis paper through the courtesy

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of Mr. Le Grand Payne. The clipping shows the envelope franked with the hundred pf. stamp with the regulation "Mit Luft Post" label together with the distinctive marking of the mail carried by the ZR-3, a purple ellipsis with the wording in three lines: "Mit Luft Schiff ZR-3 befördert". The letter came from the representative of the Ayres Company in Berlin, and was one of two, which read: "These words of greeting from the Berlin office have traveled with the new American airship ZR-3 on her maiden trip from Germany to America. It was only three days ago that this letter was written in Berlin, and knowing your keen desire to keep in touch with foreign markets feel sure you will appreciate this initial attempt to speed up existing service between the new and old worlds. It is hoped that this will form the nucleus of a regular express freight service whereby merchandise selected by your buyers during their periodical visits to Europe may be available to the Indianapolis public a few days after leaving the European factories."

Writing from Sweden, Mr. Edwin P. Seebohm says under date of October 2, 1924: "We passed the rock-bound coast of Scotland this morning and are due in Sweden tomorrow. The ship's post-office has some of the latest Swedish stamps, and I enclose with my compliments a

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block of four of the values on sale here." Mr. Seebohm sends blocks of the 10, 15 and 20 ore of the new Universal Postal Union commemorative set.

The following interesting note is written on a page of a stamp album, once the property of a British army officer, bearing a single German stamp, a single pf. blue of the Germania type with the pen-marked cancellation 28-2 in black and the following written description: "This stamp was taken off an unopened parcel of a German officer who was killed in his dug-out during the German retreat in March, 1917. The 28-2 on the stamp means 28th of February. It was not post marked but written. R. S. Peak, Second Lieutenant R. F. A."; and following the name we find the pencilled revision, "Now Lieut. R. F. A."

In one of the interesting "columns" of a Chicago newspaper the following lines dedicated to "The Cross Word Muse" appears, and in telling of the devotion of a husband to the new form of entertainment, a contributor in the course of the metrical story says: "Senegambia's postage stamps and Uruguay's he did collect. But the cross-word puzzles got him, and the stamp trust is quite wrecked." "Trust" is used figuratively, we are sure, unless the writer is a Soviet agent. The

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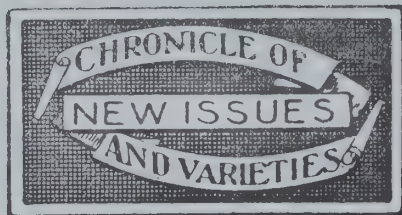
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United States.

When these notes reach our readers, your editor will be on the way to Europe and after visiting London, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Venice, Rome, Milan and Luzerne, contemplates returning on the steamship "Majestic," reaching New York on December 16th.

He expects to have in this column in short order a full report on the sale of the Waterhouse collection of fine United States postage stamps, and will later supplement this report by news items of interest to collectors of our issues.

I have been in close touch with Washington and it is not contemplated that anything new will appear in the near future with the possible exception of the perf. 10 rotary prints, and full details regarding these will be given at a later date. The contemplated air mail stamps will not appear until after the first of the year, so that our readers will be given sufficient notice as to exact dates of issue.

Transfer Clerk—Railway Mail Service.

In our issue of October 6th, mention was made of special cancellation found upon one of our current stamps, wherein the postmark included the wording "Trans. Clerk". One of our readers kindly advised us regarding the use of such a cancellation, and the information is now kindly supplemented by Mr. Albert E. Wellman, Postmaster at Torrington, Conn., who writes as follows:

"A transfer clerk is a railway mail clerk stationed at a junction of two or more railway mail routes, and takes care of mail between these routes. He generally has an office in the depot, and mail is assorted in this office, and in many cases, pouches of mail are made up and dispatched to these transfer clerks by post-offices. When received by him, they

are opened and distributed. Many times mail is greatly expedited in this way. There are four transfer clerks in Connecticut—Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford and New London."

Mr. E. A. Young also writes us under date of October 8th, as follows:

"I note in the latest MEKEEL'S WEEKLY a reference to a postmark used by a Transfer Clerk. As I am a strong believer in the policy of spreading all possible knowledge pertaining in any way to philatelic side lines, use of cancellations, etc., I wish to correct the statement made that a Transfer Clerk handles mail between railroad stations and post-offices.

Mails are handled between railroad stations and post-offices by a number of different methods. In large cities Government Motor Vehicle Service is used. At other places a Government Mail Messenger is employed, and at others still, the duty is performed by the railroad company, for which a certain additional compensation is paid and is known as "side and terminal" service—side service being at stations along the route and terminal service at the ends of the route.

Transfer Clerks are regularly appointed railway postal clerks specially detailed to duty at important railroad junctions to supervise the handling of mails to and from trains, electric cars, etc. The Transfer Office is usually located in or near the railroad station and the chief duty of the Transfer Clerk is to meet trains, see that the mails for other trains are properly assorted and dispatched, handle registered mails between trains having a railway post-office, and similar duties that would naturally come within the scope of his assignment. At some Transfer Offices a certain amount of distribution of mail is performed, for outgoing trains.

Transfer Offices are provided with a postmarking stamp with which to cancel letters and other mail collected from station letter boxes, and this accounts for the postmark mentioned in your article. These postmarks are quite common and any waste basket of a firm receiving very much mail should yield a few. Reference is made to these marks in my article in the *American Philatelist* of May, 1921.

This class of employees were originally termed Local Mail Agents (employees assigned to road duty being termed 'route agents' and later 'railway postal clerks'). I inclose herewith a sample of the Local Mail Agent cancellation. I have quite a few, so they are not very scarce.

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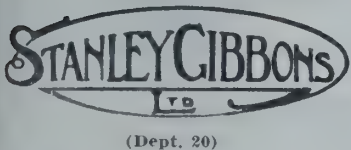
Canal Zone.
Mr. H. B. Cooper, the postmaster at Balboa Heights, advises that Panama stamps surcharged "Canal Zone" were withdrawn from sale on June 30th last, and that it is not the intentions of the philatelic division carrying this issue, well as older ones for sale to collectors.
U. S. stamps surcharged "Canal Zone" which have been enumerated in our previous issues are now available, including the postal card and the 1c and 2c stamp envelopes. These stamps will be sent to collectors on receipt of face value, at specific mention is made of the fact that the Postage Due stamps are not available.
Mr. H. Clay Reed kindly sends for inspection a sample of the new Canal Zone envelope especially prepared for the Canal Zone. The sample submitted is a 2c red rectangular shape inclosing within a fancy border a seal of the zone.

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esign is printed on envelopes with ngummed flaps, as we understand the ummed flap envelopes cannot be satisfac- torily used in this warm climate. Mr. eed also writes that the 1c stamp in the me design is available. It is quite ssible that these will replace the sur- charged envelopes recently supplied by ashington.

BELGIAN EAST AFRICA.—Mr. G. N. aylor writes as follows: It might be f interest to know that on June 30th I nt a remittance to Usumbura, request- ing specimens of all stamps in actual use the Occupied Territories. I received y answer yesterday, under date of ugust 25th. The stamps sent were the 5, 1f00, 5f00, all of the 1916 ries; and in addition new surcharges of lue, as follows: 10/5 (R), 30/10 (B), i/40 (R), and 50/25 (R). The post- aster refers to the above as the "com- ete collection of existing stamps."

He also states that there are only two st-offices in the Occupied Territories,— umbura and Kigali.

Mr. Taylor also submits copies of the llowing surcharged stamps with the dded overprint of "10c" on 5c in red, "5c" on 40c in red, "30c" on 10c in black d "50c" on 25c in red.

CANAL ZONE.—Mr. Emil J. Rall has own us the new 2c stamped envelope, hich 50,000 were printed at the Canal one Printing Plant, Mount Hope, Canal one. The supply of the previous issue Canal Zone surcharged on U. S.) has en entirely exhausted.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts ports the appearance of the 1d red, on ript paper.

FRANCE.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us a c stamp of a new design. It is the onard Memorial and is of a blue ade.

FRENCH COLONIES.—The 10, 30 and 50 ntimes stamps of all the French onies were withdrawn from sale on ptember 26, owing to increases in the stal rates.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICA.—The parate issues for Moyen Congo, Oubani-Chari and Tchad have been discon- ued and in future there will be one sue for the three colonies. Meantime e existing stocks are being overprinted Afrique Equatoriale Francaise." The amps of Moyen Congo were the first e overprinted, which have already en superseded by those of Tchad. The c, 30c and 50c on Tchad, were with- awn after being on sale for a few days.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

NETHERLANDS.—From Mr. R. Roberts e have the following new issues of this.

It will pay you to look over the following list of old collections I am breaking up and let me know which of these you care to see on approval.

The stamps are all mounted in small approval books of about 20 pages each. I do not sell by any catalogue, but go by what my experience of a world's trade in stamps for 35 years has taught me of the real values. Many of my stamps are 25% under catalogue, some are 30% to 40% less than catalogue, others are full catalogue and over.

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OF THE 19th CENTURY
For Serious and Advanced Collectors

The following list of new approval books is being constantly added to. If you send me a note of the countries in which you are especially interested, I shall be glad to send you right selections as they are available.

Kindly state if you are especially interested in unused, used, pairs, blocks, or stamps on covers.

BARBADOS

A fine collection of first type stamps from Manchester, Eng. Four books of unused, used, pairs, blocks and stamps on covers. Very fine lot.

NEW ZEALAND

Three books of "pence" issues in superb condition, very strong in imperf. These are a combination of collections from Liverpool, Eng., Moscow, Russia, and some rarities from Ferrary collection.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC

1859-77. Three fine books of unused and postally used, from the collections of A. B. l'Argentere and Ferrary.

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1850-1876. Three books, especially strong in imperf., fine copies in singles, pairs and strips.

UNITED STATES

1847. 5c and 10c; good lot on and off covers, several pairs.

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JAPAN

1871-1876. A fine collection made by an Australian while in Japan. Nine new approval books have been made up, large number of first issues on covers in pairs and fine strips, almost all the rare syllabics and most of the scarce varieties.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA

I have bought several fine lots of these during my trip through Canada, also a new collection of Canadian, and can send superb selections of all early issues to 1880 and great variety of obliterations. Let me know what class of these stamps you care to see.

BRAZIL

1843. "Bull's Eyes". I have four books of these priced very moderately and a few of the scarce 180r, 300r and 600r sloping figures.

INDIA

1854-1855. Three books of these fine imperf. stamps in singles, pairs and blocks, a grand collection I recently bought and priced real low.

HONGKONG

I have bought the collection of the late Geo. H. Worthington and added many purchases from London. Four good books now priced moderately for superb copies.

SWEDEN AND NORWAY

A superb lot of the early issues in choice condition. In the first issue Norway I have a grand lot of superb copies with choice cancellations, and good varieties like the "cracked plate", "double claw on lion's foot", etc., etc.

Let me know the countries you are working on this season and I can send you selections that you will be glad to look over. No need to purchase unless you are satisfied, it costs us about 16 cents each to "look and see". It's worth it to each of us. [65&67]

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1	1/4d green & black	.30	.18
2	1d red & black	.40	.24
3	2d violet & black	.50	.35
4	2 1/2d ultra. & black	2.00	1.00
11	1/4d green & black	.75	.45
12	1d red & black	1.00	.60
13	2d violet & black	.50	.30
14	2 1/2d ultra. & black	1.00	.60
16	6d green & black	5.00	3.00
17	1sh orange & black	2.50	1.50
19	1/4d green & black	.40	.24
20	1d red & black	.40	.24
21	2d violet & black	.35	.20
23	4d brown & black	2.00	1.20
24	6d green & black	2.50	1.50
25	1sh orange & black	2.50	1.50
26	2sh 6d brown & black	2.50	1.50
28	1d red & black	.30	.20
29	2d violet & black	1.25	.75
30	2 1/2d ultra. & black	.50	.30
31	4d brown & black	.75	.60
32	6d green & black	3.00	1.75
34	1/4d green & black	.30	.18
35	1d red & black	.40	.25
36	2d violet & black	.60	.35
37	2 1/2d ultra. & black	.60	.35
38	4d brown & black	.50	.30
39	6d green & black	.75	.45
40	1sh orange & black	1.00	.60
41	1/4d green & black	.10	.06
43	2d violet & black	.40	.24
44	2 1/2d ultra. & black	1.00	.60
45	4d brown & black	1.50	.90
46	6d green & black	.75	.45
47	1sh orange & black	.75	.50
48	2sh 6d brown & black	1.50	1.00
48a	2sh 6d brown & black	2.50	1.50
50	1/4d green	.08	.05
51	1d light red	.20	.12
52	2d violet	.15	.09
53	2 1/2d ultramarine	.40	.25
54	4d olive green	.30	.18
55	6d orange brown	.50	.30
56	1sh yellow	.75	.45
57	2sh 6d rose	1.25	.95
59	1d light red	1.25	.95
61	1d red & black	.08	.04
64	3d green & black	.20	.09
70	5sh green & black	2.50	1.60
71	1d on 1/4d green	.10	.05
72	1d on 2d violet	.50	.40
73	1d on 2 1/2d ultramarine	.30	.18
74	1d on 4d green	.30	.18
75	1d on 6d brown orange	1.00	.75
76	1d on 2sh 6d rose	.50	.30
77	1/2d bi-colored	.08	.02
78	2d bi-colored	.08	.06
79	2 1/2d bi-colored	.08	.08
80	4d bi-colored	.16	.12
81	1sh bi-colored	.50	.32
82	2sh 6d bi-colored	1.25	.80
83	6d bi-colored	.24	.18

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1	2d gray	.50	.30
2	2 1/2d dark blue	.25	.18
3	3d olive bistre	.40	.25
5	9d violet	1.25	.75
6	1sh blue green	1.75	1.10
9	10sh pink & gray	5.00	3.55
10	1/2 ultra. & brown	15.00	12.00
11	1/2d yellow green	.10	.06
12	1d carmine	.15	.09
16	4d orange	.25	.15
17	5d orange brown	.25	.18
18	6d ultramarine	.35	.25
19	9d violet	.60	.40
20	1sh blue green	.60	.40
21	2sh brown	3.00	2.00
22	5sh yellow & gray	3.00	2.00
27	2d gray	.25	.15
28	2 1/2d dark blue	.20	.15
29	3d olive bistre	.12	.09
35	2sh brown	1.00	.65
36	5sh yellow & gray	2.50	1.60
37	10sh pink & gray	5.00	3.20
38	1/2 ultra. & brown	9.00	6.40
41	1/2d emerald green	.05	.04
42	2d orange	.15	.10
43	4d violet	.25	.35
44	1d violet	.05	.04
45	2d red	.08	.06

What else do you need in 20th Century British Colonials?

MAXWELL KRAUSE, Lebanon, Pa.

country: new type, 2 1/2c green, 4c bright ultramarine, both surfaced printed; 12 1/2c rose, 15c blue, 30c violet and 40c brown, all engraved. Overprinted "Te Betalen Port" and figure of value, 4c on 3c olive, Queen type; 5c on 1c rose red, numeral; 10c on 1 1/2c blue, numeral, and 12 1/2c on 5c rose, Queen. The new types noted above were also submitted by the Economist Stamp Co. at the same time.

NORWAY.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts a copy of the 25ö, type of the 1922-23 issue, in a scarlet shade.

PORTUGAL.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us these new items recently issued: 48c lilac rose, 80c violet, 5esc emerald, 10esc apple rose, all perf. 11 1/2. Also the 20c in olive grey.

URUGUAY.—We are informed that the design on the Football Commemorative stamps referred to last month represents the headless statue of "Victory" at Samothrace.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

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1866-67, 1c gray imperf. block 4, used 25.00
1897, 1c green vertical pair, imperf. between, unused, o. g. 3.00
1916-17, 2c carmine and black, inverted center, used 15.00
1843, 30r black, used 12.50
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The letter was addressed to W. L. Owen, Esq., Black Walnut, Halifax County, Va. It follows:

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The above clipping from a Missouri paper tells a sad story. We will supplement it with a sketch we published last May:

Miss L. M. Brown, an artist and art teacher in a St. Louis High School, was recently elected president of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society. She is the first woman to have been elected president of any philatelic society. Miss Brown was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and was educated in the public schools there. She studied art in the St. Louis Art School, after which she spent two years studying in Paris. Since that time she has visited Europe some fourteen or fifteen times. Miss Brown is a painter of some note and every winter exhibits some of her works in the East.

She became first interested in stamps watching her little brother stick his stamps in one album, and then pull them all out and put them in another. When she was in Europe studying she gathered stamps from her friends to send home to her brother. When he was leaving home, he presented her with his collection, because, as she said, "I was the only one

who took any interest in it." The collection lay untouched for some time, until four or five years ago she was induced to attend a meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society. Since that time she has added to the original collection, until she now has a fine general collection, including many countries practically complete. She has a comprehensive collection of United States, including several early covers. Miss Brown does not believe in specialized collections, because, as she explains, "Sooner or later a specialized collection has to stop, while a general collection is never completed."

Miss Brown lives in St. Louis County, a few minutes' ride from the city. Her home consists, as she expresses it, "Of a studio surrounded by enough rooms to live in." With the aid of one of the instructors at the school where she teaches, she designed the studio, which seems to exactly meet her needs. It consists of one large room, two stories high, with large windows, in which she paints; a small kitchen and breakfast room are at one end, while the other part of the house is reached from a balcony half way up one side of the studio. She also has a glassed-in sun porch.

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By H. P. ATHERTON,
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The Front of the Book.

A collector who enthuses much over Early U. S., told me that he derived great interest from the reading of the "Hints for Collectors" in the front part of the Scott Catalog, says he reads it three or four times each year. Paper, Watermarks, Perforations, Impressions, all pertain to U. S., and the Hints are useful all the way through, the last paragraph being well worth quoting in full; you have the catalog, so the last two lines will be enough here, it remarks that this information will "lead him to study his stamps, and thus derive benefit and knowledge from his collection."

"Study Your Stamps" sounds like a perfect slogan for the Forum.

If you just buy stamps and fill the spaces in the album, you sure do miss much of the real pleasure of collecting. Many collections are along those lines however, the last few pages, both the printed and unprinted, being tastefully bestrewn with Green Trading Stamps and others of that ilk. And this is the book of a stamp collector—not a "filatelist" as per Century Dictionary, via Hints to Collectors.

Oh, about that Book of Freaks. Have you started it yet?

Mr. A. C. Johnson showed me two of the prettiest little flaws in the neck of Andrew Jackson on the 2c vermilion, soft paper. The flaw is shaped like the ZR-3 but in size only about 2mm long and 1/2mm wide. The two copies were identical, proving it to be other than a little local ink flurry on that particular sheet. He showed me many with plate flaws or blurs, none of which he had found in duplicate. His Book of Freaks is working.

You probably know that if the ornaments on the right side of the 1c 1857 are complete it is a stamp of some class, while if the ornaments are rubbed off the plate, it is another of those Type Vs. Some of these are quite different from others tho, note the little irregular broken blue lines on the right side. They vary a great deal, and make interesting varieties, as do these same sort of markings in the side margins of the 2c black Jacksons. Save a few for your new book. Some are very interesting as you will find out on looking.

In answer to the Question, "Have you seen a 3c 1851 orange-brown used July 1, 1851, from towns other than those mentioned" is a reply from Dr. Robert F. Chambers saying he has one from Providence, R. I., dated July 2nd. This is the only reply received. We thank you for that, Doctor, and hope you hit a 7-1-51 next lot you get. They must be scarce from the way nobody answers. Collectors from all countries are dig-

ging into the "First Day" material, especially of the early issues. It is probably given prominence nowadays by the groups of Airplane enthusiasts, who are constantly on the lookout for a "First Trip". That 20 centime French stamp preceded the next stamp issued by a year and two-thirds. It was listed as appearing Jan. 1, 1849. A few fortunate collectors secured a copy dated Jan. 1, 1849. Great was their consternation on reading that an authentically used copy was found emanating from some town in Algeria, and dated December 31, 1848!

If any of you find a 3c 1851, dated June 30, 1851, we'd all like to hear of it, Last year a very pretty 3c 1851 imperforate (it was of the 1855 printing!) was shown to me. Cancelled from New York City with deep reddish ink, and inside the ring of the postmark was the year date "1853" in figures about two-thirds the size of the true black figures.

Some issue of this Forum may see an article "Counterfeits I have got, and that have got me". I have found them interesting—yet not always laughable!

Have you ever seen a 90c blue of the first issue perforate, 1860, used on a letter? is the question for this week.

Since writing the above, the 1925 Catalog has appeared, and the Hints are not printed. You will have to refer back to an earlier edition of the Scott Catalog. With the addition of 88 pages, we find now 1483 pages. The 1919 volume shows the Hints, and possibly later editions.

OUR HERO ACCEPTS.

Deer Editor,

Wen me an Hustis went to Chicago-ill that uster I warned him same az mi father uster warn me, "Put on yur hat, th woodpeckers ar comin!" An az long az he wuz with me he got along O. K. But wen he went alone to yur offis he musta took hiz hat off, fur look at th fine peckin sumwun handed him there akordin to MEKEEL'S. It looks almos az tho sumwun tride to sanbag him wen he wuzent lookin by handin him th job az editor fur a sheshul number nex March. Th boy iz yung yet an grown-ups hadent oughter pick on th little feller too hard.

I seen him since th calamity an th shock seems to hev worn off a leetle, az he sez to me sez he, "Emty," ol top, Ime goin to call on yu an a lotta better pepul to help me on that number an weal sho sum fokes that "Makedeal's Weakly" kin hev its sirkulashun increased ef sum ov ar readers will help push. I gotta skeam alreddy, an its not goin to cost me nuthin neither", sez he. "All I want yu to do is to giv a hull year's subscription to sum wun ov yur friends (who mite becum fillatellically inklined) fur a Christmas present! Mebbe sum others mite du th same if thay heard youd dun so." That izent a bad skeam iz it? I allus said if he had a leetle more sense heed be half-witted!

He aint promisin nuthin sheshul so far fur that number but Ile bet heel be about half dippy before he gets thru bein editor.

Hopin yure th same,

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By FRANK S. THOMPSON.

Stamps cancelled before their use to secure postal service, i.e., precancelled, were first used in Canada at the Ottawa post-office, in 1888, to facilitate the handling of catalogues and similar printed matter in large quantities. Complete sheets of the 1, 2, 3 and 5-cent denominations of postage stamps then current were cancelled with the local office handstamp, a circle the size of a quarter dollar, with nineteen fine lines, and the centre punched out oval shape bearing the figure "1", the cancellation being repeated on each stamp of the sheet. Complete sheets and half sheets of the precancelled stamps were sold to firms of standing, and a record of each sale kept. When mail prepaid by the precancelled stamps was presented at the post-office the record was referred to, weight and rate of postage on one of the articles checked, and the mail promptly despatched to its destination without the necessity of cancelling stamps or weighing each individual package.

Other large offices were not long in adopting the idea. At St. John, New Brunswick, the office handstamp, a long shaped oval of fourteen lines with a circle let in containing a bold numeral "1", was used to precancel the 1-cent denomination. Toronto precancelled complete sheets of the 1, 2 and 3-cent values by having several lines ruled with pen and ink across each row of stamps. The stamps precancelled at Ottawa and St. John being so treated with the handstamp ordinarily used on mail, practically the only way to distinguish them from the ordinary variety would be to possess pairs, strips or blocks, so that the cancellation is shown repeated, and not with the dated town's mark. In the case of the Toronto cancellation an undoubted original cover with the stamp affixed could be considered evidence of its precancelled origin.

The locally prepared precancelled stamps possess an undoubted interest, but as their use was not officially authorized or sanctioned, no attempt has been made to catalogue them.

The first official issue of precancelled stamps, comprising the ½, 1, 2, 3 and 5-cent denominations, was prepared by the Post Office Department and distributed to the large offices in 1889. Use of the stamps was permitted on newspapers, circulars and catalogues. The stamps were cancelled in whole sheets at one operation on an ordinary printing press, the overprint consisting of a number of bars from one to two mm. wide extending across each row of stamps. Later, in 1891, the 1-cent appeared precancelled with from one to five lines of

single or double dashes. The precancelled stamps issued in 1892 were overprinted with two bars, 1mm wide and 11mm apart with a wavy line of the same thickness running half way between them. This type of overprint, with several variations, continued in use until 1903. Commencing with 1892, precancelled stamps were permitted to be used on parcels, and several of the higher values were issued precancelled for this purpose, although they appear to have been but little used.

Since 1903 all precancelled stamps have been overprinted at Ottawa, from electrotypes plates of one hundred subjects. Each subject consists of the name of the city in which the stamps are to do postal duty, with name of province below, the two names being separated between by double or triple bars running the entire width of the sheet. While the style of type used for different cities varies greatly, there are but three variations from this design of the subject, namely, the first type of Toronto in which a fancy network band 3mm wide appears above and below the inscription "Toronto, Canada", the special type once issued for use on printed matter in which name of city appears above two thin bars, beneath which is inscribed "For third class matter only", and the type of Peterboro in which name of city and province are separated between by a broad network band in place of the usual bars.

Precancelled stamps are issued to postmasters by the Post Office Department at Ottawa, upon requisition in the same manner as for stamps of ordinary issue. Persons or concerns desiring the use of precancelled stamps are required to first obtain a permit of use from the postmaster. Regulations governing use of the stamps are laid down by the department and are required to be strictly observed by both permit holders and postal employees in order to prevent fraudulent usage.

The use of precancelled stamps is permitted on the following postal classes: second class mail, such as newspapers and periodicals in large bundles; third class mail, printed matter, such as circulars and catalogues; fourth class mail, or parcels.

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The Metropolitan Philatelic Association met in convention at Philadelphia October 21 and 22, the meetings being held at the club room of the Philadelphia Stamp Club. There was in attendance, or represented by proxy, upward of one hundred fifty of the three hundred seventy-two members, which now comprise the association.
In the absence of Colonel J. M. T. Partello, the President, Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., the Vice-President, presided. Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer acted as Secretary.
The main business meetings were held on the afternoon of the 21st and the morning of the 22nd, at which time the affairs of the association were carefully gone over, and recommendations were made to the incoming Board, which the convention feels will put the association on a sound basis where they will be in a position to advance the interests of philately in general, and its members in particular.

The by-laws were amended so that the Junior Sales Department is combined with the regular Sales Department. It was suggested that the Exchange Department, that feature which appeals to so many of the members, be made more active, and arrangements will be made with this end in view. Colonel Partello was re-elected President for the coming year.

It has been recommended that the incoming Board of Governors make arrangements with one of the philatelic publications to act as official organ. In this way, the membership will be kept

fully posted as to the doings of the organization.

The convention also passed a resolution endorsing the International Philatelic Exhibition to be held in New York in 1926, and recommended that individual members join the Association for Stamp Exhibits.

The convention further expressed its appreciation of the activities in behalf of philately of Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster General, and Mr. Michael L. Eidsness, Jr., Supt., Division of Stamps.

Mr. A. E. Carpenter, the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, arranged a very interesting program for the attending members, including an informal dinner at the Germantown Cricket Club, followed by attendance at one of the shows.

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On Tuesday evening, October 21st, the Boston Philatelic Society had a gala occasion. There was a very large attendance to greet Charles J. Phillips of New York City, who came over not only to talk to the members but to exhibit his superb lot of U. S. official stamps.

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EDITORIAL.

Several weeks ago *Punch* of London had a clever analysis of the stamp collector that showed that the "laughing-stock" of this standard smiling sheet is fresh and well in accord with the day. The skit is crammed full of allusions that while fanciful are yet not without some foundation in fact. Moreover, the writer has a knowledge of philatelic conditions that proves that he is well equipped to write lightly on the subject. We believe that in "lifting" the account from *Punch* of September 27, 1924, we are justified on the score of promoting the advice sometimes given, that we should not take philately too seriously.

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From a letter that has been received from one of the earlier collectors of this country, we make the following extract which brings before us vividly the older regime, and thinking that perhaps others will be interested in hearing again names that were prominent in the past, we shall review briefly the inquiry,—"What has become of H. C. Beardsley, Henry Hechler, T. J. Mitchell, E. R. Aldrich, S. B. Bradford, E. W. Voute, F. N. Massoth, Jr., and your friend, S. B. Bradt?" Four of the eight men named are dead, as follows: H. C. Beardsley, St. Joseph, Mo., of whose death some time ago we have only been informed comparatively recently; T. J. Mitchell who wrote under the nom-de-plume of "Wanderer," of Chicago, died in Philadelphia some years ago as we reported at the time; the death of E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minnesota, was duly recorded at the time, while F. N. Massoth, once of Hanover, Indiana, and later of Chicago, passed away well over a dozen years ago, when mention was made. The last that we heard of the peppery E. W. Voute of *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* days was that he was succeeding as a writer on stage topics, while of Henry Hechler, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and S. B. Bradford, of Ottawa, Illinois, we have had no information for a long time. The last that we heard of S. B. Bradt was that he was in the old book business on the south side of Chicago.

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We are pleased to learn that the *Christian Science Monitor* had special correspondence from the Hague with an interesting review of the exhibit there giving particulars as to the displays and the award of prizes. We notice that one of the proposals suggested "that governments should be petitioned to issue stamps of a character to discourage the attention of counterfeiters." The Associated Press story of the Holland exhibit was liberal in its scope, and somewhat oddly, one of the paragraphs in it leads off "prominent among the 250,100 stamps shown", which may be called a good example of specific report.

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One of Bruno Lessing's copyrighted newspaper editorial "strings" is on the subject of "hobbies," and we find that stamp collecting is not passed by without a nod of recognition, as we read: "One of the commonest hobbies, that of collecting postage stamps, results in a thorough education in geography." While we cannot say that the originality of this observation is striking, yet we feel that it is well grounded. A further comment to the effect that when the "find" represents the exercise of his wits, the real collector gets his greatest thrill, is worth a thought.

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We have received a clipping from a San Diego newspaper, from Lowell J. Ragatz showing a picture of a letter that was carried on the first flight of the Shenandoah from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coasts. The postmark, U. S. Naval Air Station, etc., was applied at Lakehurst, N. J., on October 8th, and the letter was received at the San Diego Naval Air Station, October 11th, about noon; and the envelope has the further rubber stamp impression: "First trip U. S. S. Shenandoah, Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J., to Camp Lewis, Seattle, Washington." We read that there are but two collectors in the world, who will have these letters, Professor Stanton of the San Diego high school faculty, and Joseph A. Steinmetz of Philadelphia, prominent in air circles generally. As Mr. Ragatz says, Mr. Stanton is an old philatelist who has been much interested in the Mexico insurrection stamps.

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We are greatly distressed to learn from the St. Louis newspapers of October 22nd that Miss Lillian M. Brown, head of the art department of the Soldan High School and daughter of the late Governor Benjamin Gratz Brown of Missouri, died from injuries received from an auto while crossing one of the boulevards. We read that Miss Brown

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had been at a meeting in the Chemical Building of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society, of which she was president, and later she was mortally injured. Readers will remember that in the issue of the WEEKLY dated May 5, 1924, a picture of Miss Brown appeared, and a review of her philatelic as well as other scholastic activities was given, especially her interest in the work of the St. Louis artists was mentioned. This shocking accident is deeply deplored by the philatelic friends of Miss Brown who feel that they have been bereft of a staunch member who was doing much to advance the best interests of our pursuit.

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A letter from Milwaukee by Mr. R. L. Hustis shows that we must have put a chestnut burr under the saddle of his steed, as he writes, "Your fine Italian hand shows up plain as a billboard. In that editorial you twisted my meaning in the words 'wants to increase the circulation'—and that is why he is—contributing to its columns." I never had any idea whatsoever that my stuff would, could or might increase the number of subscribers, but rather the idea that its publication might decrease it, nor did I intend to convey the thought in my article that you, the editor, were to blame for anything, or that I thought I knew that I could 'point out many essentials in which the inspired touch was lacking,' but I still do think that MEKEEL'S is worth more than \$1. per year of any reader's money and that its circulation can be increased. You put the spurs to me just enough to make me think something good." Withal, we are surprised we did not make it worse, because as some caustic critic has said, the interviewer for a newspaper as a rule is some individual who is suffering with a congenital defect that will not allow him to repeat the simplest facts accurately.

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H. A. Diamant of St. Louis, chairman of the publicity committee of the American Philatelic Society, made good as a radio broadcaster at his *Post Dispatch* introductory, and he was allowed twenty-five minutes in which to proclaim the gentle pleasures of stamp collecting. Many letters have been received from points far and near saying that his observations were followed with attention. In this connection, we suggest that any of our subscribers who heard Mr. Diamant's radio talk communicate with KSD *Post Dispatch*, St. Louis, telling of their impressions of Mr. Diamant's entertainment. It is only fair to bestow encouragement on those who are working so sacrificingly for the welfare of philately, and we believe that by utilizing

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That philately has encircled the globe is known by those who have followed the activities of stamp societies in all the continents. Stamp organizations flourish in Asia, Africa, Australia and what were countries generally regarded as beyond the pale of ordinary tourist travel a short time ago. We know that in India, China, Siam and Japan in Asia there have been philatelic societies that engaged seriously in philatelic study and diversion. The Australian states are known to have been for some decades past very advanced in an organized way, and some of the best research work of the stamps of Australia has proceeded from students there. Looking through the *South African Philatelist* we find that it is the official journal of a dozen or so stamp clubs of its section, including the West African Philatelic Society, the East African Philatelic Society and the Kaffrarian Philatelic Society. South America and, to a much more limited extent, Central America, has established societies for collectors that vie with those of the oldest European centers, we may say by way of courtesy. We cannot conceive of a more universal pursuit than philately, nor is it to be easily explained how so many different nationalities, some of whom are totally at variance with others, meet on the common ground of philately with a feeling of regard for one another as philatelists. Suffice it to say that the stamp is becoming a universal badge of recognition between all the peoples of the world and we suppose that a shrewd dealer could start out with a stock of stamps and sell his way around the "habitable globe."

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It is somewhat interesting to find a letter written from "foreign parts" by a Jackie in the navy as early as 1842, but we recently found a New York "ship" letter post mark form in red that was sent from the old frigate *Constellation*, at Manila, December 9, 1842. The letter was entrusted to the care of the United States consul at Macao, and is addressed to the mother at Albany, New York. Merely to show the contrast effected by eighty years in the methods of postal transmission, we quote from the letter as follows: "Manila to us appears to be a very pleasant place, coming from such

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—Charles H. Fowle, better known to our readers as "Undoooley", a contributor of humorous articles to this paper some years ago, sends us a clipping from the New York *Sunday Mercury* of around 1870. The article is entitled "A New Mania" and we would very much like to reprint it in our publication were it not for the fact that just now there is tremendous pressure upon our reading space. We have filed the article for possible use in the future and thank Mr. Fowle for his courtesy.

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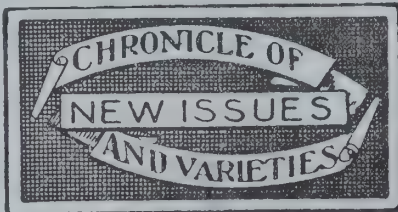
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United States.

Postage Stamp Dies.

Through the courtesy of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we are in a position to bring up to date the list of postage stamp dies together with their numbers issued since the last published list some few years back. It will be noticed in the list that we have all of our new series of postage stamps, including the Air Mail, the Harding and the recently issued Huguenot-Walloon series.

Numbers.	Description.	Series.
684	10c Special Delivery Stamp, Franklin,	1922
685	1c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Washington,	1922
686	2c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Washington,	1922
687	3c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Lincoln,	1922
688	4c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Martha Washington,	1922
689	5c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Roosevelt,	1922
690	6c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Garfield,	1922
691	7c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., McKinley,	1922
692	8c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Grant,	1922
693	9c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Jefferson,	1922
694	10c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Monroe,	1922
695	11c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Hayes,	1922
696	12c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Cleveland,	1922
697	14c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Indian Head,	1922
698	15c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Statue of Liberty,	1922
699	20c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Yosemite Falls,	1922
700	25c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Niagara Falls,	1922
701	30c U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Buffalo,	1922

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703	\$1 U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Lincoln Memorial,	1922
704	\$2 U. S. Postage Stamp-Ord., Capitol,	1922
705	\$5 U. S. Postage Border-Ord., America,	1922
706	Frame for U. S. Postage Stamp, 1c to 12c inc., and 14c (Master Die),	1922
707	Frame for U. S. Postage Stamp, 25c to \$5, inc. (Master Die),	1922
708	Frame for U. S. Postage Stamp, 15c to 20c, inc. (Master Die),	1922
709	Lettering, New York, N. Y.	
710	Vignette, Female Head, America,	1922
711	5c Ordinary Stamp, Portrait of Roosevelt,	1922
712	8c Ordinary Stamp, Portrait of U. S. Grant,	1922
713	3c Postage Stamp, Head of Lincoln.	
714	20c U. S. Postage Stamp, Vignette, Golden Gate,	1922
715	7c U. S. Postage Stamp, Portrait of McKinley,	1922
716	Lettering, Chicago, Ill., for Surface.	
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718	8c U. S. Postage Stamp (Airplane Stamp),	1923
719	16c U. S. Postage Stamp, (Airplane Stamp),	1923
720	24c U. S. Postage Stamp (Airplane Stamp),	1923
721	2c Harding Memorial Stamp.	
722	Frame for U. S. Postage Stamp, Huguenot - Walloon, Tercentenary, 1624-1924	
723	1c Postage Stamp, Huguenot-Walloon, Tercentenary, 1624-1924	
724	2c Postage Stamp, Huguenot-Walloon, Tercentenary, 1624-1924	
725	5c Postage Stamp, Huguenot-Walloon, Tercentenary, 1624-1924	

Envelopes.

In further reference to the recent contract entered into by the Post Office Department and the manufacturers of our current series of envelope, would advise that I am officially informed by Washington that they are not as yet in a position to inform us as to any probable changes; for these details are now being discussed and it is not their desire to announce them officially at this writing. I am, however, advised that the data will possibly be available around December 15th, when our readers will be further informed.

In a recent issue of *Gossip*, Mr. Roy H. Curran gives a list of envelopes so far found from the recut die H, which we

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described in detail some months back in this column. If our readers have noticed any others, we would be glad to be informed. As this die did not come in use until the amber and buff envelopes had been discontinued, the variety was only found on white or blue.

Watermark.	Size.	Paper.
24	5	Wh.
24	5	Wh. X
25	5	Wh.
25	5	Bl.
24	7	Wh.
24	7	Wh. X
25	7	Wh.
24	8	Wh.
24	8	Wh. X
25	8	Wh.
24	9	Wh.
24	9	Wh. X
24	13	Wh.
24	13	Wh. X
25	13	Wh.

BARBADOS.—Mr. R. Roberts sends the 1sh, black on green, Small Arms type, on script watermark paper.

GAMBIA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports 1sh on script watermark paper.

ITALY.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise that the 45c olive has been overprinted "Cent. 25" in black.

MONACO.—We have received from the Economist Stamp Co., a new 10c star in pale blue. This design shows the Arms of the Principality with a field of fifteen diamonds in the centre. Above the crown of the Grimaldis with white-robed monks as supporters, brandishing swords. At the left in a scroll are the words "Deo Juvante." The stamp perf. 14x13½.

PARAGUAY.—The Economist Stamp Co. send us a 1 peso value in blue, picturing a map of the country in the centre. Each upper corner is the figure of value with "Peso" between. At the base the name of the country with "Correos" above and "U.P.U." beneath.

RUSSIA.—The Y. Souren Co. report the following new issues: 1 rub., type A, yellow brown and 2 rub., type A53, green both lithographed and perf., 14½x. Our correspondent adds that he understands these have never been placed in use. Also 1 rub., type A59, red and brown, 3 rub., type A58, brown and blue and 5 rub., type A58, brown and blue. The last two values are in larger design (33x27mm).

SAN MARINO.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 45c Char stamp of 1918 issue with the surcharge "Cmi" in the upper left corner and "3" in the upper right. The one lire bears the overprint "Cmi" and "60" over the figure of the original value. The 2l of the same issue has also been surcharged

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use as a one lire value. The 51 is changed to "Lire" at the left and "Due" the right. All overprinting is done in black.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts issues of the following bilingual postage stamps: pair of 1/2d, my third setting, "Zuidwest" 10mm, "South West" 11mm space between 14mm. Postage stamps, 4th setting, "Zuidwest" 12mm long, "South West" 16mm long, pairs 6d, local, watermark, perf. 14, 5d, De La Rue, f. 14, 3d De La Rue, perf. 14, 2d, local, watermark, perf. 14, 1 1/2d, local, no watermark, perf. 14. Of the 4th setting there are three variations of the spacing between South West and Africa. The measures 14mm, the 5d and 2d, 9mm and the 3d and 1 1/2d, 12mm.

SWITZERLAND.—The Y. Souren Co. have shown us two values of a new issue stamps recently placed on sale to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Swiss Union. They are 20c red and 30c blue and at the base each stamp bears the inscription "Jubilée de L' U. P. U. Du 1st Congres 9 Octobre 1874". The designs are the work of two Bernese artists, Messrs. A. Tieche (for the 20c) and W. Stettler (for the 30c).

Mr. Alfred F. Lichtenstein sends us a copy of a new 90c in red and green. At the top is the name of the country and the centre a shield of red with the golden cross in the centre. In each lower corner are the figures of value in red.

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Frank C. Clark of Medford, Ore., asks that the title of our publication should be improved by leaving out the word "and", as the paper is anything but "Weakly". We are perfectly satisfied with the conclusion Mr. Clark argues at, but for advertising purposes we are compelled to allow the present name to stand. Mr. Clark has been a subscriber to the WEEKLY for over twenty years and his application for membership in the Honor Club is accompanied with the words: "Please put Oregon on my honor roll." This we are pleased to

We are also glad to add the name of W. J. Cadbury, Philadelphia, Pa., to our list. Mr. Cadbury is secretary of the firm, Jones & Cadbury Co., makers of plumbers and heating engineers, with general offices in Philadelphia.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

We deeply regret to announce the sudden death of our dear friend and Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. A. E. Landvatter, who passed away on October 22nd. He was President of Passaic Stamp Club, Life Member of A.P.S. and member of Collectors Club of New York and S.P.A., etc.

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INTRODUCING STEPHEN G. RICH.

Stephen G. Rich of Essex Fells, N. J., will edit the next issue of our paper. His literary work has already had a prominent place in our publication and we were very much pleased that he accepted the responsibility connected with the production of our next special number.

Mr. Rich has been a collector ever since he was seven years old, although he affirms that on the day he was born his stamp collection was started by his father with the New York 5c postmaster's stamp, and little by little his father turned over the collection that had been made for him. When about thirteen, with his brother, he added postmarks and amassed over 6,000 different ones.

From 1905 to 1916 Mr. Rich took a vacation from stamp collecting but in the latter year, shortly after he had reached Amanzimtoti, South Africa, to take a teaching position there, A. E. LeRoy, principal of the school, got him interested again. Mr. Rich began to specialize in Union of South Africa. In the meantime he had sent home for his collection and began at once to work up his South Africans. Since returning to this country he has gone more intensively into this special line.

Mr. Rich is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity and has been a fairly

extensive contributor to educational journals, especially *Education* of Boston, during the past three years.



We are pleased to give our readers this brief sketch of Mr. Rich and feel positive that they will appreciate the issue of November 17th, of which he will be the editor.

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6	5d yellow brown75	.45
7	9d black brown	1.25	.75
8	10d light blue	1.50	.90
9	2sh 6d brown	3.00	1.75
10	5sh carmine rose	6.00	3.50
12	2 1/2d ultramarine .....	.40	.24
13	4d slate green .....	.60	.35
14	9d black brown	1.00	.60
15	1 1/2d green .....	.12	.07
16	1d scarlet .....	.15	.09
17	1 1/2d red brown .....	.25	.15
18	2d orange .....	.20	.12
19	2 1/2d ultramarine .....	.50	.30
20	3d violet .....	.50	.30
21	4d slate green .....	.60	.35
22	5d yellow brown .....	.60	.35
23	6d red violet .....	.60	.35
24	9d black brown	1.50	.90
25	10d light blue	2.00	1.20
26	1sh bistre .....	.75	.45
27	9d olive green	1.75	1.00
29	1 1/2d green .....	.05	.03
30	1d scarlet .....	.08	.05
31	1 1/2d red brown .....	.30	.18
33	2d orange .....	.45	.25
34	2 1/2d ultramarine .....	.35	.20
35	3d violet .....	.50	.30
36	4d slate green .....	.35	.20
37	5d yellow brown .....	.60	.35
38	6d dull violet .....	.40	.25
39	9d olive green .....	.75	.45
40	10d light blue	1.00	.60
41	1sh bistre	1.25	.75
42	2sh 6d light brown	1.50	.90
43	5sh carmine rose	3.00	1.75
44	10sh gray blue	6.00	3.50
45	1 1/2d green .....	.03	.02
46	1d carmine rose .....	.05	.03
47	1 1/2d claret .....	.06	.05
48	2d deep green .....	.08	.06
49	2 1/2d chocolate .....	.10	.07
50	3d ultramarine .....	.12	.08
51	4d slate .....	.16	.11
52	5d deep violet20	.14
53	6d red violet24	.16
54	9d violet36	.24
55	10d brown40	.26
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This society is one of the largest local philatelic organizations in the country, the membership at present numbering one hundred and fifty. The society meets twice a month and the attendance is seldom less than forty and often as high as sixty. We are of a progressive nature and strive to do everything possible to boost philately.

Our Monthly Bulletin is sent to our members, to prospective members, to stamp dealers and to the nine San Francisco newspapers, from whom we expect to receive some recognition. You will note that our advertisements are restricted to our own members. We would appreciate some mention of our Society and Bulletin in your paper. We were pleased to note the article regarding Mr. Seeböhm, who is one of our staunchest supporters.

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*306		.60	*315		1.50

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*19-23		.42 .20	*103-111		1.20 .60
*25-30	1.80	.90	*117-135		1.04 .50
*49-58	2.62	1.30	*137-143		1.80 1.00
*59-61		.24 .18	*144-155		1.17 .60
*63-76	2.40	1.25	*156-167		13.55 7.00
*77-79		.75	*168-176		1.63 .80
*80-86	1.78	1.00	*401-403		.32 .16
*87-88	1.80	1.00	*404-407		.21 .10

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*70-80	3.24	1.50	*415-417		.60 .40
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*99		.35 .15	*270-279		1.40 .31
*102	1.00	.40	*280-289		1.25 .34
*103	1.50	.55	*290-299		.55 .25
*104	2.00	.70	*277-291		2.10
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*151-164 compl.	30.00		*501-508		.56 .28
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*202-206	2.30	1.15	*532-539		3.25 2.00
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*211-215	.74	.25	*536-539		.53 .25
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*30a		25.00	*58-59		1.00 1.00
*31-41	5.50	2.75	*61-71		3.78 1.00

PRECANCELLED STAMPS.

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in the United States, where similar precancelled stamps were in use, and to a collector in that country, F. Percy Collingwood, of Attleboro, Massachusetts, is due the first approach to a catalogue, a check list of the varieties in his collection, compiled for the *Stamp Journal* in 1911. In the following year S. M. Schoemann, of St. Louis, Missouri, published his pamphlet, "A Check List of the Precancelled Postage Stamps of Canada", which contained a classification of types, in addition to an extended list of varieties.

Victor Ruggeri's admirable work, "The Canadian Precancelled Stamps", giving for the first time a priced catalogue, appeared serially in the February, March, April, May and June, 1917, numbers of the *Stamp Herald*. A second edition of this work in pamphlet form and entitled, "The Canadian Precancel Catalog" appeared the following year edited in collaboration by Victor Ruggeri and Dr. W. I. Mitchell, and published by B. Gordon Bushnell, of Indianapolis. Supplements to this edition appeared in the *Stamp Herald* for August, 1918, and January, 1919. Later in 1919 a third edition of the catalog was published. The fourth and fifth editions, edited by the present writer, were published as sections of Bushnell's Precancelled Stamp Catalog for 1920 and 1922, respectively. A supplement to the fifth edition appeared in Bushnell's Magazine for May, 1922.

In addition to the check lists and catalogues mentioned are the following writings: an article by W. Ward, entitled, "The First Precancelled Stamps", contained in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS of November 25, 1922, notes by J. Harvey Westren in the *Precancel Gazette* during 1921 and 1922, and the *Stamp Herald* during 1922, and notes by the present writer in the *Stamp Herald* from 1918 to 1920, and *The Canadian Stamp Collector* from 1920 until the demise of that publication in 1923. Occasional notes have also appeared in the philatelic press from time to time but these for the most part convey little of permanent value.

The present "Canadian Precancelled Postage Stamp Catalogue" embodies all that has previously been recorded concerning these issues, together with considerable new data and an extended list of varieties. In the preparation of the work the editor has had the advantage of reference to his own nearly complete collection, and also of the generous assistance of the owners of other advanced collections, Mr. J. D. Cox, veteran postmaster of Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, whose keen interest in these stamps has been maintained for two decades or more, Mr. Victor Ruggeri, of Gamelin, Quebec, compiler of the first priced catalogue, and also a collector of many years standing, Dr. W. I. Mitchell, of Paonia, Colorado, owner of the largest collection of United States precancelled stamps, into whose hands some years ago passed the Schoemann collection of Canadian precancelled stamps, and Mr. J. Harvey Westren, of Toronto, whose research concerning the early General issues has brought to light much of interest. The Catalogue of Canadian Precancelled Stamps can be obtained from the Philatelic Publishing Co., 374 Sackville St., Winnipeg; 50c postfree.

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CHAPTER IV.

PRELIMINARY RESEARCH.

Experience is a good teacher, but it is apt to be a hard and costly one. So that you may travel along in your philatelic itinerary without unnecessary disappointments, it is important that you should at least in a general way chart out your milestones.

The first thing to be done is to make friends with your album. It cannot talk, but nevertheless it can tell you very much. From its pages, with a little intelligent observation and analyzing, you will gather considerable information previously unknown to you. If it is not provided with a map or several sectional maps, you should have at hand a convenient atlas of the world. Turning the album's pages, and consulting the maps, you will discover many countries and principalities, whose existence you have either not known or forgotten. At the same time, you will get an idea of the number of specimens allotted for each country in your album.

This initial, though simple, effort will mark the beginning of the formation of your program, for as you turn the pages, your mind will automatically form its selection of countries that appeal most to your make-up. Perhaps your ancestors came from a certain geographical division, perhaps you have relatives and friends in another, perhaps you have visited still another—whatever the subconscious causation, ere you have reached the back cover, you will have probably decided on several countries as your first favorites.

Now you would turn to your catalogue, as to a book of reference, to ascertain something about the issues and values of those favorite countries. You will find that some stamps of more recent issue are listed at higher selling prices than some of older currency. You will also notice that some stamps are worth more in an unused condition, while others are considered more

valuable in a used state. Still others will be seen to have added value through possessing special features, like different perforations, surcharge inscriptions, errors in printing, wrong color of ink used, and so forth.

This cursory examination of the issues of your favorite countries will lead you to want to know if similar situations arise with the stamps of other countries. Soon you will find yourself engrossed in studying the whole catalogue, and, if you are at all methodical, you will be making notes as to the items that you consider most desirable to have represented in your album.

By this time, the few first favorites will have been modified. One or two may have been dropped. Others will have been added. Your enthusiasm as a hobbyist has been aroused, and you are itching to commence filling the blank spaces of your volume.

But you should do nothing of the kind yet, even if you already have a nucleus quantity of stamps with which to begin.

Instead of "fixing your stamps," you need to apprise yourself more about them. At this stage, you still have to prepare your program, and naturally a good program cannot be drawn up without knowing what's what. Therefore, you should spend a little time in carefully reading the philatelic matter brought within your immediate reach within the covers of the publications you have subscribed to. In this way you will get acquainted with terms and nomenclatures used by other stamp collectors. Not less important is the perusal of the advertisements; they indicate to you what stamps are "on the market" and the reductions from catalogue list prices.

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INTERPROVINCIALS.

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Section 1.

The term "interprovincials" was first used in philately, so far as the present writer knows, in his articles on the stamps of the Union of South Africa in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY in 1922. It was there used to describe the stamps of the four constituent colonies (Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Orange River, Transvaal) as used in all four provinces after the formation of the national government and previous to the national issue of stamps. In the further study of these interprovincials, the existence of similar uses of stamps in other countries, and the possibility of such use in still others has come to light.

The term "interprovincials" is not wholly without objection as applied in certain other cases, since the unifying or federalizing of various countries has not always given the name of "province" to the districts united. In Australia, for example, the six colonies are now called states; in the pre-war German Empire each state retained its old title of kingdom, principality, duchy, electorate, etc. Nevertheless, in order to avoid the difficulty that might come from the use of the term "interstates" for similar uses of Australian stamps to those in South Africa called "interprovincial," it is here suggested that the latter term be used uniformly, irrespective of the political name of the subdivisions involved.

At this point it might be well, by citing a few South African cases, to illustrate exactly what is meant by an "interprovincial." From 1904 onwards Natal, then a separate colony, used the King's Head series of stamps with multiple Crown CA watermark. After the formation of the Union of South Africa, May 31, 1910, these stamps of Natal were used in all four of the provinces of the Union. Thus, we find, for example:

Used in Cape Province, Natal stamps postmarked Port Elizabeth, May 5 and May 22, 1911; postmarked Cape Town, April 24 and May 12, 1912; postmarked Oudtshoorn, Sept. 8, 1911.

Used in Orange Free State Province; postmarked June 5, 1913, Bloemfontein.

Used in Natal Province; postmarked Durban, June 6, 1910; Greytown, Aug. 6, 1910; Pinetown, Feb. 10, 1911; Pietermaritzburg, Jan. 29, 1911; Durban, August 5, 1911, etc.

Used in Transvaal Province; postmarked Johannesburg, Nov. 7, 1911; East Rand, July 23, 1912, etc.

A similar selection might be made of the stamps of any one of the four provinces, showing their use throughout the Union. The most extensive list, for South Africa, would be of Transvaal stamps; one or two combinations, though possible, are rare or do not occur at all. For example, I have yet to find an ex-

ample of a Cape stamp used in the Orange Free State province.

It will thus be seen that the collection and study of interprovincials is largely a study of cancellations. The lover of covers will find also plenty of chances for his specialty, as in many cases the whole cover or a large piece is necessary in order to show interprovincial use. Occasionally covers will show not only one, but two or more interprovincials together: a cover reported to me shows, used at Capetown in 1912, the 2½d Natal, ½d Cape, and 6d Transvaal together. From the account given by the owner of this cover, it appears not to have been "philatelically made to order," but represented the stamps actually sold over the counter in the post-office of that city at the time.

The collector of interprovincials has, above all else, to seek for cancelled specimens that show the place and date of cancellation clearly. The very specimens that are rejected for ordinary collecting, as being "too heavily cancelled," are the ones of greatest value to him. The importance of date as well as place cannot be too strongly emphasized, especially in the matter of the continued use within the province whose name the stamps bear. In Natal, for example, there were no new cancellations, no new types of cancelling stamps in use for some time after Union; new types were only sparingly and slowly introduced; and without date it would be easy to mistake late colonial uses of the stamps for interprovincials. The dates also give clues to the cessation of particular interprovincial uses. Citing Natal again, it would appear that there were no printings made after Union; and that by the middle of 1912 nearly all the Natal stamps on hand had been used up. From that time onwards, until the national issue of 1913 appeared, Transvaal stamps were extensively in use in Natal, with Cape stamps occasionally at some offices.

One curious interprovincial is the late printing of the 4d Orange River Colony, in a slightly darker shade than usual. This dark shade I have not yet been able to find either uncanceled or used in the Orange River Colony previous to Union, or used in the Orange Free State province after Union. It is nearly always found with a Cape Province postmark—sometimes showing the place, and sometimes only the abbreviation "C. G. H."

The South African interprovincials are not limited to ordinary adhesives. One colony, the Transvaal, had postage due stamps; these were used extensively in other provinces after Union, not only until the national issue of dues appeared in 1915, but at least as late as 1920. In fact, so many of certain values were on hand, that in the recent speculative issue for the protectorate of Southwest Africa, these as well as the national issue were sur-

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At the time when the interprovincials were being supplanted by the national issue, combinations of national and interprovincial stamps on the same cover were of course found. In the same way, the 2½d national commemorative stamp of 1910 is found on cover with interprovincials. Further cross-combinations, such as a Transvaal postcard interprovincially used, with national issue stamp added to make up the overseas postcard rate, likewise exist.

Such, then, is the field of interprovincial stamps as illustrated by one country. The number of possible varieties of use is, of course, easily calculated; but when the question of dates of use, taking on and discontinuance of particular uses, cross-combinations, and combinations with national issues is considered, the variety possible is sufficient to keep an ardent collector busy for a long time. Moreover, all this has been written without reference to the question of what denominations were used in particular places in particular years. A lot of Transvaal stamps used in Natal is before me as I write; I find the ½d and 1d as early as May, 1911; these same values, with the 6d and 1s, in 1912; all of these, with the 2s6d, 10s, 2d, 4d and £1, in 1913. In 1914, after the national issue was in use, a solitary 1d Transvaal used in Natal is still found. This particular lot represents the pickings out of a dozen large lots, derived from different sources.

The collector of interprovincials is likely also to include, as I do in my South African collection, the extension of the stamps of one country to use in a dependency. After the World War, and until the advent of the recent speculative surcharged issue, the stamps of the Union of South Africa were used in Southwest Africa, occupied under mandate. As within the Union, Transvaal postage dues were used there along with Union dues. We therefore have Union of South Africa adhesives, envelopes, dues, etc., with Southwest Africa cancellations, and also Transvaal dues with them. Of these latter, I have seen a number of the 1d, mostly used at Windhuk about 1920.

Section 2.

Thus far the purpose has been to show, with Union of South Africa as an example, how extensive and interesting a philatelic specialty may be made of interprovincials. But as I write, I can imagine someone saying that it is only the

enthusiasm of a South Africa specialist for his specialty. The next few paragraphs will therefore be devoted to the occurrence of interprovincials.

The collector of British Empire stamps will find a number of countries and colonies within the empire in which interprovincials may occur, and in some of which they are known to exist. Prominent among these is Australia. In fact, it was a small collection of Australian interprovincials, exhibited at the Philatelic Society of Natal in 1919, that first drew the writer's attention to the significance of the interprovincial postmarks that he had noticed on South African stamps. A recent search through the stock of one dealer (not one of the smallest concerns by any means) disclosed only a very few interprovincials among all the Australian stamps from 1900 to 1912. The few that were found were in 1910. Theoretically, 36 combinations are possible; in practice it is extremely doubtful if more than half of these are likely to be found. The most promising material in which to look appears to be the low values of the later issues, especially the last issue, of Victoria and New South Wales.

Whether interprovincial stamps exist for Canada I have not been able to find out. The difficulty lies largely in the fact that Canadian cancellations rarely show the date and place in the early issues, and hence covers are almost a necessity. I make this statement in the full knowledge that it may be denied on the strength of the design of the postmark; but I have yet to see more than a very few early Canadian stamps on which date and place of postmark can be made out. A further difficulty lies in the fact that the name "Canada" appears on the stamps used in the two colonies of Upper and Lower Canada, as well as on the Dominion's issues; moreover, the colonial issues were continued for a short time after the Dominion (national) government was established. Canadian interprovincials, if they exist, will probably consist of Nova Scotia stamps used in New Brunswick and vice versa, with perhaps some of each of the Maritime Colonies' stamps used in Quebec or Ontario. A little later, Prince Edward Island stamps may possibly be looked for in interprovincial use. Owing to the isolation of British Columbia before the transcontinental railway was built, it does not seem likely that any interprovincials other than B. C. colony stamps used in B. C. province will be found. Whether interprovincials of Vancouver Island in British Columbia and vice versa, from an earlier day, occur, I do not know.

The Federated Malay States are likely to offer some interprovincials from their constituent states.

In Rhodesia, the old postcards inscribed "Mashonaland," are likely to offer interprovincials from other parts of Rhodesia. With the separation of Rhodesia into two units of government last year, there are likely to be a few cases of Rhodesia.

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There is nothing particularly interesting to hand you in this number, no freaks have turned up—am still speaking of stamps. There are so many outside attractions that your reticence is entirely excusable.

The "Heat by Oil" and "For Winter Wear" ads and displays are now so numerous that winter must be in the offing. Bet the old Album will look good again. What do you see in your effects that will make your Philatelic Neighbor tear his hair, and bend his tongue? We crave such items, send on the description, or item. Have you started your little "Book of Queens" yet? Try it and see how you like it.

The subject of "Arrows" on stamps gives many collectors enjoyment. The '69s have a fine lot of arrows; Mr. Spencer has written of them in the WEEKLY. An interesting collection can be made of the arrows on the 3c Locomotives alone. The next time you get, say, three of them with arrow at right, see if any two are alike. You may be surprised to find that all three are different in detail. The angles differ, and some do not meet the straight line at the same spot as they should do. It is the same with the other values, tho there were more plates of the 3c value.

You probably try to get all stamps "well-centered and no straight edges" as per ads in the philatelic press. Did you ever try to get straight edges? Some have arrows, others center lines in whole or in part. Never throw away a good copy with a straight edge. Twist you and me, there are a few collectors who have been quietly gathering stamps with center lines and with arrows for some time past. They are wise.

On a government printed sheet of 400 subjects there are but four arrows. On a post-office sheet of 100 there are 19 straight edges, with 81 normal stamps, of which it is perhaps safe to estimate that we might get three well-centered blocks. You will say, "Bet he has been collecting Harding precancels". Nevertheless, the point is that of this 100 stamps you stand a small chance of getting a fairly well-centered stamp with arrow, and even then the arrow may be divided so that it shows a half of the arrow only, which is of small use.

Here's another question, what is the earliest arrow that you have seen? U. S. of course. For many years the 2c Black Jackson has been engaging my spare time. There are a wonderful variety of happenings on this stamp, the shifts being of marked character, and averaging high—maybe one in every ten. You will perhaps hear more of these as "copy" runs low; let's hope it doesn't run low. After collecting them for about 15 years, a top

row Jack saunters in one day with the prettiest, neatest, wide spreading arrow that I have seen on any stamp. Strange to say, none other has come to my attention. It is probably the earliest plate which had an arrow in the making of our own postage stamps.

'Tis said that the ZR-3 had so many letters that they made her bilge bulge, and I trust that you all got one. Who knows, this transatlantic flight may become a constant means of conveyance soon, in which case it is fair to assume that before we are many years older we will be collecting the new set of International stamps. If each country were to design a stamp and the best of these were to be made for use—oh, well, who has any items of U. S. A. Earlies for the next issue of The Forum?

THE 150PF IMPERFORATE GERMANY.

When Mr. Victor Weiskopf returned from his trip thru Germany, Austria and Switzerland he brought with him a very small quantity of the 150pf orange "Workman Type" imperforate. The Home of the Postage Stamp purchased his entire lot and at the time of sale neither of us knew that any 150pf imperforate was listed in Scott's 1925 Catalog. On making up the advertisement for MEKEEL'S the firm discovered that the 150pf watermarked Lozenges was listed imperforate (No. 148a). Forthwith that number was included in the advertisement. When the stamps were gotten out to fill orders it was discovered that the watermark was *network*! When Mr. Weiskopf sought the aid of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. he discovered that they were quite willing to believe that the correct number of the 150pf should be 170a instead of No. 148a. It is quite impossible that both exist. Proper mention of this will doubtless appear in *The Monthly Journal*.

Further information about this stamp is most interesting. One package, 100 sheets or 10,000 stamps, was shipped to Bautzen in German Silesia. There the stamps were sold to the public. Mr. Weiskopf says that this stamp is in great demand in Germany and that it was only with great difficulty that he obtained the small lot he brought back with him.

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By A. N. CAUDELL.

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PSYCHOLOGY OF STAMP COLLECTING.

By STEPHEN G. RICH.

There is enough possible material under this title to make a book, let alone a magazine article; hence only a few of the more obvious phases can therefore be treated here. There are a few questions to which an attempt at an answer, in terms of psychology, can be made, and which are directly relevant to the hobby of philately. One of these is: "Why do people begin to collect stamps?" Another: "Why do people continue to collect stamps?" Another: "Why do almost all collectors specialize if they continue collecting long enough?" Another: "Why are there periods when a large number of collectors take up the same specialty?" Another: "Why do some specialties die out?"

It is generally assumed that people begin collecting stamps because of a "collecting instinct." Comparison is made with the well-known South Sea bowerbird, that collects bits of china, bright stones, etc., to ornament the space at his nest. Whether any "collecting instinct" exists in human beings is open to dispute; there is no manual of psychology that admits such an instinct without qualification; and many psychologists omit it entirely. There is, however, an allied instinct that is fairly generally admitted to exist. This is the "acquisitive instinct." Let it be pointed out that there is a vast difference; this is no play on words. An instinct for collecting, if such a thing existed, would be no mere instinct, but a complex mixture of several. This can be seen by watching the expressions, in word and deed, of any beginner in stamp collecting. He satisfies his desire for acquiring; he asserts his self, in trading stamps, in mounting his stamps, in showing his friends what fine stamps he has, and in other less obvious ways. He exhibits the acquisitive instinct; he exhibits a disposition to get the better of the other person (all the time in conjunction with self-assertion) in trying to drive a sharp trade. In what care he gives to his collection, he shows the same trend of mind as a parent does in caring for a child.

But the question must be analyzed a step further. It is not enough to say that stamp-collecting begins by the effect of the self-assertive, acquisitive, conquering, and parental-care instincts. These same instincts might equally well lead to collecting insects, street-car transfers, scarabei, marbles, or minerals. Yet, for every collector of either of these kinds of objects, there are several collectors of stamps. Our analysis ought to give us some clue as to why people take up

stamp-collecting instead of some other kind of collecting. In part, of course, this fact is due to stamp-collecting being an established custom; the beginner, usually a child, is social enough and imitative enough in nature to fall in with the custom. But the psychologist is naturally interested in knowing how the custom arose; he is convinced that it was not mere chance, but the result of some recognizable activity of the human mind.

One fact that has contributed to the establishment of the custom of stamp-collecting is the ease with which a collection can be made. The combination of instincts which leads to collecting is able to get more immediate action in collecting stamps than in almost any other form of collecting. This ease of starting begins with the situation that stamps, not all alike, are received daily into almost any home, on letters. The fact that a collection is readily portable, in its early stages at any rate, makes comparison of collections, rivalry, exchanging, and the like very easy. Still another phase of the ease of making a collection is the fact that stamps, fastened into a book, are less easily disarranged than almost any other kind of collection that a young person can make. It is, therefore, not unwarrantable psychologically to say that stamp-collecting became an established custom primarily because it offered less resistance to immediate action of the mental processes involved in beginning a collection than any other form of collecting.

Still another phase of the establishment of stamp-collecting as a custom is due to the mental convenience of stamp-collecting. The beginner's collection, and indeed almost any collection before it has reached the stage of specialization, is seldom so bulky as to be a nuisance to non-collectors. The same parents who would throw in the rubbish-heap a boy's collection of birds' eggs when he had tired of it, have no occasion to do so with the stamp-collection. It is a small book; it is left in the bottom of a drawer or put in the bookcase, and forgotten. The boy still has it when he founds his own home, years later; and seeing it once in a while makes him more sympathetic when his own child begins to collect. There is no cluttering-up of homes to produce a parental dislike of stamp-collecting.

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Our problem, therefore, is to find out why grown persons return to what has been a childhood pastime, and carry on with far more interest than they did as children. One point to notice here is that, during the period in which a person is as yet struggling to find his vocation, his niche in the social order, few collectors. The revival of interest does not, however, wait upon success in the vocation, but only upon definite finding of it and beginning in it. So long as the problems of personal adjustment take up a large part of the person's time, the tendency appears to be towards use of leisure time in ways that are discontinuous—a movie tonight, a dance to-morrow night, a trip to Coney Island or Revere Beach next Sunday. But as the habit of regular and consecutive work in a vocation becomes fixed, there appears to be a growing desire for an equally regular amusement. Some persons become bridge-players; others, with wealth and leisure, become golfers; and some become stamp collectors again. What determines which they take up is not easy to say. This much is sure, however, there are few adult collectors who did not collect as children; and there are few adult collectors who did not resume collecting because they had one or a few collectors among the people they regularly associated with.

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complex of instincts that start when collecting stamps that is the seed of adult collecting. The adult collector is a social product: he collects because it is a satisfying mode of social intercourse. Let it be said at once that social motive is rarely, if ever, conspicuous: it is, in fact, more often denied or admitted. Yet the fact remains that the lonely specialist in the West Virginia village is socially quite as much in contact with the philatelists with whom he corresponds, or whose articles he reads in the WEEKLY, as with his neighbors in the village. By collecting, he has an himself a wider and more satisfying circle of social contact than he otherwise would have. Socially, through stamp-collecting, he is asserting himself; in snapping up bargains and in making good exchanges he is getting the better of the other person. His local contacts do not, in many cases, afford enough opportunity for the action

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of these traits of human nature. Now we might go into much more detail in this; the analysis has thus far only touched the edge of the question. But to do so would mean writing a book. Another psychological aspect of the return of the adult to stamp-collecting must be mentioned before passing to the next problem. There exists in each person in some degree an instinctive tendency towards creative activity of some sort. This wide term, "creative activity," must not be taken as meaning only invention or writing literature or composing music. From the point of view of the person doing it, there is as much creative activity in building up a business, in establishing a circle of friends, in driving a car well, as in any of the more original forms. For a large proportion of the people in most lines of business, the scope for creative activity either is or appears to them to be, exceedingly small. Those in whom this urge is strong are likely to seek some outlet for it in one or another form of adult play. The suburbanite with his garden is a case in point. The collector making a good collection is equally so. The same features of ease of beginning, of small bulk of the collection, of small disturbance to the household, that made it possible for the child to collect stamps in preference to minerals or insects, undoubtedly are among the factors that decide adults in their choice of stamp-collecting as a hobby.

This aspect of the matter leads us directly to a solution of the question as to why almost all collectors become specialists if they continue collecting long enough. The instinctive tendency towards creative activity has comparatively small scope so long as it is limited by the pages of a printed album or the varieties given in the catalogue. In discovering fancy varieties, in mounting stamps according to one's own plan, in writing-up album pages, and in exhibiting a fine collection, the creative activity finds plenty of expression. The mere mechanical difficulty and the mere limitation of time available prevent the collector from doing this for more than one or a few countries. Even if the collector can afford the money for a specialized collection of many countries, there are not enough hours available to work up more than a few. I am considered a quick worker; but I find that I have to allow an average time of an hour a page for planning, writing-up and mounting my collection. This does not count in the time involved in hunting through material, in deciding which specimens to keep, etc., but only the actual time for making up the page, from the start until it is ready to go into the album.

The creative impulses, then, are the chief source of specialization. They are, however, not the only ones. They determine only that specialization shall take place; for as they come into action they make it impossible to collect everything. The choice of specialty may be deter-

mined by them: there appear to be cases in which a country or group of countries for specialization has been chosen because of either its challenge to the constructive powers of the collector or the apparent ease of specialization.

More usually, however, other mental factors, often of social origin or socially stimulated to action, decide the field chosen. That complex of habits, attitudes, prejudices, sentiments, likes and dislikes, called patriotism in ourselves and nationalism in others, has often the deciding voice. At times the interests aroused by current events determine many in their choice of field: witness the rage for South Africans after the Anglo-Boer War, and the interest in old German states as a reaction from the World War. Political alliances, such as that of the Allies during the World War, exert a strong effect; the current liking for British North America is at least in part caused in this way. Frequently some well-known collector will start a number of others imitating his specialty, carrying it perhaps a few steps further.

This set of situations not only completes the outline of explanation of why collectors specialize, but answers in part the question as to why there are periods when large numbers of collectors take up the same specialty. It implies also the answer to the last question at the start of this article. The decline and fall of specialties is due to drainage of new collectors into other fields of specialization. As the fields develop, one after another, the new collectors are attracted to the ones in which there is chance for creative activity, rather than into those in which the work has been done. Thus, Match and Medicine stamps of the U. S. were worked out fairly exhaustively by 1900; and the collectors of that day who were ready to specialize turned elsewhere. By the time the World War came along, with its results in war stamps, Neupe, etc., the chances for specialization in British Colonies had been fairly well worked out.

Such, then, are the more prominent features in the psychology of stamp collecting. A very large number of interesting phases still remain to be worked out; some will require experimental work, some mental tests, some careful collection of opinions from many collectors. Psychologically, we do not yet know what effects stamp collecting produces on children or on adults. We do not yet know whether or not it has any educative effects; though we suspect that it does have. What they are, whether they are worth having, and whether they can be had with less time or more efficiency by other means, we do not know. But the really important and valuable thing is not to expect an immediate solution of the problems; rather does it lie in recognizing that they exist and that they can be solved. As a first analysis towards this end, the present article is offered.

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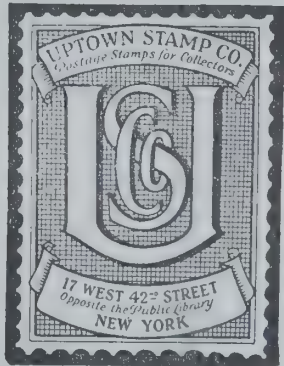
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EDITORIAL.

Brains.—We sometimes wonder that nobody has seized upon the fact that stamp collectors are not stupid people, as an argument in favor of our hobby. It is true that we often hear that philately develops "observation," "neatness," etcetera, as an argument in favor of the hobby. That is possibly true; but the reverse argument is considerably stronger. The reverse argument is also considerably more valid. This argument is simply that people who take up and stick to stamp collecting show that they have plenty of brain-power. We do not know personally every stamp collector in the country or even in our own county; but we have yet to meet a stupid person who collects stamps. Take it among the school-children who are beginners: we have seen just two boys of decidedly inferior ability start collecting, when it was the fashion in the "Vinegar Rock" school; but they got tired of it before the others arrived at the heat of enthusiasm. There was published in this WEEKLY some months ago an account of a school stamp-contest, in which the winners were the two brightest pupils in the school. If we consider the adult collectors, we have, to our positive knowledge, a galaxy of high-grade talent in any bunch of collectors that we may pick. One collector in Europe, of royal rank, has for many years done well and to the whole-hearted approval and liking of his people, the duties of a position which he is often quoted as cordially detesting. One of the contributors to the WEEKLY is quoted by the authorities of the university where he graduated, as having passed the most brilliant examination for a higher degree of any student in recent years. Still another philatelist is editor of one of the most important technical journals of chemistry. The money-making abilities of some prominent collectors in

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Typewriters.—We recently had the pleasure of seeing a collection in which the pages were not made up in the usual way. The owner of it neither wrote nor lettered the titles and descriptive matter. He had made up his sheets on a typewriter with "print-type" face. In the collection were a few sheets made on a machine with ordinary type; their inferiority in appearance and legibility to those made up with "print-type" was very marked. On inquiry, we found that, since the sheets for the album were too wide to go into the machine, he had simply folded under the inner edge of the sheets at the cloth hinge, to get them in. He was hoping to trade for a similar machine with a longer carriage, to avoid this. He had also tried one of those typewriters that allows of the use of various type-faces, by replacing one type-wheel with another. With this he had made up a few sheets for the album, using print-type for heading, the same for the dates, a small block type for some of the descriptive matter, and small italics for minor legends. This was interesting; but, on the whole, the pages were not so satisfactory to the collector nor so pleasing to the observer as those made up with the print-type alone. We might say that the print-type is not to be had on every make of typewriter.

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Extra-illustrating.—Those of us who visited the 1913 stamp exhibition in New York may perhaps remember one collection, of a minor U. S. specialty, that attracted an undue amount of attention from the visitors, especially the non-philatelic ones and the children, because of the extra-illustrations which adorned nearly every sheet. Except to the specialist, the exhibition of sheet after sheet of stamps, without accessories of any sort other than "writing-up," is apt to become tiresome. This particular collection had such items as pictures of the men prominently connected with the phase of postal work that the collection showed; pictures

of some phases of the service; maps illustrating certain services that had special stamps; and so on. If a few of the exhibitors in the 1926 exhibition will follow this example, the effect of the exhibition in making people appreciate the interest of the hobby will be much increased. For example, a collection of Belgium might well have several pictures of characteristic bits of Belgian railway doings on the pages carrying the railway parcel-post stamps. One or two to a page will certainly be enough, so that the stamps are not outweighed by the pictures; likewise, a few pictures to a page lure the observer on to the next page in the hope of seeing more. A collection of steamboat cancellations on early U. S. adhesives would gain much in interest by the addition of some pictures of the actual steamboats of the period.

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What of the Cost?—Some of us are just a shade afraid that the 1926 exhibition may rather frighten off than attract persons to philately as a hobby, because of the spectacular displays of expensive stamps that are likely to figure in the exhibits. There are some few countries, however, from which highly specialized and exceedingly interesting collections can be made at comparatively little expense. This is more particularly true if the collection is limited to one period. A class for collections costing \$200 or \$250 downward might, we think, bring out some rather striking examples of this. Such a country, for example, as the Australian Commonwealth, with its rich diversity of interstate uses of the stamps of the constituent colonies up to 1910, and its comparatively straightforward issues since then, requires rather energy and persistence in looking through masses of low-priced stamps for varieties than the expenditure of much money. We have seen a collection of Ukraina, in which the various surchargings, the errors, and the like, were admirably shown on an expenditure of one hundred dollars, coupled with great energy in looking through dealers' stocks and a lavish expenditure of time and care in mounting. Of course, such a collection was weak on sheets and panes; but the real philatelic interest of these is not even now fully established in the minds of all collectors. The impression that philately is dominantly a rich man's hobby is quite apt to do as much harm as good; and any means to encourage advanced collecting of the less expensive material will be worth while.

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thing further than the mere assertion of benefits and description of methods. What we need is, first of all, an experiment like the one on the use of lantern-slides and the moving-picture that Dr. C. E. Skinner, now of Oxford, Ohio, did in P. S. 10 and P. S. 171, Manhattan, for the New York school authorities in 1923. Dr. Skinner had parallel classes, chosen so as to be substantially of equal mental ability and similar school training, taught in geography in three ways; with text-book alone, with text-book and slides, and with text-book, slides, and moving pictures. He used carefully devised standardized tests to determine how much was learned in each case; he used a questionnaire to find out how the pupils reacted in liking and disliking the school work; and he tested for retention of information some months after the experiment was finished. This was done in 7th grade geography. There is a chance here for someone to find out how stamp-collecting affects school work, by similar experiments. We need some such definite information; and we need it for more studies than geography and history. There are chances in civics, chemistry, economics, among high-school subjects. Just as Dr. Skinner found that the amount of information gained was not substantially affected by the use of the moving pictures, but that the amount of it retained and the liking for and interest in geography were increased, we may find unexpected results from the effects of stamp-collecting.

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—Montgomery Mulford, Buffalo, N. Y., believes that it would be the proper thing to get out a stamp portraying the likeness of Woodrow Wilson. He urges philatelists to agitate for such a stamp by getting into active communication with senators and representatives, and thus express our non-partisan pride in our World War executive.

—P. M. Wolsieffer has issued a very neat folder consisting of a perforation gauge and millimetre scale combined with a pocket approval card. No doubt a letter to Mr. Wolsieffer would procure one.

—S. Hyman of Chicago, Ill., sends us a clipping from the Chicago *Daily News* in which a department editor publishes a letter in relation to the selling of stamps and then replies to the query. The advice is given in such a manner as

to indicate an acquaintance with the details of stamp dealing. Mr. Hyman also submits a New Hebrides cover with two of the provisionals described in our Sept. 22 issue.

—P. J. Drossos writes us that he has just returned to Athens from a business trip to Egypt, where he had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Felix Cohen of Alexandria, a name quite familiar to our readers. Mr. Drossos informs us that the one pound stamp of the current King Fuad issue contains a serious error. It bears a sterling pound sign when it should have been the sterling sign with the letter "E" indicating "one Egyptian pound". When the existing stock of about 30,000 is exhausted the error will be corrected. The Egyptian government is considering having its stamps printed in Egypt instead of England. The Hedjaz stamps prepared in Cairo are an example of the work that can be done.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR ARRIVES.

So many readers have manifested an interest in the political fortunes of the Managing Editor that we venture to chronicle here the election day results. In the 20th Essex Representative District, comprising two wards of Beverly, Manchester-by-the-Sea and Essex, Mr. Wylie won out by a vote of 2,462 to 867. The detailed vote was as follows:—

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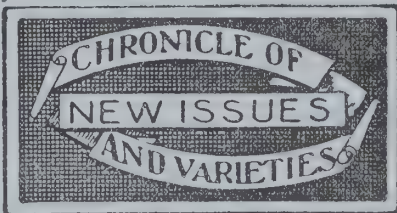
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United States.

Dates of Issue of Early Emissions.

In the *American Philatelist* for October, Dr. Carroll Chase and Mr. S. B. Ashbrook present a very interesting article dealing with the dates of issue of our earlier stamps and enumerate in detail the earliest used stamps seen from certain plates.

In the case of the 1c 1851 from either of the four plates, the earliest date of use so far found is a stamp from plate one, dated July 3, 1851. The variety was placed on sale two days previous. The 3c is quite well known on cover used the first day, namely July 1st. While the 5c was placed on sale January 6, 1856, the copy of the stamp in the Ackerman collection on cover dated May 5, 1856, is the earliest date of use so far found. The 10c was placed on sale May 4, 1855, but we have not as yet found a copy used earlier than May 21st. In the case of the 12c, which went on sale with the 1c and 3c on July 1, 1851, we have not found a copy of the stamp used before October 18th, over three and one-half months later.

The Franklin Carrier was supposedly issued on November 17, 1851, but the earliest use of the stamp that we now know is one in the B. K. Miller collection used on

January 3, 1852. Mr. Miller also has the Eagle Carrier, issued on September 29, 1851, that was used on October 28th.

This list will be continued next week, and it is hoped that if any of our readers can supply covers used at earlier dates that we will be informed.

Bureau Plate Records.

Through the courtesy of the Post Office Department and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we have been furnished with a list of plates turned out by the Bureau, together with a record where the record has been available, of the date of certification as well as cancellation of the said plate. This data is now being put into such condition that the list will gradually be published from time to time for the benefit of our many readers. It is expected that a complete list will be published by one of our foremost collectors but until further details on the subject are available, I am not in a position to announce definitely as to when this publication will go to press.

3c 1857 On Cover.

Mr. Frank S. Cosby has submitted for my inspection a small attractive cover mailed from Lexington, Ky., to Spizzia, Sardinia, showing five copies of the 3c type II, 1857, on front of the cover and eight on the back, making a 39c rate. The cover shows a black dated postmark of Lexington reading November 7, 1860, in addition to French and Italian postmarks. There is also the red New York steamship marking in addition to the well known "P. D." within a rectangle. Covers of this series with such a number of stamps upon them are quite unusual and Mr. Cosby is most fortunate in finding this cover among the old papers of one of his relatives.

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The view on the 2 gulden value is not designated, but is easily recognizable as the river Mottlau (a tributary of the Vistula) with the Kran Tor (Crane Gate), a picturesque structure dating back to the fifteenth century.

Both stamps are of transverse oblong format, and are inscribed "Freie Stadt Danzig" in Gothic type at foot with "1 Gulden" or "2 Gulden" at top.

Engraved and printed in recess (centres in black). Wmk. Honeycomb. Perf. 14. 1 gulden green and black, Oliva; 2 gulden purple and black, River Mottlau and Kran Tor.—Stamp Collecting.

GERMANY.—Mr. Philip A. Gallagher sends us a cover that was carried on the Zeppelin ZR-3 on its trip to the U. S. The cover is franked with two 50pf orange stamps of the 1924 issue, and cancelled with a special cancellation.

FINLAND.—An issue of air stamps for this country is declared to be imminent.—Stamp Collecting.

HONDURAS.—Mr. Gilberto G. Medina advises that he has a copy of the 6c bright violet, No. 187, without the "S" in the word "Seis".

SIAM.—According to this month's notes of the Aero Philatelic Club, the projected air mail stamps for Siam may be issued on April 1, 1925, which date coincides with the Siamese New Year.—Stamp Collecting.

TRANSJORDANIA.—A new overprint has appeared on Hedjaz stamps for Transjordan. The values so far seen are ¼, ½, 1, 2, 3 and 5pi. Colours as before, excepting the ¼, which is now green, and ½ carmine, and the 3 pale red-brown. The first line of overprints reads "HUKUMAT ALSHARQ," second line "ALARABI," and third line "1342."—Stamp Collecting.

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The Sales Manager is W. O. Staeb, a well known philatelist with numerous activities. He is president of the Saturday Afternoon Stamp Club of New York City, also of the Stamp Lovers League, an association of eight clubs within a radius of 25 miles of Newark, N. J.

ANOTHER VIEW-POINT.

"I'm agin havin' this 'air-mail' service 'gen'ral principles", sez Jed Stuart, our pre-keeper and fellow-townsmen. "Y'see, bills'll git to me too quick. An' when I send 'em a check, it *might* git a th' air-mail an' not give me th' extra free days t' make it good, like naow." "M. T." DOME.

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RIP VAN POSTZEGEL-WINKEL.

By GERARD GERARDZON.

Rip, as you might guess from his name if you talked his native "taal," was a stamp-dealer. He didn't own an establishment like a jewelry store, up in the Grand Central Zone; nor did he have one of those grubby little back rooms, floor littered with cigarette-stubs and a few sets of Neurope on an improvised counter. No; he did business out in the satellite city of Butte de l'Union; his was a neat little store, with a few choice covers, two albums and a set of Holland in the window. It was right on the way home from school for most of the children, and the Secaucus trolley ran in front of the door.

Sometimes you got a bargain in Rip's little store; but more often you would find him showing sets and albums to children. Indeed, it was Rip's boast that "no child could get out of his store without buying stamps"—unless he had no money. There in that little shop on Secaucus Avenue, he kept busy, till Mrs. Van Postzegel-Winkel rolled up in the Chevy to take him home to supper.

Now it may have been the fatigue of convincing young Tony Eisenstein that he wanted to buy those Ukrainians; or it may have been the strain of getting little Sadie Lotspeech to decide between the Victoria Falls set and the Salvadors; or it may have been the visit of a drummer from Ye Stampe Shoppe Ink., of Schenectady; but at any rate, Rip fell asleep in the Chevy going home. Of course, there was the usual flurry; of course they called the doctor when he wouldn't wake up; and all the rest. But the end of the week, the end of the month, and the end of the year saw him still quietly snoring in bed

January 8th, 1936
Martha, Rip's granddaughter, whom he had never seen, went up, as usual, to see if the sleeper was all right that morning.

"Pappa! Mamma! Grandma! Come up quick! Something's the matter! Grandpa's moving and his eyes are open!"

Even old Mrs. Van Winkel, now hardly able to get about, came hurrying up the stairs.

Rip's eyes were open; he was trying to speak; he tried to rise from the bed.

"You've . . . you've let me sleep too long . . . look at the clock . . . it says half past nine . . . and I've missed the morning's business . . . and I don't feel sleepy—"

"Who's this?" he began again, as his glance fell on Martha. "Who's this girl . . . I don't want any strangers let into our house . . . what's the matter?" as Martha began to cry and he heard the rustle of the others moving about.

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He wouldn't believe them—not even when he saw his long beard in the mirror; not even when he saw a calendar for 1936; not even when Mrs. Van Winkel insisted who she was. Nothing would do but he must start down town and be ready

for the morning's trade. It seemed queer to him; he didn't think things looked right at home; why was the stairway bare, when he had put down a carpet last month? what had made them hide his old easy-chair over night? why did the front entrance seem dark instead of having the sunlight streaming through it?

but then, he must be sick, and seeing and hearing things wrong. A fine way to be on the day he was to go to Footspurn's auction to bid on those Confederate covers. And thus he went out to the front door, opened it, started to step down the familiar one step to the porch, stumbled, felt for the porch-rail, found only a wall, and suddenly saw that he was in a long vestibule with a new glass door at the further end. He leaned wearily against the wall fainted

He awoke to the smell of ammonia, to see a tall doctor, with white hair, standing over him, saying, in a familiar voice: "Welcome back, Rip!" It was the voice and the manner of young Dr. Modarelli, the specialist in Parma, who lived next door but one—but how had he gotten so old?

"Get me some food . . . I'm terribly hungry," said he hurriedly. Martha, still showing signs of weeping, ran to the kitchen; a moment later, and he was drinking milk ravenously, until the doctor stopped him.

"Rip," said the doctor, "it's true. I told them you'd wake up, and I'm glad we've all lasted to see it. They didn't tell you any stories; it is 1936; and we've kept the business going all these years, so you—"

"Did any of you go to Footspurn's auction and get those Confederate covers last ni—I mean in 1924?"

"Jane," said the doctor, addressing Mrs. Van Winkel, "do you remember?"

"Indeed I do," answered the old lady, with a liveliness and interest she had not shown in years. "I won't ever forget the day. It was the first time I had been to an auction without you, and I was scared almost stiff; and I was so worried about you being sick and asleep here, that I nearly let Sandy McKenzie buy them away. I got them for \$560, and sold them to Allenstein—he lived in Paterson, but he died ten years ago—for an even thousand; and when he died Jack bought them back for only 12,000 and sold them a month later for—"

"What did you pay for those covers this time?"

"Twelve thousand, and I sold them for twenty thousand."

"Jane, are you crazy? Why, the Boscawen stamp sold for twelve thousand, and you tell me those Elyton and Mobile covers brought twenty—"

"Father," broke in Jack Van Winkel, "that's forty years ago. You used to say, when I was a kid and before you went asleep, that Mr. Gibbons once bought Cape Wood Blocks for a dollar each, in 1869, and now they were worth a thou-

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"Yes, I told it to you only day before yesterday?"

"That was sixty years ago."

"All right, Jack," said Rip wearily, "I forget that I'm a fossil; but I want to go down to the store. Get the Chevy and take me down right now."

"We don't need the Chevy," said Jack, with a laugh, "and it's all rust now anyway. We traded it in for a Packard after Momma made her big deal in Middle Europe Confederation provisionals; but now we don't need a 'plane or a car to get to the store. Come along with me, and I'll have you there in a minute."

Jack, still called that though he was over seventy years old, was lively as if he had been only thirty; he took Rip out through the front door and the long entry, out onto a street that had changed little, except for several stores where wooden residences had been, and turned in to the door of a neat concrete store right next to the hallway out of which they had come. Rip looked up at the signs over the door. One of them was his sign from Secaucus Avenue, dull now but still the same—"R. Van Postzegel-Winkel, Stamp Dealer."—and beneath it a bright one—"R., J. and J. Van Postzegel-Winkel, The Stamp Store." He knew then how it was; he was glad; they had not taken his name out of the business, but kept it for him; for who could the two "J"'s be but Jane and Jack?

"What are these, boy," asked Rip, pausing before going in, and looking at a set of stamps curiously like the American ones of 1922?" He looked closer. "What's this country—Dominion of Judea? Where's that? And look at the money—why it's all in cents!"

"That's the new republic they started ten years ago, over in Western Asia. They got Palestine, Egypt, Hejaz, Syria, and Mesopotamia together, made each of

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them a state, and have their capital at Damascus. They're one of the British republics, and so they have taken the name of Dominion. There are a lot of Americans there; about ten years after you went to sleep, the Ku Klux got so powerful that half a million clothing workers left New York and settled there. Their president, Ezra Iskovitch, is the son of Sidney Iskovitch that used to buy stamps from you. His uncle, Lionel Iskovitch, stayed here, became a good Baptist, and was mayor of Butte de l'Union in 1954 or '55. You see what they think of us; there's Woodrow Wilson's picture on the 5-cent stamp, and Calvin Coolidge, who was ambassador to Britain after he left the White House, and who got them the chance to settle there, on the 10-cent stamp."

"And what's this set?" continued Rip, as he pointed to a plain set, with large figures in the center, and the word "Malaya" conspicuous at the top of each stamp.

"Those? Why, that's the new Philippine set, just out last week. It's printed in Washington."

"Didn't the Philippines get independence? Davis and La Follette were promising it last—when I went to sleep."

"Sure, they did; in 1934, when Hoover was president. Then they got into a war with Japan; they got overrun like Belgium in the first World War; and the Japanese seized Guam and Hong Kong. The Australians declared war on Japan then, and so did we; Canada came in and Moscow and Germany; we had to gas half of Japan before they surrendered. Then we and Australia ran Japan and the Philippines for a while, till the Dutch East Indies had their rebellion; now we have made a kingdom of the Philippines and East Indies, with Indo-China, allied with us permanently. The Malaysians are settling in Japan in large numbers, and have already asked to have that country annexed to Malaya."

"Boy, let's go in; it's getting cold out here," said Rip, shivering slightly.

"I want you to see the great rarities first," said Jack, as he opened a Pyrex door safe. We keep them here; this Pyrex glass is better than steel or concrete for safety. Look at this: here is the gem of the lot: see this 5-cent red error in a full sheet of 2's, perf. 10. Silvester Isaacs McBean, the steel magnate from Ensley, offered me a hundred thousand for the sheet, but we can't let it go under two hundred thousand. Then here is the Latvia provisional of 1944, when the Middle Europe Federation—that was what they changed the name of the League of Nations to—became a government—they took in every country from France to Esthonia. They are very scarce, I don't know of more than one other copy of the 5 lat stamp. Here's another rare one—"

"Why, I know that. That's Hungary, 1920. Very common—10 for a cent."

"Yes; but the paper was so brittle that most of the specimens have crumbled to dust; this one has been sealed up between those glass plates for thirty years, in a space filled with nitrogen, and even at that it cracked one day when the case was set down hard."

"But what about the boy collectors? I always used to deal with them a lot."

"Look at them, father." And Jack led Rip round through a door into a separate store, where a dozen boys were poring over sheets of stamps, buying one here and there, purchasing hinges, looking at albums, and so on, as sixty years earlier. Rip looked inquisitively at one sheet of American stamps; there was the 2-cent Harding, cancelled—yes, precancelled—for 10 cents. Jack laughed.

"Everybody saved them," he explained. Precancels went out of fashion, like Match and Medicine before your time and mine; I have five million Harding stamps in bags in the back storeroom."

"But isn't 10 cents pretty high for so common a stamp?"

"Oh, no; a dime is as little now as two or three cents used to be when I was in school. Why, they can't get a man to do the simplest sort of work, pushing a vacuum cleaner or spraying paint on walls, for less than twenty dollars a day, the way money has gone down. But some

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At this point, I, Gerard Gerardzo

the author, likewise awakened, to find that I had fallen asleep while puzzling over my nephew's Neuropo pages in his dollar album. "What a silly dream," said I. But nephew Joe insists that it bea

Rip Van Winkle.

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INTERPROVINCIALS.

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desian stamps used in Southern Rhodesia after the change of government.

Outside the British Empire, there are a number of countries in which interprovincials may be looked for; but up to the time of writing I have not been able to see any from these places. Furthest back in history among these would probably be Two Sicilies. It would be surprising indeed if the stamps of Naples and Sicily should not be found interprovincially used. Closely following this, there is abundant chance for interprovincials among the Italian states at the period of unification. It is even possible, though not probable, that stamps of Lombardy-Venice may be found used in each of these provinces just after their annexation to the kingdom of Italy.

The possibility that cantonal stamps of Switzerland found some little interprovincial use should be mentioned.

With the formation of the German Empire in 1871, there was again abundant opportunity for interprovincials; but here again I have not actually seen any specimens. The collector who is interested might possibly find similar material at the formation of the North German Postal District a few years earlier.

There is a possibility that interprovincial use of the stamps of Poland, envelopes as well as adhesives, in other parts of the Russian Empire, took place immediately after the suppression of the nominally separate government of that country.

On the American continent, aside from Canada, the two possible sources of interprovincials are Mexico and the Colombian Republic. In the former, these would be found during the period in which stamps were surcharged with names of offices and districts. In the latter, the separate postal services of the various states offer possibilities. Included under the Colombian possibilities are those of Panama and the Canal Zone; it does not appear unlikely that an interchanged use of Panama stamps unsurcharged and Canal Zone stamps surcharged on Panama may have taken place at some time or other.

Doubtless other situations in other countries have existed, in which interprovincials may have been used; but it is hardly necessary to search these out in detail.

Section 3.

The collector who wishes to work with interprovincials needs certain aids beyond those usually at hand. Above all else, a postal guide or gazetteer of the country is essential, unless he knows the country well from extensive travel in it. Even then, the guide will help. An indexed map is hardly a sufficient guide, as many post-offices are left out; let the reader, for example, try to find, in our own country, a map that will show Petrey, W. Va.; or Foreign Station, New York, N. Y.; or Acmar, Ala. Some of the most significant South African interprovincials that I have seen have come from little Natal offices not to be found on any map.

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The collector of interprovincials has also to acquire skill in making-out blurred or faint cancellations. This applies particularly to the dates; these are often, in South African material at any rate, far less visible than the other parts of the postmark. Until this skill is acquired, and the arrangement of data in the postmark known, mistakes are easily made. Such items as the British 2-letter abbre-

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graved series of 1904-05", were issued at
Grand Turk, on September 3, 1909.
They were printed from line engraved
plates, by De La Rue & Co., Ltd., in
sheets of 60 (6 horizontal by 10 vertical),
with double marginal lines and cross
marks in all four margins for perforat-
ing purposes, and watermarked multiple
Crown CA. Colored papers were used
for the 3d and 4d (yellow), 1s and 2s
(green), and 3s (red). The 1/2d to 6d
are perforated comb 14, and the shilling
values, single line. The 3d exists with
both perforations, and the 1/2d and 1s,
with watermark inverted.

The design, which is most attractive, is
the same for all values, and consists of
the head of King Edward, facing the left,
within a pearled oval. The Dependency's
name is on a band conforming to the
central oval, broken into at two points by
the shields in the upper corners contain-
ing the figures of value—"Turks &" (at
the left), "Caicos Islands" (at the top),
and "Postage" (at the right). On either
side of the oval, at the foot, are smaller
ovals containing the Melocactus com-
munis, and across the bottom on a ribbon,
is the value in words.

This was one of the last series of post-
age stamps to be issued bearing the head
of King Edward VII, as he died on May
6th of the following year. In 1911, plans
were perfected for a superseding series
in the King George type, which the au-
thorities hoped to issue about the middle
of 1912, but which the printers were not
able to supply until early in 1913.

The 4d had a very short life, exhaust-
ing prior to April, 1912. By the end of
the year, when Government Notice 78
was issued, the 2d, 2 1/2d and 6d had fol-
lowed. The 4d and 2 1/2d are the best of
the low values, and are catalogued at 10s
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"GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 78.

Commissioner's Office,
GRAND TURK, 27th December, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that after the
31st March 1913, such quantities of the
following denominations of postage
stamps of King Edward VII issue,
namely, 1/2d, 1d, 3d, 1s, 2s, 3s, as remain
on hand will be withdrawn, and King
George V issue will then be sold concur-
rently with the Ship issue, until the latter
is exhausted.

The following denominations of the
Ship issue, of which the plates have been
destroyed, are exhausted, namely 3d, 2s,
3s.

By Order,
Signed, L. LEA SMITH,
Acting Asst. Commissioner."

The withdrawn remainders were sent

to the Crown Agents, and as the quan-
tities were not large, were soon disposed
of.

Sept. 3, 1909. King Edward VII, Post-
age. Line engraved and printed by De
La Rue & Co., Ltd. Watermarked
multiple Crown CA. Perf. 14 comb
(1/2d to 6d), single line (1s, 2s, 3s, 3d).

1/2d yellow green.

a. inverted watermark.

1d carmine.

2d gray.

2 1/2d ultramarine.

3d violet on yellow.

4d red on yellow.

6d violet.

1s black on green.

a. inverted watermark.

2s red on green.

3s black on red.

FARTHING, 1910.

On July 7, 1910, was issued a farthing
stamp for use on local letters, in the same
general design of the King Edward
series, except the Turk's head cactus,
from which the Turks Islands derive
their name, is substituted for the head of
the King. The miniature representations
of this plant at the foot of the central
oval, in the King Edward design, being
superfluous, are omitted in the design of
the farthing, and leaf ornamentation
takes their place. The Turk's head cactus
shown on the farthing stamp differs
considerably from that on the Ship and
King Edward series, and is a correct re-
presentation of this interesting plant, the
star-like "head piece" on the earlier is-
sues giving way to the "Turkish fez".

The stamp was printed from line en-
graved plates, in sheets of 60 stamps,
surrounded by a double marginal line,
which is 15mm. from the stamps at the
right, top and bottom, and only 11 1/2mm.
at the left. The usual cross marks ap-
pear in all four margins, and the perfora-
tion is comb 14. Two printings were
made in claret (issued July 7th and Au-
gust 19th, 1910), a total of 240,000
stamps.

In 1911, two further lots of the far-
thing were received (April 27th and De-
cember 11th) in a different color, vermil-
ion. One philatelic writer ventured to
predict for it a short life, "as the color
is exactly the same as the standard for
the 1d in the color scheme, and is likely
to be looked upon with disfavor by the
authorities." He queried whether the
brown color of the Crown Agents' color
scheme could not have been adopted at
once, and "further trouble saved." Can-
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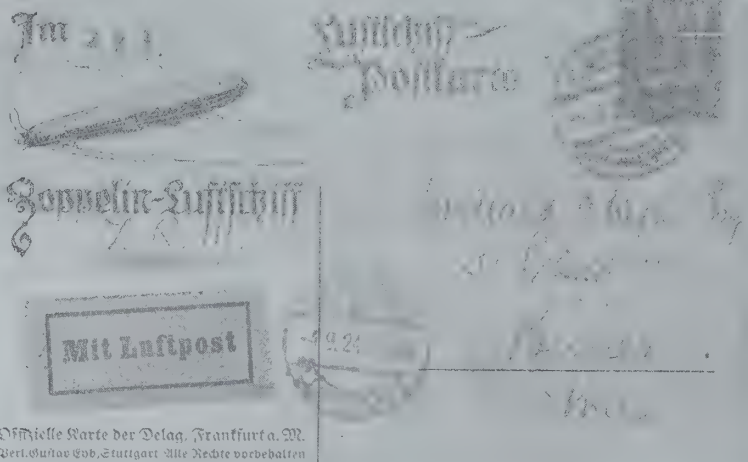
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Among those who received mail on the ZR-3 are Major J. A. Steinmetz, member of the firm of Janney, Steinmetz & Co., 1421 Chestnut street, and Eugene Klein, 1318 Chestnut street. Mr. Steinmetz is a former president of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania and an eminent philatelist. Mr. Klein is an authority on philatelic matters.

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The collection includes mail carried on the British dirigible, R-34, souvenirs carried by Sir Ross Smith on his flight from London to Australia and many others.

Whenever air mail fliers have ventured into new territory, setting new records, souvenirs of the occasion have been added to the collection of Major Steinmetz. Letters carried by Lieutenant Hawker when he hopped from Nova Scotia, with Scotland as his destination, dropping into the North Sea before reaching land, are included among the collection. These letters were recovered from the sea and forwarded by passing steamers.

¼d claret (July 7, 1910).

¼d vermilion (April 27, 1911).

a. dull vermilion (1916).

aa. inverted watermark.

b. red vermilion (Sept. 28, 1920).

HISTORICAL.

Although known to the Spaniards before the close of the 15th century, the Turks Islands were uninhabited until about 1678, when Bermudians first came to gather salt during the hot season. They returned to Bermuda about November, where they remained until February or March, as salt could not be raked in these months, and other industries to make year round living possible were lacking in "this land of burning sands and rugged rocks."

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In 1799, despite the protests of the rakers the Turks Islands were annexed to the Bahamas, and remained a part of them politically for almost a half century. Petition after petition was presented to the Home Government praying for separation from the Bahamas, setting forth that the distance between the Turks Islands and Nassau (450 miles to the northwest) made inter-communication difficult, and the conflicting interests arising out



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By H. P. ATHERTON,
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Devoted to 19th century United States postage stamps; Cancellations, Minor Varieties, Rates, and all interesting Material and Data welcomed. Your accompanying letters are subject to entry in this Column in whole or in part. Return postage and registration requested with all sendings.

In answer to the query re earliest date on 3c 1861's Mr. A. F. Hitchcock writes The Forum that he has a cover bearing two 3c 1861's, dated August 23, 1861—not pink. This is so much earlier than any others mentioned that it stands by itself, with thanks to those who sent in other dates round September 1st.

Just a few notes about plating. To many the word may sound quite depressing, yet they may have spent hours on those old jig sawed puzzles, and this cross-word stuff that is now so popular. So don't feel unkindly toward plating, as there are all ways to do it. Here is one instance that is very amusing, and is as true a bit of plating as one could wish. Eleven receipts for legacies came to me from one source. Instead of the regular 2c U S I R stamp, the tax was in the form of a 2c black Jackson postage stamp. Most of these showed wide margin at bottom, the perfs touching the design at the tops. There was one copy with a straight edge at the right, with top guide line showing, meaning, of course, that it was from the top row, and must be No. 10 in the left pane of that plate. It was centered better at top and bottom than any of the other stamps, so the next best centered copy ought to go at the left of this copy, as there were no more with straight edges to go below this one. The perforations, roughly torn apart, were now the key to the remainder of the series.

On one copy there were two perfs torn away completely, and at a glance they were shown clinging to another stamp, fitting together perfectly as to perfs, margins, and in color, as well as having guide dots similarly arranged. Others had single wide and narrow perfs all dovetailing together. Who says it is hard to "plate"? Try this yourself sometime. If you get a lot of 3c 1851 covers in a continued correspondence, put your dates together first thing, and you may be surprised to see how nicely the irregular scissors cuts fit into their original positions.

This will apply to any stamps, revenues, foreign, imperfs—any lot that came from the same source, providing the writer did not have so much other correspondence as to ruin the continuity of the mailing.

Sometimes a stamp will be found on a

cover with a portion of it torn away, when along comes another cover with that piece of torn stamp adhering to this stamp. Tough luck!

Doesn't it make you disgusted to find a nice clean fresh looking 15c 1869 "slightly off center at top and right"? Here is one grand chance for some genius to devise a method of great help to collectors—find a means of shoving that design back into the center of the paper, and it is such a small thing to do! If anyone finds the means of doing this would they please send the method to The Forum for publication, and their name will go into the Philatelic Hall of Records.

Speaking of U. S. postage stamps used as revenue stamps, do you save pencancelled stamps of the different issues? This does not mean the stamps which are destroyed by a few cutting pen strokes; but some real penmarks with a meaning to them. Have you ever seen 3c 1851's cancelled in mss. with what appears to be the letter "S" with two vertical lines thro it? Looking like the \$ mark; but probably intended as the monogram "US", they are often met with, and many save them for amusement, figuring that they will be of more value some day than they now are, probably rightly, as we are all out for perfect copies today.

Bank notes carried a revenue tax of one-tenth of one percent after the Civil War revenue started. Then there were apparently fixed amounts for certain small amounts collectible. Have you any postage stamps used on documents for revenue? What is the highest amount of postage stamps you have "used for revenue"? That is the week's question, and doubtless many readers are interested in this question.

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Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman, the well-known philatelist, was re-elected to Congress from the 5th New Jersey District in a veritable landslide. He carried his home county, Union, with a majority of over 25,000 votes and the entire district gave him a majority of more than 60,000. It is interesting to note that Plainfield, the home city of Senator Ackerman, gave him a majority of 4,500 in a total of 7,800 votes. The congratulations of a host of our readers go to Mr. Ackerman in his success.

—One of our subscribers, J. Rausch, of San Francisco, Calif., wrote the P. O. Department suggesting a 12c stamped envelope for registered mail. Mr. Glover replied, stating that the matter is being considered by the department.

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UPPER SILESIA AND ITS STAMPS.

By REV. J. S. DALLMANN, 2509 Nueces St., Austin, Texas.

(Continued from page 523)

In the beginning of April, 1920, the second edition of the stamps of Upper Silesia made their appearance. These are the stamps Nos. 15-31, in Scott's catalogue. These stamps, too, were printed in Paris, and were issued in sheets of 150 in the lower values (2½-40pf) and of 75 in the higher values (50pf-5Mk). These stamps were issued on thin and thick paper and without an exception in different shades. The latter is due to the fact that all the stamps had repeatedly to be reprinted as sufficient quantities had not been provided for. In connection with this I should like to draw the attention of the reader to the fact that the first issues of these stamps had a yellow-brownish or brown-gray gum, whereas, in the later editions, it was gray-white.

On Sunday, March 20, 1921, the plebiscite was taken, which was to determine whether Upper Silesia was to stay with Germany or join the Republic of Poland. For this occasion the above stamps were surcharged: "Plébiscite 20 mars 1921." On the lower values the surcharge is in three lines, and on the higher ones, in two lines. The surcharge is red on the 25, 40 and 50pf values. On all the other values it is black. This surcharge also was made at the local printing shop at Oppeln. The writer has, in his childhood days, often been in that place, and has tried to get stamps from the owner who also had a stationery store, and kept up a rather extensive correspondence. Little did he dream at that time that nearly forty years later some of the rarest stamps would be made on those modest premises. The Plebiscite stamps of Upper Silesia are listed in Scott's catalogue from Nos. 32-42. They were issued in the following quantities: No. 32, 200,100; No. 33, 200,100; No. 34, 200,100; No. 35, 40,000; No. 36, 100,050; No. 37, 100,050; No. 38, 40,000; No. 39, 30,000; No. 40, 30,000; No. 41, 30,000; No. 42, 30,000.

These stamps were only sold on the day of issue, i. e., March 20, 1921, and only in very limited numbers. To each customer no more than either all the lower values, i. e., from 10-40pf were sold or one copy of one of the higher values. Officials of the post-office who had seen less than 25 years' service could acquire only the lower values, and such with more than 25 years' service could buy a complete set. But there were some

rural post-offices where the demand was not so great for these stamps, and one can find occasionally blocks of these stamps in an unused condition. The writer owns almost a complete set of blocks of four.

As the stamps have been sorted out very carefully, there are only very few misprints known. There exists No. 35, 25pf and No. 40, 75pf with inverted surcharges. Of the former, one sheet had been surcharged inverted (150 copies, and of the latter three sheets, 225 copies). Writer also owns a double surcharge of No. 32, 10pf, one normal and one vertical. The corner of one sheet was bent, and this accounts for the double surcharge of a few stamps.

These stamps have been faked by unscrupulous dealers. More than 50% of all of these stamps are faked, and the collector is warned to get these stamps only from reliable sources. The surcharges on stamps with grayish-white gum are always forged, as the stamps Nos. 15-31 have been supplied with this kind of gum after the plebiscite.

When, in 1922, the German money began to decline, and in Upper Silesia, German currency was used, the postage rates of Upper Silesia had to be conformed to those of Germany. For this purpose new stamps had to be issued. The authorities helped themselves by issuing the Nos. 25-27 in new colors. Thus, the 60pf was issued in olive-green instead of blue, the 75pf in red instead of deep green, and the 80pf in orange instead of red brown. These stamps were surcharged 4 Marks, 10 Marks and 20 Marks respectively. They were printed in new colors to make forgeries impossible, and these new colors cannot be found without the surcharge. These stamps which are listed as Nos. 45-47 in Scott's catalogue were issued in the following quantities: 4 MM on 60pf, 600,000; 10 M on 75pf, 450,000 and 20 M on 80pf, 300,000. There is another variety of the No. 45 which has a line across the center, and which could be catalogued 45a. The remainder of all the stamps from Nos. 15-47 were destroyed after the Inter-allied Commission had left, when the stamps of Germany took their place. The extreme Eastern part of Upper Silesia was ceded to Poland, and as under a treaty the money of Germany was to be used in this part, the government of Poland had to issue special stamps for this part, which is

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known as Polish Upper Silesia. These stamps are listed in the catalogue from nos. 170-191 of Poland.
I have mentioned above, that during the occupation by the Inter-allied Commission, the French intimidated the German population in every way, and encouraged the Poles. The Poles who received arms and ammunition from the French, terrorized the German population to an extent that many Germans left Upper Silesia. On the other hand, irregular troops were allowed to come into Upper Silesia from the Republic of Poland. The Upper Silesians who were in favor of Upper Silesia becoming Polish, made Korfanty, a member of the Reichstag of one part of that district, their leader. Korfanty had many a conference with the members of the Polish government, and finally, on the 5th of May, 1921, a revolution broke out under his leadership in the southeastern part of Upper Silesia. Like in Mexico and other countries, the revolutionaries had issued their own stamps. These are listed as Nos. 301-307, among the stamps of Upper Silesia in Scott's catalogue. It is to be stated that a mistake has been made by the compilers of the catalogue. These stamps are called in the catalogue "Occupation Stamps," issued under Polish occupation. This is, however, wrong. They ought to be called "Insurrection Stamps," as they were issued by the insurgents, and Poland has never occupied officially any part of Upper Silesia, with the exception of the part that

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was ceded to her, and this was only done after the surrender of this part to her by the Allies. The stamps are, however, a proof of the fact that the insurrection had been prepared long beforehand, and this could only have been done with the assistance of the French. As mentioned already, the revolution broke out on the 5th of May, 1921, and it lasted about six or seven weeks, i. e., to the end of June of the same year. From the first day of the revolution the insurgents issued their own stamps, as these stamps had been printed in a little village by the name of Miarka. This place has almost no traffic facilities, and there is no printery there. It would have taken some time until the revolutionaries would have got all the material and machinery to print stamps, and the revolution would have been over long before the first stamp could have been issued. Moreover, all traffic and communication possibilities were cut off from the very first day of the insurrection.

The Insurrection stamps were issued both imperforate and perf. 11 1/4. They have white gum with the exception of the 60pf value, whose gum is of a yellowish color. These stamps were used for postage in the territory held by the insurgents as well as for abroad, with the exception, of course, of Germany, which country did not recognize the insurgent government.

We now come to the official stamps of Upper Silesia. As mentioned above, the Inter-allied Commission entered Oppeln on the 12th of February, 1920, while the first stamps for Upper Silesia arrived on the 20th of the same month from Paris. During this time the civilian population could use the then stamps of Germany (Germania type), while the stamps used by the Inter-allied Commission were surcharged with a hand-stamp C. I. H. S. in a circle. These stamps, being the first stamps of Upper Silesia, must necessarily be classed as official stamps. From February 20, 1920, no more stamps of Germany were accepted for postage, but people in possession of such were given time to exchange them for stamps of Upper Silesia until the end of February.

About the middle of April, 1920, the official stamps of Prussia, Scott Nos. 209-215, were also introduced into Upper Silesia. They were surcharged, however, with the following surcharge in black: C. G. H. S., i. e., Commission Gouvernement Haute Silésie. The surcharge has a shining or dull finish. This surcharge was made in the same printing shop where the other stamps were surcharged, at Erdmann Raabe's, Oppeln. There were two kinds of plates used, a horizon-

tal and a vertical one. As these plates were not ready when the stamps arrived, the stamps were surcharged for a few days with the type being used for surcharging revenue stamps. This surcharge can easily be distinguished as it is much larger, and it is only vertical. This edition is called "Museums Ausgabe," i. e., museum edition. This edition, which has not been catalogued in Scott's catalogue, is rather scarce, and will be good property ere long.

The surcharging of these stamps was done in a very careless way. There are the following varieties of surcharges: horizontal normal, horizontal inverted, horizontal double surcharge, double surcharge, one horizontal and one vertical, vertical reading up, vertical reading down, double vertical reading up, double vertical reading down.

When later in the year the same official stamps were issued for the whole German Empire, Scott's 551-561, the official stamps of Prussia were discontinued in Upper Silesia too, and consequently the German stamps were surcharged the same way as those of Prussia were for Upper Silesia. Indeed, the same plates were being used for the surcharge. There are the following varieties: horizontal normal, vertical reading up, vertical reading down, horizontal double, horizontal inverted, vertical double reading up, vertical double reading down, horizontal and vertical. There are, of course, many minor varieties, which to enumerate would lead too far, and which are only of interest to the specialist.

Stamp collectors were sickened the last few years by the continual appearance of new stamps, many of which were indeed unwarranted. The stamps of Upper Silesia were discontinued on July 9, 1922, after the Inter-allied Commission had left that hard tried country. Here is a field for the stamp collector where he will not be bothered with new editions, and which at the same time gives him such a large field that specialization is indeed justified. There are quite a few stamps which were issued in a very limited number, and which are at the present time yet available for the moderate pocketbook. In a few years some of the stamps of Upper Silesia will be beyond the reach of the average collector.

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While at the Detroit convention we had the pleasure of examining some of the choice volumes in the philatelic library of Mr. W. R. King of Grand Island, Nebraska. Mr. King was kind enough to bring to the convention for our inspection a number of works that he thought would be of interest to us. Included in this little collection was a copy of "Des Filigranes dans Les Timbres-postes," by the celebrated Dr. Magnus, the nom de plume of Pierre Mahe, published in 1867. This work was of particular interest because in the fly-leaf of the book was the autograph of J. Brander Matthews, the well known writer and educator of New York. We do not know whether inquiry has been made of Dr. Matthews as to whether he was a philatelist in the early days, but in view of the circumstances of the name in the French catalogue of watermarks that he must have been. Mr. King had Oppen catalogue of January, 1863, the Mount Brown interleaved catalogue London, 1862, which came from the library of Alfred Smith and Sons, Bath, and a copy of the first edition of Bellars and Davies' Guide, first edition of 1864. There were other interesting and valuable pieces, all of which proved that Mr. King is entitled to all credit as a philatelic literary antiquarian.

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Collectors do not need to be told that the early issues of Mauritius are among the best known, and withal, fascinating stamps that are in existence; and the force of the observation is emphasized when we apply it to the famous classics, the one and two pence "Post Office" stamps of 1847. It is indeed a source of gratification to find that in the *London Philatelist*, "A Study of the Early Postal Issues of Mauritius" is begun. The writer is the Rev. C. S. Morton, M. A., who gives acknowledgments to the work of the late Major E. B. Evans in the preface to the article, which is assuredly one of the best considerations of its subject that has ever been attempted. The time is propitious for the appearance of an article on these early Mauritian issues, with especial attention to the first of the two stamps; and we believe that the

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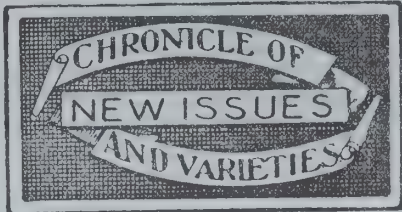
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United States.

Dates of Issue of Early Emissions.

In this column for last week, we enumerated the earliest known use of stamps of the 1851 issue, and we have pleasure in informing our readers this week of similar stamps of the 1857 varieties.

In the case of the 1c the earliest use of the stamp from any of the twelve plates is a copy used July 30, 1857. The common type V is not known previous to December 3, 1857. In the case of the 3c type I, which was supposedly issued on February 24, 1857, a copy has been found used March 4th of the same year. The earliest type II was used July 20, 1857. In the case of the 5c variety, the earliest brick red so far located was used November 2, 1858. The earliest red brown, April 13, 1858, and the earliest brown of the type I variety was used on August 20, 1859. In the case of the type II, a copy has been located used June 6, 1860.

The earliest date of the 10c type I is August 8, 1857 and of type II May 27, 1859. The earliest 12c, August 24, 1857, and in the case of the 24c, July 14, 1860. One, however, has been seen that reached Dublin July 21st, and which no doubt was used previously to July 14th. The 30c, which was supposedly issued on August 12th has not been found in a used condition previous to August 29th, although an auction catalog describes a copy cancelled August 19th. The 90c stamp was issued on the following day, August 13, 1860, and this has not been located used previously to January 26th of the following year, but of course it must be realized that this stamp is exceedingly rare on cover so that it is difficult to find them definitely used at a certain time.

BELGIUM.—Mr. Henry Hooreman sends us copies of the 10c postage due stamp. The color is now green and not yellow green as before.

CHINA.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that he has received the \$5 re-engraved stamp, same type as the \$1 but in new color. The shades are red and black and the printing is done by the Chinese Bureau of Engraving.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—The Economist Stamp Co. call our attention to the 1d which is now being issued on script watermarked paper.

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GERMANY.—The Economist Stamp Co. send for chronicle two more values of the stamp bearing the likeness of H. Von Stephan. They are the 10pf green and 20pf blue.

MAURITIUS.—The 1R black on green, script watermark, has been issued. Mr. R. Roberts submits a copy for inspection.

MONACO.—The Economist Stamp Co. inform us that the 5fr value, design of the 1922 series, has been issued in a dark green color.

SEYCHELLES.—The Economist Stamp Co. and Mr. R. Roberts have shown us copies of the 18c purple on yellow, script watermark. Mr. Roberts also adds copies of the 75c black on green and R1.50c purple and blue on blue on the same watermarked paper.

NETHERLANDS.—The Exhibition stamps referred to last month turn out to be of the same design as the ordinary issue, but printed in different colours. The number printed was 60,000 sets, and all were sold out by September 15th.

Two stamps have also been issued to commemorate the centenary of the Royal Dutch Lifeboat Society, which was established in 1824. The designs are futuristic and it is necessary to explain that the two cents stamp represents two ships in distress, on the point of sinking, and the ten cents shows a lifeboat being launched to the rescue of the crews. All the above stamps are available for international postage.

Some journals have chronicled provisional Postage Dues of 1c on 1c, 2½c on 2c, 3c on 2½c and 5c on 4c. The Postmaster of The Hague informs us that no such stamps have been issued.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

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—J. A. Steinmetz of Philadelphia, submits for our inspection a cover mailed from Tokio, October 13, via air mail service, reaching Philadelphia on November 8. Mr. Steinmetz calls our attention to the fact that only twenty-six days were taken for the transit.

—Wm. Lycett, secretary of the S. P. A., is now located at 1221 Washington St., Cape May, N. J.

—There is a letter at this office for G. M. Staplin.

—Jas E. Scott, of Detroit, Mich., for many years treasurer of the A. P. S., is mourning the loss of his daughter, Miss Lucille Scott, who came to her death in an automobile accident, November 2, near Windsor. Mr. Scott will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in his bereavement.

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—We are indebted to Charles Lathrop Pack for a handsome full length photograph neatly framed, which will adorn the WEEKLY office in the future. The picture is a splendid likeness of this famous collector and we are grateful for the courtesy extended.

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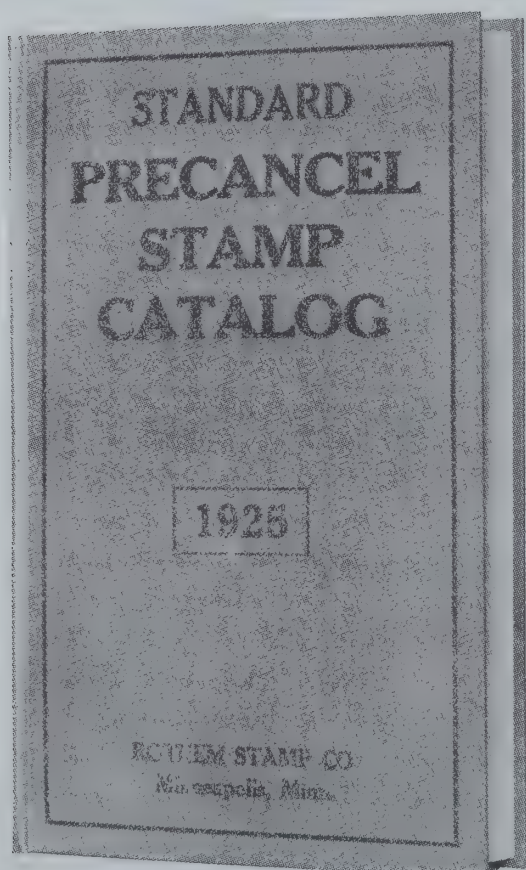
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We have on hand a limited quantity of all other stamps of this country, but the small quantity we have at present does not permit us to list same. Send your want list and we will do our best. We are informed by our correspondent abroad that an important stock of Sov. Armenia has been bought and mailed to us. Better be first in sending us your check list. Both used and unused.

Azerbaijan

This young country of "HAMSHARY" on the border of Caspian Sea, and rich with "oil", not banana but pure "kerosine", has not issued as many stamps as other border countries did and is bound to fluctuate in prices. Seldom offered on the market in any noticeable quantity. Of the first issue here exist dangerous counterfeits (product of Italy) and again some "Recounterfeits" in Germany from the "Italian" counterfeits. In this column we offer some scarce items. Scott has removed Nos. 211-214, which never

existed. We still hope that the Scott Cat. will exclude from 1926 edition Nos. 201-217, now authoritatively known to be "clever" speculators' printed labels to become "quick rich Wallingford."

AZERBAIJAN Nos. 15-29*	1.20
3000r used, No. 28	.25
150r used for the Baku, No. 30	.28
10,000r on 1r, No. 32*	1.00
15,000r on 5r, No. 33*	1.00
33,000r on 250r, No. 34*	1.00
50,000r on 30,000r, No. 35, used	.90
500,000r on 2000r, No. 50, used	1.05
500,000r on 2000r, No. 51*	1.25
1,500,000r on 5000r, No. 52, used	1.20
Nos. 53-60, used	4.85
Same*	6.50
25,000r on 10k, No. 53, used	.75
Same unused	1.00
50,000r on 20k, No. 54, used	.85
Same*	1.25
75,000r on 40k, No. 55, used	.90
Same unused	1.25
100,000r on 60k, used, No. 56	.75
Same*	1.10
200,000r on 1r, used, No. 57	.80
Same unused	1.25
300,000r on 2r, used, No. 58	2.10
Same*, scarce	3.25
Nos. 101-102	.08

Except the first issue (Nos. 1-10), all stamps of Azerbaijan were issued Without Gum.

Georgia

The country of St. George and the most beautiful Queen "Tamara". The "Mexico" of "Russia", where are fabricated all kinds of revolution and counter revolution, where everybody wants to be a "General". They, too, issued some stamps. Herewith some worthwhile offers:

GEORGIA Nos. 5-15*	.17
40k Tete Beche, used	7.50
Nos. 16-21*	.20
5000r used, No. 30	.07
Scott Nos. 31-40 surcharged in two types: small numeral surcharge	
*and large numeral surcharge	
10,000r on 1000r, No. 31, used	1.10
Same but large surch.	.95
15,000r on 2000, No. 32	1.65
Same but large surch.	1.35
20,000r on 500r, No. 33	.65
Same but large surch.	.55
40,000r on 5000r, No. 34	1.00
Same but large surch.	.85
80,000r on 3000r, No. 35	1.35
Same but large surch.	1.10
10,000r on 1000r, No. 36	.30
Same but large surch.	.35
15,000r on 2000r, No. 37	.35
Same but large surch.	.40
20,000r on 500r, No. 38	.35
Same but large surch.	.40
40,000r on 5000r, No. 39	.33
Same but large surch.	.40
80,000r on 3000r, No. 40	.35
15,000r on 2000r, No. 42	.90
20,000r on 500r, No. 43	.55
40,000r on 5000r, No. 44	.55
80,000r on 15,000r, No. 45	.65
15,000r on 15k, No. 46	1.75

Stamp No. 47 should be listed under Transcaucasia. See our offer of this item under Transcaucasia.

Hejaz

The beautiful oriental rug design on the stamps of Hejaz seems to please generally everyone. Seldom the Dealers advertise these stamps. We offer some items of this country and if you want to get full advantage of this offer, better do not delay with your order.

HEJAZ 1/2pi, No. 4	.10
1pi, No. 5	.10
HEJAZ Nos. 8-12	.3
Nos. 8-13	1.05
HEJAZ Nos. 8-13*	1.10
Same* except No. 11	.75
No. 8*, 8c; used	.03
HEJAZ No. 9 used, 4c; *	.08
No. 10 used, 5c; *	.08
HEJAZ No. 11, used or *	.09
No. 12, used or unused	.15
No. 13, used or unused	.40
HEJAZ No. 15, scarce (cat. 5.00)	2.40
No. 16*, or used	1.25
HEJAZ Nos. 22-27* (cat. 5.10)	2.80
Same used except No. 22	1.55

HEJAZ No. 22* (cat. 1.25)	.65
No. 23*, or used (cat. 1.25)	.65
No. 24*, or used (cat. 65c)	.32
HEJAZ No. 25*, or used (cat. 1.00)	.55
No. 26*, or used (cat. 35c)	.20
No. 27*, or used (cat. 60c)	.32
No. 29*, or used (cat. 50c)	.28
HEJAZ Nos. 30-36*, scarce	1.10
Nos. 103-106*	1.10
HEJAZ Nos. 106-109*, rare	17.50
No. 106* (cat. 7.50)	4.75
No. 107* (2.50), scarce	2.00
No. 108* (cat. 10.00), cheap at	7.25
HEJAZ No. 109* (cat. 5.00)	3.65
Nos. 111* and 112*	.80

Danzig

The general interest of Collectors in stamps issued by "Free City of Danzig" is at the pick, and catalogue publishers have raised their prices on nearly every stamp issued by this Free City. Our prices in many cases are less than Dealers abroad have asked us wholesale for them. We have a limited supply and feel sure readers of this column will take advantage of these offers.

DANZIG Nos. 1-18* (cat. 3.05)	1.45
Nos. 19-23*	.18
Same used	.18
No. 53*	.03
Nos. 63-73*	.20
2m, No. 75*, scarce (cat. 1.00)	.45
3m, No. 76* (cat. 85c)	.40
Nos. 77-79* (cat. 1.50)	.58
Nos. 80-85* (cat. 76c)	.35
Nos. 86-88* (cat. 1.76)	.85
Nos. 87-88* (cat. 1.80)	.85
No. 87* (80c)	.2
No. 88* (cat. 1.00)	.53
No. 89*	.05
Nos. 92-98* (cat. 54c)	.28
Nos. 105-111* (cat. 1.12)	.52
Nos. 127-135* (cat. 36c)	.17
Nos. 144-147* (cat. 43c)	.20
Nos. 153-155* (cat. 37c)	.18
Nos. 401-409* (cat. 78c)	.35
Nos. 161-167 used, scarce	4.75
Nos. 401-403* (cat. 32c)	.13
Nos. 404-407* (cat. 21c)	.06
Nos. 408-409* (cat. 25c)	.16
Nos. 414-416* (cat. 17c)	.40
Nos. 423-425* (28c)	.15
No. 427*	.10
Nos. 551-553* (cat. 27c)	.15
No. 605*, 2c; 607*, 5c; 611*	.02
No. 615*, scarce	.45
Nos. 618-630* (cat. 2.23)	1.05
Nos. 801-814* (cat. 46c)	.21
No. 36, *10pf carmine, Double surcharge, rare	7.50

Memel

The little town where nearly every European country issued stamps while they were making up their minds what nation they would join.

MEMEL Nos. 1-11 (cat. 91c)	.52
3m on 5m, No. 12, scarce (cat. 5.00), cheap at	3.05
Nos. 15-22 (cat. 85c)	.40
Nos. 23-27 (cat. 3.82)	2.10
Nos. 28-32 (cat. 59c)	.35
Nos. 33-36 (cat. 7.75), scarce	5.00
Nos. 40-42* (cat. 65c)	.30
Nos. 43-49* (cat. 59c)	.26
Nos. 50-71 (cat. 2.57)	1.75
Nos. 56-58* (cat. 21c)	.48
Nos. 63-71* (cat. 63c)	.28
Nos. 72-85* (1.92)	.87
Nos. 72-85 used (1.92)	1.00
Nos. 86-88* (cat. 37c)	.14
Nos. 89-91* (cat. 60c)	.35
Nos. 86-89* (cat. 57c)	.20
Nos. 90-92* (cat. 65c)	.35
Nos. 92-99* (cat. 64c)	.30
Nos. 93-99* (cat. 39c)	.18
Nos. 100-101* (cat. 45c)	.21
Nos. 93-101 (cat. 84c)	.38
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Nos. 308-317* (cat. 94c)	.38
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Same*, rare	4.90
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About the middle of last year the "history makers" of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia united their postal system into one "Zakavkazsky", which means Transcaucasian Rep., to be absorbed 4 months later by the Almighty Union of Soviet Russia. Stamps of this country are scarce, specially in used condition.

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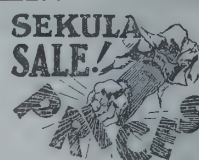
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Promptly at 11 A. M. on Saturday, November 1st, the White Star Line S. S. "Homeric" sailed from New York with Edward Stern, Herrman Toasperm and "yours truly," enroute to Southampton and the Waterhouse Sale.

Through the thoughtfulness of Mr. Alexander Holland, our fellow philatelist, who counts among his friends the President of the Steamship Company, we were given special accommodations. Thanks! Mr. Holland. You made the trip more enjoyable.

We had wonderful weather the entire way and with the exception of one evening when one side of the boat tried to reach the other, the trip was smooth. Plenty to eat and drink.

On Friday evening, November 7th, we had a special banquet and all other trimmings in honor of Eddy's birthday—Eddy is ? but he does not look that old.

We reached Southampton Saturday evening and were in London by night. That good scout, Frank Godden (and there is no better on either side of the water), a real English Yankee, met us at the hotel, having made all arrangements for our accommodations. I have much to tell you about him and the other London dealers but that will be covered in another story, for the first session of the Waterhouse Sale has taken place and I want these notes to reach America as soon as possible.

The first session of 233 lots was sold today (November 11th), and brought in the neighborhood of £5,633 (exchange rate on pound today is \$4.62), and of this amount your editor was fortunate in getting in excess of £1,000. About fifty were present at the sale, including Stern, Toasperm, Paulson, Tittman and Ward from America.

The finest thing in today's session and no doubt in the entire sale was a magnificent block of eight of the 5c 1847, with large margins on all four sides, beautiful deep color, bright red cancellation and stitch watermark. Frank Godden sold this to Sir Nicholas only a few years ago at £60 and today I paid £760 (\$3,500.00) for it. It is the largest used block known and in my estimation one of the finest U. S. pieces in existence.

This day's sale was devoted entirely to the New York, Providence and St. Louis postmasters, together with the 5c and 10c 1847.

Stern was one of the largest buyers of the 5c black New Yorks, he having purchased no less than thirty-one copies. Singles sold well, bringing from £9 to £24, depending upon the plate position and cancellation. A perfection horizontal pair with "PAID" cancellation, one showing double line at bottom sold at £100; a strip of three, fine condition from Crawford Collection, sold at £76.

Another strip not so fine sold at £50. The reconstructed sheet which certainly could not be considered fine sold at £350 to a Mr. James. Mr. Armitage paid £30 for a very beautiful horizontal pair, while a fine vertical pair showing the double line variety with "PAID" cancellation sold at £90. One on cover to Sardinia per Cambria, a really fine piece was bought by Stern at £14, one on the cover to London was bought by Mr. King at £15. Three copies of the originals were classified as reprints and it is surprising that they were not noticed by more collectors.

A 5c Providence on cover to Sheffield, very unusual used abroad, was bought by Godden at £135. Mr. Butler bought a complete sheet at £17, while the reprint sheet, early first reprint, sold at £2. Toasperm and Godden each paid £26 for a 10c greenish St. Louis on grey paper, while Stern paid £56 for a 5c on pelure. He paid £58 for a beautiful 10c with red town cancellation.

In the 1847 issues prices ruled strong for these deservedly popular stamps. Copies of the 5c off cover sold up to £12 per stamp, this price being paid by the writer for a wonderful copy, sharp impression showing two "STEAM" cancellations. A pair with "STEAM" postmark was purchased by Mr. Logan at £22, this being of another type. Paulson picked up some nice copies, including a magenta, described as violet grid at £7. The block of eight previously described, sold at £760, while a block of four, creased on face of cover, sold at £150. Four single copies on cover postmarked Philadelphia with numeral "20" was purchased by Mr. Seeley at £34. The earliest dated cover, "10 July" 1847 was purchased by Mr. Godden for an American client at £27. I can guess the collection this will rest in.

The 10c value went well, all fine single copies selling at good figures. Paulson paid £56 for a vertical pair on cover addressed to Quebec; Godden, £120 for a wonderful pair off cover cancelled "19"; while the choice piece, namely, the cover with a strip of three 10c and a single 5c addressed to Belgium will come to America at £175. Four singles on cover, one copy with double line at bottom will reach the same destination at £70. Two copies of the 10c and one 5c on small piece was purchased by Stern at £17. A fine single used on the Blood's envelope sold at £31. A sheet of fifty described as a "reprint" but undoubtedly a gummed proof of some type, in lovely condition sold at £75.

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We have received from Sefi, Pemberton & Co., Ltd., London, England, a set of philatelic works that impresses us deeply. We have for consideration the "Stamps of Norway," "Chile: Notes on the Gillett Lithographs of 1854," "Priced Descriptive Catalogue of the Stamps of Greece" and the "Stamps of the first issue of Brazil," and even though we are making belated mention of these worthy productions, we shall endeavor to give the credit deserved to each member of the quartet. The "Stamps of Norway" is divided into two parts, part one being "A Contribution towards the Study of the Issues of 1877-78" (shaded posthorn), by Justis Anderssen, while part two is devoted to a discussion of the "Plate Variations of the Issues 1894-99," by Justis Anderssen and Gunnar Kjos, translated by Benjamin Goodfellow, F. R.P.S.L. The stamps of Norway are particularly attractive to a large number of collectors on this side, and information concerning shaded posthorns has always been in demand. With the plates of illustrations, it becomes a pleasure to follow distinctions almost impossible to reflect accurately in text, while the different types shown of the thirty-five, fifty and sixty ore are enlarged sufficiently to admit of ready comparison. All in all the history of the shaded posthorn of the 1877-78 issue is carefully presented, and no one with an eye for the under-lying details of stamps could read the account from first to last without philatelic improvement. The second part gives an exhaustive review of the variations to be found in the 1894-1900 issues with information statistical and scientific as to the smaller aspects of the stamps in a manner significant to philatelists. The price of the stamps of Norway with four loose plates is four shillings and six pence net; publishers, Sefi, Pemberton and Co., Ltd., 12 South Moulton Street, London, W.1, England.

We have a work that in picture and by text covers the subject of the lithograph 5c of Chile first issue in a most thorough manner. The book is: "Chile. Notes on the Gillett Lithographs of 1854," by Fred D. Walters. There are eight pages of printed description and seven full page plates of stamps that in the aggregate show every conceivable variation that could be imagined on these interesting stamps. The writer explains that it is not an easy task to get enough specimens of the stamp together for extended study, but he is entitled to assume that his holding of about 100 lithographs affords a foundation for his estimates. We remember when this lithographed stamp was first discovered about twenty-five years ago, and at the time we said that collectors had no particular reason to feel chagrined that they had not discovered this lithographed stamp before. Mr. Walters says that it is not any too easy to distinguish the lithographed stamp from its finely engraved fellows, even though the accepted differences possessed by the lithographed, such as the appearance of flatness and the smoothness of paper to the touch are kept in mind. After mentioning clues afforded by "Colon" and "Chile," he says that he

considers the tinfoil test to be final. That is, if a piece of tinfoil when pressed on the stamp gives no impression of the design, then assuredly the stamp is a lithograph. The author mentions nine shades, four of which he calls "the more usual shades," while five shades are described as "all scarce." The specialization concerns itself with three sections enumerated as follows: "distorted letters and numerals," "inset corners and broken frames." Thus, with the stage all set by Mr. Walters, the serious collector of the early Chileans, of whom there is a good number, has every opportunity for the play of research in a most interesting phase. We are speaking for many collectors when we say that this work on the lithographed stamp in question is a practical as well as an artistic monograph. Chile: price 7s6d. Sefi, Pemberton & Co., Ltd., London, England.

One of the most instructive little works that we have seen for some time is the "Priced Descriptive Catalogue of the Stamps of Greece," by P. L. Pemberton. The classification adopted by Mr. Pemberton is a new one and has the merit of logical sequence. Before the stamps are considered in detail an introduction tells of the general history and production of the earlier stamps which from the beginning of philatelic time have occasioned no little difficulty on the part of those who would discriminate between the printings. With the illustrations and notes the reader will get a very good idea of the outstanding differences between the issues, and if he will study the pictures and text carefully, it will not be long before he will be graduated into the enviable class of those who can really feel at home among the complexities of the stamps of Greece. It is needless to say that the pricing of these stamps by the competent authority of Mr. Pemberton adds to the value of the book, if for no other reason than to afford a basis for comparison. Price, one shilling.

One of the most significant works on stamps ever published is "The Stamps of the First Issue of Brazil" by Lieutenant-Colonel G. S. F. Napier, in a limited edition of two hundred copies. An idea of the splendid range of this book of well over one hundred broad pages may be gained by the fact that there are forty plates of illustrations of the three stamps comprising the first set of one of the pioneer stamp issuing countries of the world. Lieutenant-Colonel Napier in his introduction tells how he gathered material through his own efforts and those of a number of American collectors, as well as Charles J. Phillips. After calling attention to the dearth of records of these stamps, he mentions discoveries made latterly, after he had concentrated his interest on the issue; and as one follows the story of the stamps, one realizes the great enthusiasm and philatelic acumen that the author has for his favored objects. Chapter two tells of the production of the plates and it seems as though the credit for their existence should be bestowed on some unknown engraver in the United States. Then, Lieutenant-Colonel Napier proceeds with paper and other details to the main body

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Earliest Dated 3c, 1861.

This cover has been sent me by Mr. Hitchcock. It is remarkable in that it comes from a small town, the well-known town of Alexandria, Va., dated Aug. 23rd distinctly on each of the two copies, for it is a double rate letter.

Earliest Dated 3c 1861, PINK.

Dr. R. F. Chambers has sent record of the earliest Pink, it being dated Aug. 24, 1861, from St. Louis, Mo. His earliest cover with the 3c rose being from Philadelphia, Aug. 28, 1861, which is perhaps the record date from that town.

Mr. S. W. Richey has a cover bearing 3c 1851 dated July 1st from Boston, Mass. This is the first one so noted, from Boston, and is a particularly fine item, as in the letter the sender makes mention by a "P.S." that he is using the new stamp on the first day of issue. Mr. Richey also mentions having found a series of letters from a small town in No. Carolina, the town, month and day, with the year (1851), all being carefully written across the top of each envelope and stamp. They had no cancelling device, they did the next best thing. Here is something for collectors who spurn pre-cancelled copies to give more than a passing thought!

Shades of 3c 1861s.

About twenty years ago many lots of these stamps came to me on original covers. You have noted a wonderful range of shades, and colors, not counting those affected by oxidation, which have become brownish, an unnatural tone.

Of all these colors one stood out most prominently, this being the true pink, always carrying its illusive violet overcast, akin to the blush of a peach, as an Old-timer expressed it. From him the Salmon Pink was first brought to my attention. It is an indescribable color, and more rare than the true pink. Not over a dozen have ever crossed my path. The salmon color carries strongly; the stamp has all the appearance of a slightly worn plate, tho all detail stands out clear and distinct.

You will see 1c 1861s with this same worn plate appearance, where the white inside the color portion of the stamp has a dazzling prominence, quite unlike the

regular printings. Both the 1c and 3c worn plate printings are beautiful, and rather uncommon.
Have you yet tried to make a page of 3c 1861s, each stamp well centered, lightly and prettily cancelled, and in the full range of shades? Take your time, and you can make a wonderfully pretty page. First you get for your lightest true color a stamp printed on a thick greasy feeling paper, they are always on this paper, and the color possibly failed to "take" properly. These are all shades of brown, light shades to be true, running into the dull rose. Then we have the whole range of in-between shades, Dull Rose, Bright Rose, Pink, Dark Rose, and the Brown shades, as per Scott Specialized.

There is a rich dark purple rose, as tho a bit of mulberry juice had been added to the printing ink, scarce and beautiful, and lastly comes the color approaching lake. In a lot of some 5,000 covers, mostly 3c 1861s, bought many years ago, I found sixteen covers all from Cincinnati, the postmarks in a dark blue, the stamp being hit with the heavy bar grid with the hole in the center, which you have perhaps noticed. These postmarks ran a bit over a month in this lot, being a series of business letters, and all were this same color, a near lake. It is not a particularly rare color, the reason Cincinnati is mentioned, being that blue was their cancellation color. Blue on a stamp is peculiar. It makes a True Pink look the part, while the same stamp with a smeary black cancel has no pep, you might even pass it by as not being pink.
Portland, Me., used a small neat double ring pmk. They were nicely applied, not jabbed on at a crazy angle, showing "PORT" in letters that skidded into black blots, and no "LAND" in sight. This is fortunate, as they had their full share of the True Pinks. Also their pmk. included the Year Date.
Some towns seemed to be favored with beautiful colors in this 1861 issue. I recall such as Unadilla, N. Y., a rich rose red. New Orleans after Federal occupancy, well centered deep rose shades. Boston early stamps of the issue, a range of dull rose shades, each with its little PAID in the rectangle, which make a beautiful page in any album. Nashua, N. H., with a range of the browns, and dark shades of red browns, etc., etc. Watch your shades, there are enough to make a full page, each in a different shade.

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—Ernest Slinger of Grenville, Grenada, suggests that it would be well for us to advise our readers that the postage to Grenada and other islands in the British West Indies is two cents and not five cents.

—Arthur H. Robertson of Chase City, Va., sends us a clipping from the Richmond *Times-Despatch*, in which a surety company official gives some interesting reasons for his belief that men with hobbies, the fat, and the very profane, make good risks. He declares that the man with a hobby is too busy to take other people's money, the fat man centers his thoughts on eating rather than dishonesty, while the violently profane man takes out his peevishness in swearing rather than stealing. Mr. Robertson writes us a personal word in which he states that he appreciates the compliment, being cashier of the First National Bank at Chase City and having several if not all of the attainments to which the surety company official refers.

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—The *Mail Bag* for November contained an interesting article by Harry P. Bridge Jr. dealing with postage stamps as advertising. The article was nicely illustrated with pictorial stamps.

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Mr. Morgenthau did not feel at liberty to give the former owner's name, but he stated that the old Michigan settler brought them to his Nassau Street office several weeks ago, saying that his boyhood collecting days were over and he wished to sell the stamps. They had been pasted down flat in an old book, something that advanced philatelists would not think of doing today, thereby erasing most of the gum on the backs of the stamps, and to specialized philatelists original gum means so much more financial value. If the original gum had been retained they would doubtless have brought slightly higher prices, but as it was, some of them sold for more than standard catalogue values and netted the owner a handsome profit on his early purchases.

The highest price of the sale was \$810, paid for the \$20 State Department stamp overprinted with the word "Specimen." Only seven copies of this type were issued. For the \$10 State Department, similarly overprinted, of which only eight were issued, \$650 was paid, and for the \$5 State of the same type, of which twelve were issued, \$260 was paid.

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the correspondence of a former Confederate officer. A splendid copy of the Nashville 10 cents, green, on a piece of the original envelope, used July 27, 1861, sold for \$250. A Memphis five-cent stamp on the entire envelope sold for \$65, and \$50 was paid for a horizontal pair of the 5 cents, New Orleans, lightly cancelled. The high price of \$72 was paid for a fine copy of the 10 cents, Confederate States being the first Government issue on the original envelope. The price was due to the exceptional cancellation, in one corner being the words, "American Letter Express Co., Nashville, Tenn." The letter was mailed in Nashville on Aug. 13, 1861, and the cancellation showed that it arrived at its destination, Richmond, Va., on Aug. 23rd. Another copy of the same stamp on the envelope sold for \$35 and a pair of five-cent stamps of the same issue, on a patriotic envelope, sold for \$27.

Good prices were also paid for rare foreign stamps, \$145 being paid for a lightly cancelled copy of Madagascar stamp, 15 centimes surcharged on a 1 franc stamp, in 1895, being known as the Majunga issue, and \$56 was paid for an early Mauritius stamp, 2 pence, 1859, which was \$16 above the standard catalogue value.

The initial competition of the season arranged by the Collectors Club will be held on Wednesday evening at 120 West Forty-ninth Street. More than a score of members are preparing to exhibit several of the rarest stamps from their collections.—N. Y. Times.

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The English press is already giving the New York Exhibition of 1926 much publicity, and to *Stamp Collecting* belongs the credit of issuing a special number devoted to Anglo-American philately. The issue is filled with interesting matter, much of it dealing with the Exhibition and U. S. stamps, and our appreciation of this loyal support can best be shown by using with proper credit some of the articles found in the number that lies before us. Surely our English cousins are going to do their part in making this great Exhibition a success.

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In looking over the circular showing international parcel post rates in connection with the different countries, we find that countries which were once so remote as to be almost only imaginary in our youthful minds are now within arm's reach through the magic of the postage stamp. Looking for high rates, there is little that calls for comment. We see that a package up to one pound may be sent to dear old Ascension Isle for 42c and a package of the same weight consigned to Kenya, Africa, costs but 66c, while Iraq or Mesopotamia requires 84c for a pound. Sierra Leone has a charge of 54c but the Solomon Islands are almost too moderate in its rate of 16c for the same service, when Uganda is in the 66c class. The highest rate for one pound is held by Tanganyika Territory, Langenburg and Songea, which is \$1.08.

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We are gratified to see that one of the largest department stores in St. Louis has been filling high-priced space in the local newspapers with ads wholly devoted to philately. One of these advertisements occupying ten inches is headed, "For the Stamp Collector," and offers packets of foreign stamps, albums and the catalogue in the book shop of Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney. As Mr. R. H. Eilers says, the recent stamp lecture given in St. Louis was the means of showing the astute salesmen of the big stores that there is a strong philatelic demand. The talk or lecture that is referred to was given by Mr. Henry A. Diamant at Sheldon Memorial Hall on November 13, when the hall was filled to capacity and several thousand were unable to gain admission. We have it from a disinterested source that it was probably the largest audience that ever assembled at a stamp lecture at any time heretofore. It was demonstrated that there is a strong under-current of interest in philately that may be drawn easily to the surface. There were perhaps two boys and girls to every mother and father in the crowd. Mr. Diamant talked for over one hour and covered the subject in an interesting way, emphasizing as he did the practical application of philately as well as its pleasurable side. The human interest suggestions were made to advantage, and a big point was made of several drawings that had been prepared and thrown on the screen, showing the home life of collectors com-

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pared with the street life of non-collectors. The cost of the entertainment, including the packets, stamps and albums that were distributed, is approximately \$250. The results of the activity shown by Mr. Diamant are worthy of commendation and we trust that we may soon be able to report that some other city has followed the lead of St. Louis.

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In the *Chicago Daily News* of October 27, 1924, in the department of business advice which is conducted by Mary Elizabeth Allen and Harland H. Allen, the inquiry as follows was discussed: "Dear Mrs. Allen: I have been a stamp collector ever since boyhood. Now I should like to start a little stamp business to give me some income aside from my regular work. How should I go about it? Frank L." We are somewhat surprised to read the advice that is given the prospective dealer, and it is patent that the subject of commercial philately has been well considered by the one who gives the information. Beginning with the statement that much of the returns of the stamp dealer comes from the approval sheet trade, the inquirer is taken through the questions of source of stamp supply and ultimately, disposal, in a way to command respect; and the concluding remark that "Between approval sheets, small sets, and later an unpretentious sales room, perhaps as a department of the local bookstore, you may lay the foundations for a side-line which will bring you a comfortable living," is one to be advanced without fear of contradiction. We are pleased to see that the stamp business is known well enough to these counsellors to allow them to return an answer that is about technically correct.

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On Saturday, November 15, Mr. Yohannessantz of the Y. Souren Co., N. Y. City, made a visit to Boston and in connection with it visited Beverly. Mention of this visit is made elsewhere in this issue. This firm, of which our friend is the proprietor, has contracted for 5,000 lines of space to be used during the coming year and the full page advertisement of last week, coupled with this week's page advertisement, is an indication of what the firm proposes to do in coming issues.

K. N. Woodward, who is the auction manager of the Souren firm, attended the Winnipeg Stamp Exhibition and brought back with him a cup won in a contest calling for the ten best pages of any countries, beautiful and unique mounting of stamps to be the winning feature.

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By 1926 we shall probably be taking off our hats to America, we publicists and extensioners in the philatelic arena on this side of the Pond. Having decided to have an exhibition—I should say *The Exhibition*—no time has been lost in getting the boosters on the boost.

In the heat of mid-August the largest Convention ever held of the American Philatelic Society at Detroit proclaimed the unanimous support that American philatelists intend to give the exhibition, and the Detroit papers indulged in columns of "dope" explaining the "philatelic complex" from many divers but not unfriendly points of view.

One journal warned its readers. "Don't give Sonny any thousand-dollar bills this week; he'll buy stamps." Another tells us that "the crowned heads

of stamp collecting dangled before one another their crown jewels" at the display.

Another tells of "hoary veterans of philately" with their "gummed Corots and perforated Raphaels" spending four delightful days (and nights) babbling strange words, the lingo of the hobby.

Where distances are great, as in the States, it is some achievement to draw 299 members to a Convention in mid-August. But the quickening sense of big things in the air for 1926 made everyone who is anyone in American philately want to be there.

During the Convention some of the publicity schemes for the Exhibition were divulged; some were put in motion.

Reel Number One, for example, chose the seat for next year's Convention—Los Angeles.

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Reel Number Three.—Philately's Appeal to Youth! Motion pictures dealing with the lure of stamps, and the fascinating things stamps have to tell, are being planned, and these are to be exhibited to the school children of New York and the environs, and will probably be extended to cities far afield. There will be a corps of speakers who will be sent out wherever the films are being exhibited to give bright and interesting addresses on the subject.

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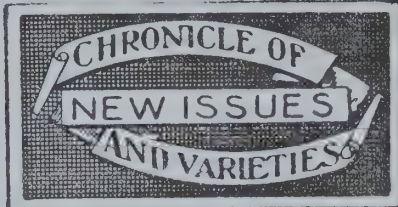
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The chronicle of United States is edited by **PHILIP H. WARD, JR.**, Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by **PERCY C. SMITH**, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.

Transfer Clerk Cancellation.

In a recent Chronicle we gave quite a little information regarding the "Transfer Clerk" cancellation which we had described in a previous letter. Mr. Robert J. Wagner, connected with the post-office department, writes me a very interesting communication, giving further details, from which I quote:

"In small offices, or rather offices where junctions are few, all the mail to be transferred from one RPO to the other is put in direct pouches and taken to the post-office, and there put in the pouches of the second road. Do I make myself clear? Suppose, for example, a letter mailed here in Fostoria, for a town not on a direct thru railway, one for which a transfer from one RPO to another is necessary. The letter is put in a pouch which is made up in the local post-office, and given to the train; in this pouch, tied up in bundles are all letters which that road can handle, both to towns direct on that line, and all which can be reached by transfer to connecting lines. Now if the letter goes to another RPO (Railway Post Office), which is connected at a small town—here I mean a town where the amount of transfer mail is small, not size or population—the first RPO puts the letter in a pouch direct for the town, and there in the post-office the pouch is opened, the mail sorted and the transfer mail is put in proper pouch, which is dispatched on the second RPO. All this work is done in the Post Office itself. In larger towns, on the

more important lines, where the amount of transfer mail is so large as to warrant it, usually where a union station is used, and all trains come into the one station, in addition to the local post-office, there is operated, at the union station, what is called a transfer office. RPOs coming into these towns make up two pouches, one for the post-office, and containing direct mail—that is for delivery in the town itself—and a second for the transfer station, containing mail for transfer to the connecting lines. This mail to be transferred to other lines, is worked, or sorted there and dispatched direct from that office to the connecting lines, saving the time necessary to transport the transfer mail to the post-office, and thence back again to the station, as well as expense of such transfer.

The clerks working in such transfer offices are called transfer clerks, to distinguish them from the regular post-office clerks, whose duties are naturally different. Sometimes they backstamp registered mail, to show its time of passing thru their office, and sometimes mail given them for dispatch is cancelled with their postmark, as mail posted on board mail cars is cancelled with the RPO postmark. Different sorts of postmarks or cancellers are used there, some with the name of the town, and "Transfer Registry Division," "Trans. Sta.," "Trans. Clerk," etc. etc.

Co-operation of Public in Handling Christmas Mail.

In the *Postal Bulletin* for October 27th the Third Assistant Postmaster General instructs postmasters to endeavor to secure the co-operation of patrons of their offices in following certain rules and regulations in order to facilitate the prompt handling, dispatch and delivery of mail during the Christmas holidays.

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until Christmas," this being permitted in order to encourage early mailing. Written greetings, such as Merry Christmas, Happy New Year or the like, may be enclosed with parcel post mail.

Postmasters are also instructed to request department stores and like establishments to embody in their Christmas advertising appropriate texts bearing their own.

Canal Zone.

The Philatelic Agency located at Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, sent out a further circular CB-3616, calling the attention of collectors to the fact that there is available at their office the U. S. series overprinted from 1c to \$1.00, the 1c Jefferson postal, the 1c and 2c envelopes, size 5, overprinted, together with the special Canal Zone envelopes, which include the 2c, size 6, and the 2c, size 9. When ordering, remittances should be made payable to the postmaster and in the case of envelopes ¼c each shall be added for each individual one.

CAYMAN Is.—Mr. P. Mercer learns on good authority that the 4d stamp will be discontinued when present supplies are exhausted. Supplies of the 1s, 5s and 10s, on the old paper are expected to last well into the coming year.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

CEYLON.—A 1,000 rupees value, in purple on red, old wmk., has been sent to the island.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

GERMANY.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 10pf grey green, and 20pf blue, of the Stephan Postal Union Commemorative type.

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INDIA.—Contracts have been placed, says a cutting received from Rev. E. Smith, for the erection of the new printing establishment at Nasik. Stamp printing is expected to begin within a year, and full output will be attained by the end of 1926.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

ITALY.—Next year being "Holy Year" in Rome, the Italian Government has decided, at the request of the Committee in charge of the arrangements, to issue a special set of six commemorative postage stamps which will be on sale, and recognized as valid for ordinary postage, throughout the year. According to the Rome correspondent of *The Times* (telegraphing from the Holy City on October 19th), these stamps will be of the face

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MALTA.—Replying to a question in the Legislative Assembly, Dr. Mizzi stated that the suggestion that a special stamp should be issued to commemorate the Eighteenth Centenary of St. Publius, first Bishop of Malta, would be considered.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

NEW ZEALAND.—*Ish imperforate*.—Ewens Ltd. have shown us an imperforate pair and inform us that a sheet sold at a small town post-office was discovered to have the three top rows imperf. (36 stamps) and the fourth row top and sides imperf. but bottom perf.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

NORTHERN RHODESIA.—*Special series ordered*.—We are officially informed that a copperplate series will shortly be introduced to replace the ordinary Rhodesian stamps which have been in use in the northern territory since Southern Rhodesia was given a series of its own. The Pence values will be of ordinary size, the shilling values slightly larger, and the Revenue values larger still. The design will consist of a medallion of the King's head surrounded by details representing local fauna and flora. The values will be:—Postage and Revenue, ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 8d, 10d, 1sh, 2sh, 2s6d, 5sh, 7s6d, 10sh, 20sh. Revenue only, £2, £5, £10, £30, £50. The omission of the word "Postage" from the higher values will be appreciated. Colours have not been settled, except that none are to be on coloured paper.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

PALESTINE.—*Postage Dues*.—A new series to replace the local production is on order in London. It will be printed on Script paper in the following values and official colours:

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- 8 millieme, red.
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New stock of 1, 3, 5, 13m.—Fresh printings have been made of the ordinary postage stamps of these denominations, all printed from Plate 1.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

PERSIA.—We have received from the Economist Stamp Co. a copy of a new

design of a 12ch rose red stamp. The centre of the stamp pictures one of the native rulers. At the base are the words "Postes Persanes" and just above in each corner the value.

SWITZERLAND.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us four values of a new type that were recently issued. They are all of the same design as the 90c, noted in our No. 1765 issue. The three other values are the Fr. 1 20c rose and vermillion on rose; Fr. 1 50c blue and vermillion on blue and Frs. 2 grey and vermillion on drab.

TRINIDAD.—6d on emerald.—A colour change is about to be made here. The 6d value, hitherto purple and carmine on white, is on order printed in green and red on emerald paper. Script wmk., plate 1.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

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Our record for this week is a very gratifying one and only tends to prove our assertion that there is no stamp publication in the world like MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS. Others may make large claims, but it remains for the WEEKLY to produce the goods. There is an old saying that "talk is cheap," but when words of praise are backed up by five years renewals of subscription, without premium or inducement of any kind, here is hearty endorsement.

We are very pleased to enter as a member of our Honor Club, Joseph A. Lanahan, connected with the Department of Public Welfare in New York City.

On Monday, November 17, no fewer than four applications for membership in our Honor Club. Dr. Mitchell sent his check without a word of comment, as though it were the usual thing for him to subscribe for publications for five years at a time. Dr. Mitchell's interest in philately is well known and we are pleased to add his name to our membership list.

Dr. J. F. Emerson, 829 Park Av., Baltimore, Md., collects Brazil only. He writes us that he always enjoys reading our paper and looks eagerly forward to the receipt of his weekly copy. Dr. Emerson sends us a clipping from the *Christian Science Monitor*, which by the way is rendering philately good service with its frequent articles on stamp collecting.

E. J. Newcomer of Yakima, Wash., is getting a bit nervous about the near expiration of his subscription and to overcome the same he sends us a check for \$5, accompanied by this word:—"If my MEKEEL'S should pass altogether out of my life there would be an aching void left in me somewhere. I don't know what that disease is, but you're the doctor and it's up to you to prescribe. I enclose check for \$5 which I hope will pro-

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During the past week we had a very interesting call from Souren Yohannessiantz of the Y. Souren Co., N. Y. City. A pleasant conversation followed, in which Mr. Yohannessiantz insisted upon paying the fee for membership in our Honor Club. Although informed that he was entitled to a voucher copy of the WEEKLY he was determined that his name should appear in our list of immortals. We have a suspicion that our New York friend was feeling kindly disposed towards the WEEKLY in view of the fact that he had just sold to a Boston collector a complete sheet of Spain No. 1 which Mr. Yohannessiantz purchased some months ago at a Gelli & Tani sale for a big sum.

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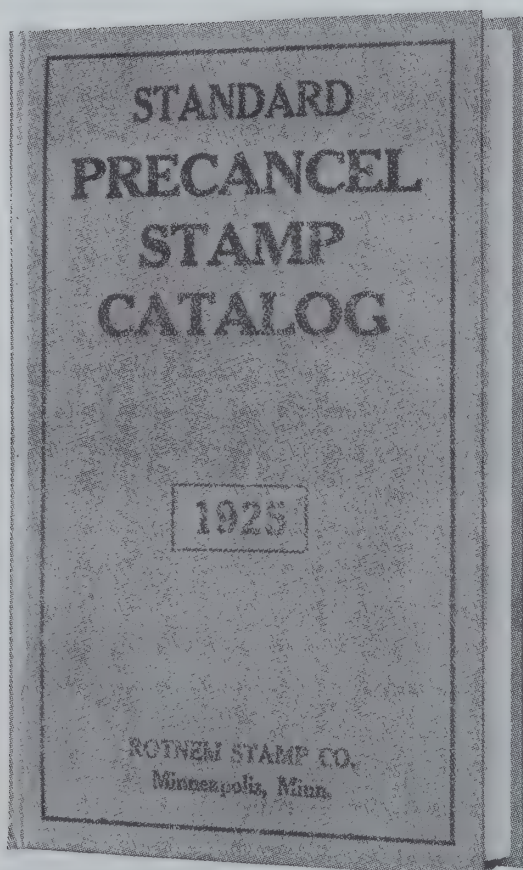
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1920				42	A10 1pi green	1.50	.65	78	A32 3pi blue	1.50	.65
1	A1 1pi green	5.00	2.30		a. Inverted surcharge	..	2.10	79	A36 10pi gray violet	2.50	1.25
1a	A1 5pi violet	..	22.50	43	A10 5pi ultramarine	2.50	1.10	80	A21 5pa ochre	7.50	3.50
2	A1 50pi green	7.50	4.00		c. Handstamped surch'ge	..	42.50	1922			
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4	A1 500pi orange	30.00	16.50	45	A11 1pi ultramarine	.35	.30	84	A21 1pi deep blue	.05	.02
5	A1 100pi brown	50.00	22.50	46	A11 5pi red	1.00	.50	85	A22 2pi red brown	.10	.06
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7	A2 100pi brown	15.00	6.75		c. "1337" inverted	4.00	2.00	87	A24 10pi dark brown	.25	.16
8	A2 500pi slate	75.00	37.50	46f	A11 50pi ochre	7.50	3.50	88	A25 25pi rose	.50	.35
A3	50pi ochre	5.00	2.25	47	A12 10pa green (R)	.50	.20	89	A26 50pi indigo	1.00	.65
A4	2pi emerald green, rare	..	62.50	48	A12 1pi ultramarine (R)	2.50	1.25	90	A27 100pi violet	2.00	1.25
A5	100pi yellow brown	..	13.50	49	A12 5pi rose (B)	..	5.50	91	A28 200pi slate	4.00	3.00
1921					a. "1337" inverted	..	17.50	92	A29 500pi green	15.00	11.00
15	A24 3pi on 2pa red lilac	1.50	.65	50	A13 10pa green	.30	.15	82-92*	..	23.15	13.50
16	A25 3pi on 4pa dark brown	2.00	.95	51	A13 1pi ultramarine	.30	.20	93	A21 1pi deep blue	3.00	2.25
17	A27 3pi on 6pa dark blue	5.00	2.25		a. "13" for "1337"	..	5.00	94	A21 5pi deep blue	3.50	2.75
	a. Inverted surcharge	..	13.00		c. Handstamped surch'ge	..	42.50	95	A21 10pi brown	4.50	3.00
18	A27 3pi on 6pa dark blue (R)	..	13.50	52	A13 5pi red	1.00	.40	96	A21 25pi rose	5.00	3.75
19	A42 3pi on 2pa violet (R)	5.00	2.25		d. Handstamped surch'ge	..	42.50	97	A21 50pi slate	6.00	4.25
22	A24 3pi on 2pa red lilac	1.00	.40	53	A14 10pa pink	.10	.06	98	A21 100pi violet	7.50	5.75
	a. Additional surcharge		c. Date "1237"	..	2.00	99	A21 200pi dark gray violet	8.00	6.25
	as No. 15	..	5.50	54	A14 1pi yellow	.15	..	100	A21 500pi blue green	10.00	8.00
23	A25 3pi on 4pa dark brown	1.50	.70		a. Surcharge 18mm long	..	3.00	93-100*	..	47.50	30.00
	a. Additional black sur-	55	A14 2pi yellow green	.25	.15	102	A30 5pa violet	.04	.03
	charge as No. 16	..	5.50	56	A14 5pi red	.75	.35	103	A30 10pa green	.06	.04
	b. Additional red sur-		b. Inverted surcharge	1.50	.65	104	A30 20pa pale red	.08	.06
	charge as No. 16	..	5.00		d. Date "1332"	2.50	1.25	105	A30 1pi brown orange	.12	.09
24	A27 3pi on 6pa dark blue	..	6.25	57	A15 20pa gray black	.35	.20	106	A30 2pi red brown	.25	.18
	a. Additional surcharge		d. Handstamped surch'ge	..	125.00	107	A30 3pi rose	.35	.25
	as No. 18 (R)	..	6.25	58	A16 2pi black	2.50	..	102-107	..	.90	.45
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36	A7 2pi on 1pi dark red & blue	.25	.15	73	A51 25pi carmine, straw	2.50	1.20	206	D5 2pi red brown	.12	.09
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Colonel Paul Henderson, Second Assistant Postmaster-General, has ordered the new service installed early next spring, probably in April. This, said Mr. Egge, will give the government a "double-track" air mail system between here and Chicago and, with a transcontinental service covering 2720 miles, will make a total of 1905 miles over which night flying will be continuous.

ROME TO ISSU SPECIAL STAMPS.

ROME, Nov. 26.—The Government has finally decided to grant the request of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the Holy Year, and issue a special set of six commemorative postage stamps which will be on sale and recognized as valid for ordinary postage throughout the year.

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By FRANK L. COES.

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In a recent issue of the WEEKLY we gave some of the particulars of the discovery and sale of a very fine imperforate pair of the 12d black Canada. It changed hands through Ronald M. Angus of Victoria, B. C. Mr. Angus amongst other things writes us as follows:—

"With regard to the owner 'Walsh' for whom I sold it, he is not of any great material interest to the story of the stamp. He is a man of a very retiring disposition and shuns publicity of any kind. Suffice it to say that his father was employed in the postal department at Ottawa at the time of the issue of the stamp in 1851 and apparently had an idea that they would be worth something some day. With this idea in mind he cut two singles and one pair from three sheets, selecting with great discrimination the left-hand bottom corner copies in each case with full sheet margin attached. The disposition of these four stamps makes an interesting story. He

and set the calipers for 500 miles. Use San Francisco and New York for your first two circles. Make three more with Denver, Dallas and St. Louis for centers, and note that the Dallas circle radius hardly reached St. Louis or Mexico, the Denver circle does not lap the Dallas area enough to cover any very large stamp centers, and the St. Louis circle, while it takes the bulk of the Mississippi Valley, Chicago and Detroit, hits the New York circle a maximum of but a little over 100 miles.

"These five circles hardly cover three-fifths of the area of the U. S., which has a rated population of 120 millions (about), but any one of them has more actual land area (excepting the San Francisco circle) than the 500-mile radius drawn from London, and probably a third less population than Great Britain alone."

We are trying to administer these areas by means of a single society of collectors, whose efforts are duplicated by several smaller societies, all covering more or less the same enormous area.

If we had one big society, formed by merging the A.P.S. and the smaller ones, it would mean that the A.P.S. would have to do a little reforming and adjusting, but that in the end it would be bigger, better and busier.

Of course suggestions are like dreams and die "a bornin," but the changes

sent one to a man of whom he knew nothing except that he resided in the U. S. and he never saw the stamp again or his money. This was a good many years ago. The second copy the son sold in 1921 to Dr. Gillies of Vancouver, for a comparatively small sum and it was resold in England shortly after. The pair which has just changed hands was brought to me with the request that I sell it for him on commission, which I did, and he is very well pleased at what I got for it as he is a poor man and needs the money."

Undoubtedly the owner of this fine pair of stamps will soon have his identity revealed to the philatelic public. Certainly some great exhibition will acquaint the fraternity with the name of the New York collector possessing the stamps. It is known that a pair of these stamps sold in a recent Ferrary sale at around \$4,000 and it is safe to say that this pair changed hands at a similar quotation.

would not be so drastic or so radical that they would reduce either prestige, political weight or elasticity of service to members.

Probably the cry of "low dues" in the smaller outfits would and could be readily met by the increased revenue, or the numerical addition would allow administration with less per capita overhead. It is not unreasonable to suppose that there would be forced on the combination certain sectional or zone arrangements. It might be needful, in order to give prompter local service, to divide the area into three or four zones with sub-officers, sub-sales and administration offices, and to officer these zonal areas by residents. Of course these sub-agencies would be well, probably better, handled and officered if they had their own sub-conventions and their own zone elections, and their officials sent to the major convention would be sure to make things move fast, and because of the zone rivalry we would be sure to have valuable innovations, prompter sales, faster circuit motion, better protection against loss and fraud, and much other pertinent improvement.

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tioned at the beginning of this letter, centered on New York. It has a local population of 40 millions, located in such close range that the work is intensive naturally. Its conventions at the most not over 450 miles away from the furthest member, get attendance which our nation wide ones cannot expect to have. The whole N. Y. circle may have 25 millions in it, but owing to our diversified population, a greater proportion of this number are valueless as possible supporters than in Great Britain's 40 millions. (These figures are purposely small and conservative; the British Isles were estimated at 46 millions in 1919.)

I intimated in that previous letter that the Moses for the movement suggested was either too busy, or playing golf. I have inside information that he is too busy improving other members' collections. That narrows the field down to a very few capable and brilliant stamp men. Such a result does not seem too Utopian or too visionary to be carefully considered.

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1851, 3c, about 2,000 picked copies in stock; more than 100 varieties of "shifts", including "Gents" on and off cover, "last three rows" of Plate III, extra and missing side lines plated complete on and off covers; "recut button", misplaced guide dot; pairs and strips showing varieties of recutting.

1851, 5c; some superb singles, a few strips of three.

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12c, 1851—about the same story. Many fine copies, shifts, shades, cancellations, pairs, covers, a few on the very thin paper.

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Before we go any further, this column is a continuation of the "Early Low Values Specialized" column, which was conducted by Mr. Bates. The word "Forum" is borrowed as it is much shorter, and it is the intention to follow the same lines as formerly. We are going to devote the space to Postage stamps, rather than to allied stamps, such as Revenues, Departments, Postage Dues, and the like, tho such items of unusual calibre will be mentioned from time to time, when they appear fanciful enough to please the Forum readers.

From letters sent me, there are some things which seem to puzzle the readers, one being "Shifts", or Double Transfers, the former name being shorter, will be used most often. For the unacquainted, a shift is some portion of the stamp which shows a confused bit of the same design being repeated in the regular design, or its margins.

This description, while not exactly

technical, should catch you more easily than a purely technical definition. It is a doubling of a portion of the design, hence confusion. For example if a single transfer from the transfer roller on to the finished plate is correctly rolled in, this gives us a true and approved position in the plate—a perfect stamp being the result. Now if the workman who is rolling these into position finds that he has rolled one design into a position that is somewhat out of line with the rest of his rows, he immediately "hammers it out" (erases) of the plate, so far as he can see at a casual glance, then he adjusts his transfer roller so that this impression will line up with the rest of the work done. The portion that he has not hammered out will print exactly as it exists on the plate, along with his newly made impression. It may be so well removed that only a small bit of a line or ornament exists, yet it is a shift, and the men who apply a glass to the stamps they study, are the ones who see all these shifts. To study shifts, one should first get as clearly printed copy of the stamp as they can possibly find, and study every detail of that stamp, even so that they can see it with their eyes shut. This is the basis to work from. Lines other than those that are on the normal stamp are as a rule "Shifts". They are always in the color of the stamp. White

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50c green & black, No. 17	.13	.13
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1896, 40c green & black, No. 23	.25	.25
1900, 5c green & black, No. 26	.06	.06
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1910, 5, 10, 15, 25c, Nos. 45 to 48	.25	.25
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5fr carmine & black, No. 72	.80	.80
10fr green & black, No. 73	1.25	1.25
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10, on 5c, No. 75	.07	.07
25 on 40c, No. 76	.15	.15
30c on 10c, No. 77	.08	.08
50c on 25c, No. 78	.15	.15
1922, 10c on 5c grn. & blk., No. 80	.50	.50
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10c on 1fr, No. 84	.75	.75
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25c on 30c on 10c, No. 87	1.75	1.75
1923, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50, 75c, 1fr, Nos. 88 to 95	.28	.28
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Belgium German East Africa on Congo		
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By DEREK INGRAM.

Today, with the misty mantle of November descending on us, our hearts warm to the sentiments expressed by this number, which is humbly dedicated to the cause of Anglo-American Philately. In this, as in language, leaning, and learning, the Old World and the New are as one, and we stretch out our hands across the foggy ocean to the philatelists of the United States in fraternal salutation. We rejoice in this our common heritage; climatic conditions are forgotten in the happy knowledge that nothing can gloom our high hopes for the philatelic future of our race.

If reason be sought for the choosing of a November day for this documentary declaration of our faith, there is reason enough in the important sales which are to take place in London this month of two outstanding collections—the one of Great Britain and the other of the United States. These collections, concerning which some further notes will be found elsewhere in this number, are virtually an epitome of that searching scientific study which has occupied the faculties of stamp collectors of both countries for more than half a century.

The dispersal of the magnificent collections formed by Mr. L. O. Trivett and Sir Nicholas Waterhouse may be viewed with regret by the disinterested spectator, but the enthusiastic British or U. S. specialist hails these impending sales with something tantamount to jubilation, such are their golden opportunities.

Scientific achievement and commercial transactions are by no means the only planks in the Anglo-American philatelic platform, however. Looming ahead is the New York International Stamp Exhibition, and American philatelists are already busily engaged on their self-appointed task of making this the greatest and most successful public stamp show ever held. It is up to their British cousins to co-operate in this ideal. America has proved herself a tower of strength in the cause of philatelic exhibitions, as adequately testified to at last the recent ones in Brussels, The Hague, year's International Show in London and and Christiania. It is our duty, and it should be accepted as our pleasurable privilege, to reciprocate to the best of our ability and to extend the hand of philatelic fellowship to our brothers and sisters across the Atlantic. There are a number of ways in which we can help to ensure the success of the Exhibition of

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

In a previous issue the first session of the Waterhouse Sale was covered. Prices ruled equally high on the second, third and fourth days but there was not such a great number of bidders in actual attendance. It seemed that a good number turned out on the first day out of curiosity. The second session brought £2,720, the third, £2,363, and the last, £2,874, which, with the first day of £5,650, gives us a grand total of £13,607, or nearly \$65,000. Most of the better things are certainly coming to America and almost without exception the very fine things were purchased by those from the good old U. S. A.

On the second day, the 1851 and part of the 1857 emissions were sold. Paulson purchased most of the 1c 1851 and obtained some very choice pieces. Mr. Armitage paid £25 for a mint block, type I, a pair of the type III, used, sold at £45, a horizontal strip of three, type II, showing cracked plate comes home at £62. Sterns paid £37 for a used block of six from plate 4, three being type III and three type IIIa. A cover with a strip of type Ib went to Mr. Armitage at £75.

In the way of the 3c, Mr. Roberts paid £22 for a beautiful used block of six while a wonderful block of eight with blue postmark found a new owner at £65. Copies of the 5c sold from £3.10 up to £16, the latter being paid by Mr. Logan for a superb copy with blue Albany postmark. The pair with "Yankee Jim" cancellation went to Paulson at £55 while Godden bought the strip of three from the Crawford Collection at £88.

The 10c unused recut top and bottom went to Stern at £27, while the block of 10c showing four stamps recut comes to America at £285. The beautiful block without recuts remains in England at £82. The block of eight 10c creased and torn was sold to a French dealer at £36, while the strip of ten and two strips of three, all from the same cover, brought £56. The bisected copy on cover sold for £49.

A very fine set of 1857, including the common types went for £17, while the re-issue complete found a new home at £28. The writer purchased the mint block of 1c type I at £50, while the used block type V sold for £21. The 3c type I seemed to have had the outer lines painted in and this brought £3.10. The 5c brown, described as a block but really reconstructed, sold for £46, while Godden paid £36 for a block of the brown stamp, type II. A vertical strip of three of the 5c brick red went to Kansas City at £20. A recent article in the *American Philatelist* stated that the earliest known cancellation in the 5c red brown was April 13, 1858. In this sale Mr. Armitage purchased lot 455, at £19, a strip of three, showing a French postmark of April 5, 1858.

Running into the third day, a strip of four 10c type I with red Philadelphia cancellation went to the same buyer at £22, while Mr. Logan purchased a used block of four at £42. The block of eight 12c with green "Paid" postmarked reached £80, while a strip of five 24c with "Paid" grid sold for £50. I purchased a superb mint block of the 30c with complete arrow at £94, while the used block of six reached £155. The cover with three 30c and two 3c, not very nice looking, I can assure, went for £35. There was nothing of importance among the 90c. A mint pair of the 10c August brought £36, while the used pair sold at £13.10. The repaired block of the 5c buff sold for £46 while the cover with a pair and single 5c together with a 1c and 3c sold for £52. The block of four 90c 1861 sold to Paulson for £17, while Fenster paid £16 for the block of six. The mint block of 10c grill cost me £35, while I paid £78 for a magnificent block of the 90c used.

The fourth day opened with the 1869 issue, Stern paying £29 for a block of eighty of the 3c. The 15c invert, not fine, sold at £90, while I purchased the used block of the 15c type I at £44. The 24c block in similar condition went to Roberts at £46, while the 24c invert, with a little tear at top brought £75. I purchased a used lot of the 30c which included a wonderful copy cleared postmarked in "Japan"—the only one I have ever seen of this denomination. The used block of six 30c sold at £14, while the 30c invert, not fresh, sold for £195. The complete unused set of reprints brought £20.

In the 1870 grill issues, your editor purchased the 7c block at £33, while the used block of four of the 90c without grill sold at £23. The mint block of 12c National was purchased by yours truly at £58, while the set of reissues on hard paper went to Mr. Barron at £180. I also purchased the 5c Taylor special print on soft paper for which I paid £100. Most of the other soft papers went to Stern, they bring £19 for the 12c, £20 for the 24c and £33 for the 90c.

Departments all went well, in most cases bringing more than they would at home. Carriers seemed to have been the only things that went cheaply and on these there was little competition. Stern was one of the largest buyers in this class.

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The issues prior to 1912 were all illegal but this may make them all the more valuable in the eyes of the precancel fan. Frank P. Adams, who is here in my office, tells me he has seen the Decorah stamp. But as I point out to Mr. Gales in my reply to an inquiry, these stamps had no legal existence but were used and passed through the mails unchallenged until the tramp turned up in Decorah and wanted other values. I can understand how this may have occurred, as the Posten may have sorted this mail of Dr. Fahrney in their own office and sacked it up as they do their own paper, which has a world wide circulation of 45,000.

From recent information I suspect that Mr. Gales was the "tramp" of this story.

WARNING AGAINST FAKES.

(We have previously called attention to these fakes emanating from Central Europe and particularly from Italy. The article below is written by a well-known firm which is able to substantiate the claims made.—W. O. W.)

Collectors are warned to use care in purchasing Hungary Scott's Nos. 1001 to 1065, 1201 to 1299, 1301 to 1379, Czechoslovakia Nos. 703 to 763. Regular Hungarian stamps with fake surcharges are on the market in this country covering the above groups and probably most of the other Occupation issues of this country. The fakes are good enough to pass muster with most collectors, but should not get by a dealer with any knowledge of these stamps. Inasmuch as the set of Czechoslovakia catalogs \$575 the fakers have aimed at some of the best items. However, the cheap

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stamps as well as the rare ones have been faked. We have seen sets of these stamps. We advise collectors to be shy of bargains (?) in these issues unless offered by parties whose guarantee means something and who know the stamps. The Hungarian Stamp Society has also issued a warning that fakes of these issues are abroad. Whether or not they are the same as those we have seen we do not know. We have also seen high values of the current Bermuda set that were fiscally used, had the fiscal cancellation washed off and some obliging P. O. clerk in Bermuda applied a regular postal cancellation on the washed stamp. These are being sold for what they are by some but of course will pass as postal used copies by anyone who wants to pass them as such. The centers on these stamps are badly washed out. Needless to say stuff of this sort practically comes under the "fake" class and should not be marketed.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Interesting results are available following the recent intensive cultivation of St. Louis with philatelic intent. The consequences of the publicity drive are now in a shape to present to the attention of all those who have been interested in the reactions of the public to philatelic advertising. Reference has already been made to the broadcasting from St. Louis by Mr. H. A. Diamant, with some particulars of the aftermath. While the St. Louis talk was exceptionally well received, yet it was one thing to take philately literally into the homes of the radio populace and another to make the people go to some effort to come in contact with collecting. Mr. Diamant's lecture at Sheldon Memorial Hall was so well attended as to make one marvel that so many people were attracted to the hall, which was filled to overflowing. A photo has been received showing the right half of the audience, and it is impressive evidence of the appeal of the philatelic theme. Sheldon Memorial Hall on the evening of November 13, 1924, never had a more appreciative audience than on that occasion. Mr. Diamant was at his best and kept his auditors enthralled by the clever admixture of information and instruction about philately that he had at his tongue's tip. We have had a cut, somewhat reduced in

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size, made of the mothers and fathers and boys and girls and other folks that represented the public; and it will speak for itself. Something already has been said of the use of the highest price newspaper space by one of the St. Louis department stores, which is to be attributed to the influence of the lecture; and letters are coming to Mr. Diamant of which the following is typical: "My Dear Mr. Diamant: I want to tell you how much I enjoyed your lecture last Thursday night. I stood in a crowd, upstairs, the entire time, and I wasn't waiting for the gift of stamps either, although, of course, I would have appreciated them. After I came home, I got out my little collection and discovered that another of the Columbian stamps portrays a beardless Columbus. There is a question I would like to ask (it will probably seem stupid to you), and that is WHY a stamp is more valuable if left on the envelope. I suppose this applies to the old U. S. Stamps only. I should think the stamp could easily be identified, without any possible date printed on the envelope. I hope that the next time you lecture on stamps, you will choose the Coliseum. Thanking you in advance for a reply, I am, Very sincerely, (Signed) (Miss) A. L. Hedges."

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The St. Louis plan seems to strike a responsive chord, and it is offered to other cities that may be anxious to try some philatelic tilling; and while we cannot anticipate results that could match those that have followed St. Louis' venture, yet some good must come from all similar attempts. Briefly, the publicity plan was evolved as follows: first, the radio talk and then the lecture at which stamps were distributed to those in attendance. Mr. Diamant is willing to go into detail showing each step of the work for the benefit of those local clubs that would care to copy the St. Louis program. Another stroke of enterprise on the part of Mr. Diamant may be summed up in the news that he expects to exhibit his patriotic envelopes, including a few Confederates, in the St. Louis post-office. The postal authorities at Washington have given their consent to having the frame placed in the post-office lobby. Further attention is being called through the newspapers to the local stamp society in St. Louis in the hope of interesting the teachers in the high schools to permit the boys to meet in the class rooms after school hours.

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Philately has some very good friends among the scoutmasters, and in the *North Shore News*, Rogers Park, Chicago, of November 21st, we find the

heading, "Philately Invades Boy Scout-ing." The article is by Edward A. Bangs, former secretary of the North Shore Scoutleaders' Association, an eight-year veteran scout service official. The introductory sentence is "Philately is invading the Boy Scouts!" A sort of tribute is paid to stamp collecting by the writer who says that the only serious competition ever given the Boy Scouts, in part, was the result of interest of many of the Scouts in philately with the attending correspondence and the desire of organization. It is said then that the thing to do is to effect a merger of scouting and collecting, it being admitted that each branch may learn from the other. While philately is to be classed as an indoor sport and as such has been neglected by the Boy Scouts because of their outdoor program, the World Brotherhood Leaders are said to recognize collecting as a beneficial angle to the Scout movement in its broadest sense. We read: "The Scouts, under the leadership of Assistant Scoutmaster Fischer, 1643 Lunt Ave., are now using it as a basis of a good turn project. A large portion of the stamps of a collection in the possession of a Y. M. C. A. instructor have been secured and are being offered for sale, the proceeds going to a designated charity fund. The troop meets Friday evenings at the Rogers Park Presbyterian Church, Greenleaf and Greenview Avenues, where interested fans are welcome."

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There has been a press of matter in our columns for several weeks past, and some of our news is not so hot off the press as to require a fire extinguisher. For instance, the San Francisco postmaster who had accepted a solid citizen of his city as mail matter for aerial transportation has been refused permission by Washington to send the "human freight," even though the postmaster aforesaid "had accepted" him, weighed him in and handed him \$718.08 worth of stamps, the cost of the applicant's 184 pounds." A picture in one of the papers shows that everybody concerned in the novel suggestion was by no means downhearted by the refusal of the government.

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For some time past we have been noticing the flourishing condition of *Stamp Trade*, the official journal of the Stamp Trade Protective Association, Ltd., London, a publication intended for the trade only. While much of the space of the publication is devoted to news of the workings of the association, yet there are notes of interest to those chiefly concerned in the commercial side of the pursuit. In the November number of the

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publication we find a full page cut of the convention group of the American Stamp Dealers' Association at the recent Detroit convention. In this country, the second number of *Stamp Dealing*, which is addressed to the trade, has been received. We are much taken with the manner, which the news, appertaining to the selling side of stamps is presented, to something of the interesting character of it. The ads, while much like those of stamp papers ordinarily, will become more directly addressed to the dealers as this paper becomes the better known, as it is a satisfaction to say that the publication is fully deserving of notice. It is not to be gainsaid that there should be dealers' journals, as well as collector publications, and the mere fact that this country, in the past, support in sufficient volume was not given to merit serious periodicals for the dealers, showing that dealing was more unsystematized in the sense of organization than in other countries where there is a good chance for a publication for dealers to make a separate berth for itself.

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We do not become as enthusiastic over those imaginative sort of games as many members of the human family seem to be. For instance, when the death stamps of Serbia first came out we had our troubles each time to exactly locate the gruesome picture, and it was until long practice made it impossible to miss it that the grisly scene was immediately identified. However, if in our obtuseness we can see reason in the contention of Mr. A. W. Winne, Richmond, Virginia, that a bird of prey is nesting in the locks of Ben Franklin on the obverse of the current issue, we are certainly

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By LOUIS McLOUTH.

Searching through little side streets in Paris for an obscure stamp shop or running down some out-of-the-way dealer in one of the Swiss stamp centers in the hopes that he has been missed by the other stamp hunters furnished most of the excitement for the writer on a recent short visit to England, France, Switzerland and Italy, but the greatest single thrill probably was when I looked through the albums containing the famous collection of 19th century U. S. stamps formed by Sir Nicholas Waterhouse, of London.

When I saw this wonderful collection it had just been placed in the hands of Puttick and Simpson, the well-known firm of London auctioneers, to be disposed of at auction in November. Through the kindness of Mr. Frank God-

den of Frank Godden, Ltd., who communicated my request to his client, Sir Nicholas, I was privileged to view the collection in its finest setting—the original albums. The transferring of the stamps from the albums to the auction sheets had just started, a few of the early gems having been removed for photographing but the collection was virtually intact.

The greatest glory of the collection is centered in the imperforate issues; and the showing of the New York Postmaster 5c is particularly impressive. There are some 200 copies of the New York stamp, including strips and numerous pairs on and off cover and a fine reconstructed plate of 40 stamps.

The 5c 1847 is present in a fine range of shades, singles and pairs on cover with unusual cancellations, and two exceptional items—a used block of eight and a block of four used on cover. The 10c 1847 is also well represented, in-

cluding a superb strip of three used with a 5c on entire, three or four superb pairs and a splendid example of the "Big Shift."

The item over which I lingered longest was a beautiful horizontal block of six of the 1851 10c with a red town cancellation. Four of the six stamps were "recuts"; two recut bottom only, one recut top only and one recut top and bottom. The owner's notation below, indicating that this remarkable piece had cost him only a few dollars in 1903, reminded me of the rewards that come to the philatelist who recognizes "good things" in advance of his fellows.

There are many nice pieces in the 1c, 3c, 5c and 12c imperforates, including pairs, strips and blocks and interesting entire. An unusual item is a strip of the 12c representing a complete row of one pane, but it is not in perfect condition.

The perforated issues seemed to me somewhat neglected in comparison with the imperforates, although there were still plenty of attractive things in the 1857, 1861, 1869, and Bank Note issues, such as a used block of six of the 1857 30c, blocks of four of the 1869 15c, 24c and 30c and fine specimens of the three 1869 "inverts". Several volumes were also devoted to Officials and Carriers but I did not have time to look at these.

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97" .75		153" .10	IPA
98" .08	IAM	154" .25	ENAM
99 to 101" .09	ZLP	155" .40	
111 to 114 (5)" .35		202a" .75	PAMA
115 to 117 (3)" .90		220" .20	LAXS
118 to 132" .50	NAMA	242a" .45	NPBM

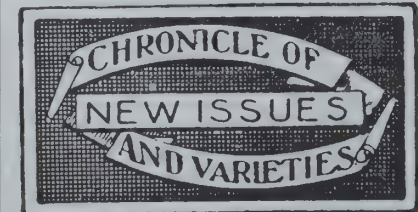
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The chronicle of United States is edited by **PHILIP H. WARD, JR.,** Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by **PERCY C. SMITH,** 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.**United States Proofs and Essays.**

The collection of proofs and essays, the property of Mr. C. Eeltjes of Leiden, Holland, sold at auction by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. on October 31st, was possibly the finest lot offered at public sale that has reached the collector since the dispersment of the Eagle holdings, some months back. This collection included an unusually attractive number, among them being many proofs surcharged "Specimen" that I have not seen heretofore.

Proofs of the 5c New York, on bond paper in black, green, red, blue, brown and rose red sold at prices varying from \$3.25 to \$7.10. Proofs of the 1847 sold from \$1.30 to \$8.20, the latter price being paid for a 5c in green on India paper. The 1851, 5c on bond in orange,

olive brown, purple brown and olive green changed hands at \$5.00, \$4.75, \$3.75 and \$4.00 respectively. The 24c in different colors, from \$2.00 to \$9.25; the 30c in black on bond at \$9.00, while the 90c went from \$7.00 to \$10.00, the latter price being paid for the proof in vermilion. Complete sets from 1c to 90c in pairs on India paper found a new owner at \$18.50, while single copies on card sold at \$5.50. There was also a set of the card proofs surcharged "Specimen" and these reached \$6.50.

Proofs of most of the August, 1861, issue were present, the choice pieces being pairs of the 1c, 12c and 90c and these brought \$6.00, \$7.25 and \$7.00 respectively. The September issue complete in pairs on India sold at \$10.50. The 1869 in similar condition brought \$14.50, while a block of ten of the 90c sold for \$15.00. Horizontal pairs on India paper of the 1870 series changed hands at \$17.00; the 1873 1c to 15c, including the 2c and 5c, all in pairs, brought \$12.50, while pairs of the 1890 complete sold at \$14.50. The pairs of Columbians reached \$16.75 and the Omaha issue in two colors on India at \$8.25, same mounted on card \$6.00.

The department proofs were a grand lot, each series being present, generally in black, green, vermilion, blue and brown as well as in the normal color. The Agriculture sold from \$2.75 to \$8.00; the Executive from \$2.40 to \$7.25; Interior, \$2.85 to \$7.25; Justice, \$2.00 to \$12.50; Navy, \$2.75 to \$8.00; Post Office, \$2.00 to \$8.75; State, \$3.20 to \$6.25 with pairs through the \$20.00 going to \$28.00; Treasury, \$1.50 to \$7.20 and War, \$1.60 to \$8.10, the higher price in

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each case generally being paid for pairs in normal color on India paper. There were sets from each department surcharged, "Specimen" and the Franklin and Eagle Carriers with similar overprint, items that I have not seen before.

There was an unusually large lot of essays and these brought from \$1.60 to \$42.00 a lot, depending on number and variety. The price of \$42.00 was paid for the Post Office Dept., types 136, 137, 138 and 140 with designs similar to the adopted sets for other departments, and included die proofs on India 1c, 2c, 3c and 90c each in five colors.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Reverting to our previous reference to this country, we are informed that all the centavo values of the current series (1/2 to 30c) have appeared without stop to the "c" beside the figure of denomination.—*Stamp Collecting.*

BARBADOS.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin* announce that as to the 1sh stamps on emerald paper issued last September, their agent as soon as he heard that the stamps had been placed on sale went to the Post Office and was informed that the whole issue of 6,000 stamps had already been bought up by local speculators. Regarding another printing they feel that this is improbable as the new combined "Postage and Revenue" set will be issued early in 1925.

BRAZIL.—A new watermark has been adopted, consisting of a large five-pointed Star over the letter "A." Mr. Denton Hepworth shows us a used pair of the current 100r orange ("Avicao") with this watermark sideways.—*Stamp Collecting.*

BRITISH HONDURAS.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin* report that in a supply of the 25c emerald (Nyasaland type) on script watermarked paper they have found a few sheets of a variety that are blue-green on the back instead of the yellow green. They are of the opinion that these stamps must be from an early printing as the black is not so intense as on the normal emerald paper.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 2s6d stamp in the postage due type, brown on yellow, new watermark, inscribed "To Pay" in the place of the words "Postage Due" and "Half Crown" in words in the value tablet.

This stamp is issued to obviate the use of large blocks of the 1sh post dues, and is used to collect deficient postage in conjunction with custom duties on parcels from abroad. It might, I understand, be used entirely for postage purposes or entirely for fiscal purposes, or postal and fiscal combined, I cannot therefore exclude it from my new issues of postage stamps.

Mr. Roberts also sends us the 2 1/2d blue and 3d violet, both with the new watermark and also advises that the 4d postage due, new watermark, has been placed on sale.

PORTUGAL.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the following new items: 32c green, Assistencia, "15 ctvs" on 1c red and "30 ctvs" on 2c claret. Both the overprints are in black and of two lines.

SALVADOR.—Mr. Emil J. Rall submits for chronicle a copy of the 5c orange of the 1921 issue bearing the surcharge of

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TRANSJORDANIA.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us several values of Hedjaz with a new overprint which is of a different type and setting than heretofore. The following bear this new surcharge: 1/8p red brown, 1/4p green, 1/2p rose, 2p orange, 3p red brown, 5p olive bistre. Mr. Roberts adds that the 1/4p has an interesting variety, the two middle rows of the sheet being tete-beche, both as regards the stamp itself and the overprint.

MILWAUKEE'S ANNIVERSARY.

The Milwaukee Philatelic Society celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary at a dinner at the Hotel Blatz, Tuesday evening, November 18th. Mr. Carl Jungman, the sole living charter member of the society, spoke of the early collecting days when 5c 1847's passed over the tables at a quarter each. Dr. F. A. Kraft, the postmaster, called upon the older members, Mr. H. J. Stirn, C. Steinmetz, Fred Brinkman, Wm. J. Uihlein, W. O. Staab to speak reminiscently upon philately in years past, supplementing their remarks by such tales as made all younger members and visitors better and wiser collectors than ever before. Milwaukee's public stamp exhibit was commended for the interest it had created, and it was decided to prolong the exhibit until January first. The hosts of visitors who attend their time before the collections indicate that there are many philatelists who only need a beckoning to join the ranks of organized philately.

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—We are late in calling attention to the recent activities in Milwaukee, where the Milwaukee Philatelic Society has opened a display of stamps at the public museum. The exhibition will continue until January 1, and we have been informed by Mr. W. O. Staab that the exhibition is attracting no little attention, it having been advertised by means of placards distributed in different parts of the city. Milwaukee has been to the fore in its philatelic publicity endeavors for some time past, and the record of the past will be broken in the future, we feel safe in saying.

—Number three of *The Stamp Hunter* is before us, and we find that Mr. W. W. MacLaren, who publishes it as his personal journal, is filling it with human interest in a way to make friends with all. We are pleased to see that although a keen stamp hunter, Mr. MacLaren is always willing to be sportsmanlike and give the game a fair deal.

—An interesting picture in the newspaper supplements recently was that headed: "Sells Postage Stamps to King George". Behind a wicket a man stands, tongs in hand, holding a strip of stamps which evidently he is selecting for the gentleman who stands in front of the window. Below is the text: "Best Authority on Rare Stamps—The King of England does not come in person like the man in this photograph, but his secretary or someone writes to Howard A. Mount of Washington, D. C., for rare stamps which the King collects. Mount is the official salesman for the United States Government."

—Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal* for November contains the first installment of an article on, "The First Issue of Sierra Leone and Its Post Office," in which the first six pence imperforate is re-introduced on the stage. It will be remembered that this imperforate stamp in the old catalogues was given place as the first issue of Sierra Leone, but later it was proved decisively that the imperforate stamp was only an essay or more properly a proof. No attempt will be made by the writer to rescue the stamp for cataloguing again, but he will show that the first six penny perforated was issued in 1859 and not in 1860 as the catalogues have it.

—An interesting clipping has been received from Mr. Henry C. Needham, New York, telling of the Old Boston mail which was fourteen days in going to

New York. The methods employed in the good old days were not exactly calculated for comfort and certainly were not for speed. The postmaster in 1672 would collect a small fee, and affix some curious "post paid figures and designs" and sort the letters, according to their various destinations.

—Under date of Nov. 22 we have a brief note from Edwin P. Seebohm from Boston en route to San Francisco. As is known to our readers, Mr. Seebohm has been on an extended trip abroad and is now returning home with his aged mother. He writes that he has had a wonderful time in Europe and has picked up numerous fine things in the stamp line.

—Our attention has been called to the death of F. Noyes of Alice, Texas, which occurred Nov. 14th. Mr. Noyes will be remembered by many dealers and collectors as a longtime and reliable stamp dealer. He was represented in our columns for years. The fraternity will be interested in knowing that this was a trade name only and that the real name of Mr. Noyes was Frederick Bernard Nayer.

—Live, active collectors who live in or around New York City are welcome at Branch No. 1, New York Society of Philatelic Americans, meetings held at Silver's, 136 W 42nd St., New York, second and fourth Thursday of the month. Over 40 members have joined in three meetings. Future attractions will include exhibits, lectures, talks, auctions, exchanges, etc., etc. Dues are \$1.00 per year. Further information from the Secretary, F. F. Greeley, 1087 East Fourth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

—All persons having claims against the Weko Sales Department should communicate with Dr. R. Loreck, 38 Park Row, New York City. Mr. A. Wyser has been appointed the new General Manager for the U. S. succeeding the late Mr. Gallant of Hempstead. John Schoenberger, 1480 Broadway, New York City, is the new Sales Manager of the Weko for the U. S.

—Meetings of the Stamp Collectors Club, "Philatelia" of Brooklyn, are scheduled for December 27, January 10 and 24, at 261 Lafayette Avenue. Everybody welcome.

—In "Jibby Jones and the Walking Fish" by Ellis Parker Butler, which appears in the *American Boy* issue of November, 1924, the plot is worked out

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OUR REVIEW.

We have received a most welcome addition to our library in the shape of a copy of the Standard Precancel Stamp Catalog for 1925 from the Rotnem Stamp Co., of Minneapolis, Minn. An idea of the magnitude of this work may be gained from the fact that it contains nearly five hundred pages, each of three column width. The present or tenth edition of this work is seemingly a complete compendium of the interesting subject of precancel stamps, and from the introduction we gather that over 150,000 items have been listed. The catalogue is based on the compilation of Mr. Bushnell, and is amplified by the efforts of Messrs. Rotnem and Allen, together with a corps of specialists who long have been identified with this form of collecting. Mr. Howard S. Wheeler has attended to the Aeroplane, Victory and Pilgrim issues. The serious problem of pricing has been considered at length, and the experience of the publishers has stood in good stead in arriving at estimates of value. Properly, the work is the result of the co-operation of many of the leaders in the field, and we have no doubt but they have accomplished their end with an accuracy that is to be commended. It is likely that here and there an omission will be found, and the compilers ask all those who have unlisted varieties to notify them of the existence of such stamps. What is called the Universal Style System is used in treating the stamps, and these groups comprise the over-prints from electrolates or rubber hand stamps supplied by the post-office department to the various

post-offices. In the several pages of information for collectors, the precancel in all its phases is considered, and one really obtains a good general idea of the subject and will be enabled to follow the catalogue intelligently. The listing is done alphabetically according to states, and the varieties are then considered chronologically as to date of issue of the stamp itself. We believe from the interest shown in precancel stamps that the demand for this book will be progressive, and we are sure that the workers deserve the thanks of collectors for charting the issues in a way to give a compactness to the subject, thereby making a systematized method of collecting. We realize that the work in producing a book of this kind is arduous and exacting, and the compilers and publishers are entitled to the good will of collectors for so ably performing their task. Standard Precancel Stamp Catalog, 1925: Rotnem Stamp Co., Minneapolis, Minn. Price, paper bound \$2.10, cloth bound \$3.10, postpaid.

The first annual number of *Aero-Newsletter* published by the Aero Philatelic Society of America is a production that will gladden the eye of the collector who gives attention particularly to air mail issues. An illustrated cover holds twenty-four neatly mimeographed pages that reflect the activity of the society and encloses page after page of well selected matter for the air mail enthusiasts. Much of the information has a strong historical appeal, and in that fact may be cited a decided advantage in collecting these issues. Some of the early details

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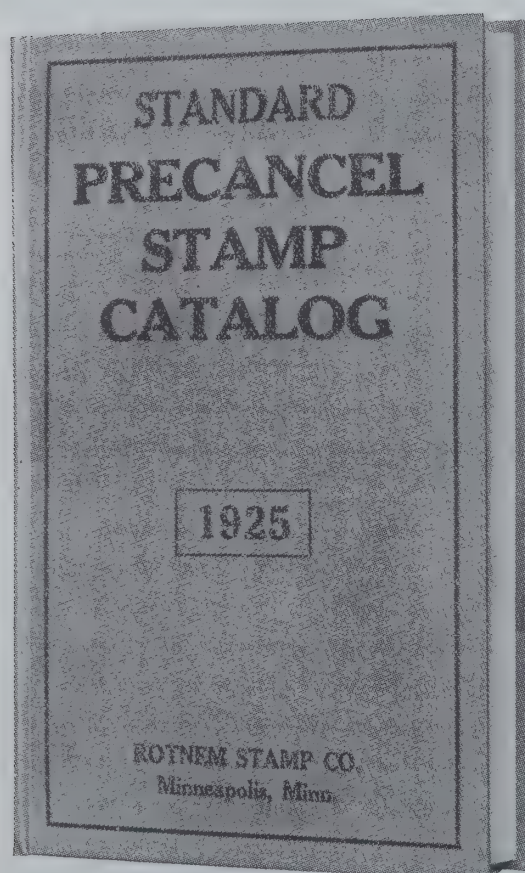
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THE FORUM.

(Continued from page 631)

they will turn "red as a beet". I did that once on a cold winter night. The large percentage of stamps soaked were the 2c red 1890's with "caps". The poor 3c 1869 locomotives came out red, smoke and all!

An odd experience recently told me: a friend soaked off a few thousand of those same 2c red 1890's (they were popular in the '90's for the "Caps"). He had segregated the "Caps". It was a cold winter night, and he laid thicknesses of newspapers along the back of the stove—yes, the stove was pretty hot, too! Then he laid little dabs of 2c red with the now loosened paper all over his newspapers, and forgot them for a while. When he came to get them, they had all turned to a uniform lake, the color in which this 2c 1890 was first printed.

Green to blue is a common occurrence. Foreign do this readily. I have often seen our 3c green in a very decent range of blues. Salt water will do this. Many colors change easily.

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By E. ALLEN DEXTER.

Enclosed with this communication is a 2c carmine current issue with a colored cancellation. I supposed that the P. O. Department had issued orders against colored cancellations but I am picking them up quite often. In fact, I am making a specialty of 20th century cancellations and find it a very interesting sideline. I have several Hardings and Walloons with colored cancellations also with battleship cancellations. Also these slogans and other cancels give us a myriad of interesting designs to pick from.

The battleship cancels are especially interesting. I have one before me cancelled C. Z., for Canal Zone, postmarked U. S. S. Birmingham. Another, the U. S. S. Texas, cancelled Port Angeles. The U. S. S. Oklahoma marked Guatanaman, and many others. Among them a red U. S. S. Submarine, Number Five, on the 1917-19 2c.

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By WARREN A. SEAGER.

The first meeting of the season of the Nanking Philatelic Society was held on Tuesday, October 14th, just one month later than planned, on account of the little military mix-up that has upset this part of China for the past two months. Owing to various reasons a number of the members were unable to be present at this opening gathering, but the eight who did find it possible to attend made up in enthusiasm what the meeting lacked in numbers. After a splendid dinner provided by the host of the evening, Mr. S. J. Mills, the members of the Society felt fortified even for the transaction of a good deal of routine business.

After the business had been cleared away those present enjoyed a real treat in the form of a talk on Air Post Stamps, by our President, Rev. L. S. Ruland, who backed up his remarks with a very complete collection of these stamps in which he specializes. Mr. Ruland dwelt upon the fact that at present it is still a comparatively cheap and easy process to secure an almost complete collection of air mail stamps. New air services are being established in many parts of the world and there is good prospect of many interesting issues in the future, as well as the outlook for a substantial rise in value of the legitimate stamps which have appeared during the past few years. The speaker knew his stamps thoroughly and gave brief and interesting accounts of the history of the various issues represented in his collection.

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By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

"Tact" is defined as follows:—
I. Adroitness in managing the feelings of persons dealt with.
II. Nice perception in seeing and doing exactly what is best in the circumstances.

During years of travelling on business in many parts of the world I have constantly come across statements to the detriment of this or that dealer, some of a trivial nature and others again making really serious imputations against the honor and integrity of the person in question.

I have tried to trace out the origin of many of these statements, to find out what has caused this feeling of ill-will, and to endeavor to discover what is really at the bottom of it all.

I am forced to the opinion that many, if not most of these causes of friction between the buyer and the seller, are caused by want of "tact" on the part of the vendor, and I think that a little public discussion on this subject may be for the good of all concerned.

In any business the knowledge of the right way to handle a client is one of the essentials of good salesmanship, and nowhere is this more necessary than in the stamp trade.

This subject of business tact is one to which all dealers who wish to become successful salesmen should devote more attention.

The Golden Rule should always be borne in mind and if it is acted upon, business relations will be established upon the broadest and soundest foundations.

In the creation of good business relations between buyer and seller, the first consideration is to establish confidence, and the second is to prove to the buyer that his interests are protected through the knowledge of the seller—that is, that the seller knows his business thoroughly and is both willing and competent to advise his client.

These are what I should term the Essential Ethics of sound business relations between buyer and seller.

Let us consider a few of the many cases that we all hear so often, and endeavor to form a clear idea of the reaction they are most likely to cause.

Take the case of a collector who shows his collection to a dealer and asks his opinion. Does it not often occur that the dealer first asks "Who did you buy these from?" and having found out he proceeds to run down the collection, looking for the slightest faults, and then insinuating in more or less ambiguous terms that the collector would have done far

better to have bought all his stamps from the speaker.

What is the result? Generally he creates a feeling of distrust, the collector sees through such tactics and the usual result is that he gets disgusted with the dealer and through his lack of tact he loses a potential client.

Take the following case, which I was told of recently. A dealer sells a parcel of U. S. 1851, 1 cent blue, among them one or two copies supposed to be the rare type I. Some time after the buyer finds that the lower scrolls are painted in, that they are not type I and he takes them back to the vendor, who thereupon remarks "Well, Mr. Blank, never mind, you bought the lot cheap enough" and makes no offer to refund for the fakes he sold. Result—through his lack of tact he lost a valuable customer, as the collector was so surprised at this method of doing business that he walked right out of his office and when he told me about this he said he would never enter it again.

The following is, I think, a glaring example of want of tact.

A new and rich collector starting to specialize in a few countries, was in the habit of consulting a well-posted friend in his city about his more important purchases. A short time ago he happened to be travelling and met a dealer with whom he had done a little business. The dealer said, "Well, Mr. Blank, are you doing anything in stamps?" Mr. Blank said, "Yes, I have been travelling some four months and bought a few thousand dollars worth of stamps." The dealer said, "How could you do that without Mr. — to advise you!"

Result—Through his lack of tact, to say the least of it, he has lost a client that might have been of considerable importance to him in the future.

Another form of want of tact is what is known as a "knocker." I do not quite know the origin of this term; it is, however, one in common use, and seems to be applied to a person who endeavors to knock down the reputation of an opponent. This is done both directly and indirectly by all kinds of suggestions and insinuations, and often, to my own knowledge, by downright inventions. I could give some very curious instances of cases that have occurred lately, but could hardly do so without fitting the cap to the right head, and as I only want to write generally in this article without any personalities, it will be most tactful to avoid stating cases, many of which, I am sure, are known to my readers.

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1c ea.:—33, 39, 40, 41, 42, 60, 61, 62, 63, 67, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 83, 84, 85, 86, 91, 95, 96, 105, 106, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 115, 119, 121, 122.
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2c ea.:—21, 32, 43, 65, 66, 116, 126A.
3c ea.:—18, 99, 100, 126, 127, 130.
4c ea.:—22, 50, 64, 92, 101, 108, 117, 118.
6c ea.:—47, 49, 68, 102.
8c ea.:—48, 93, 103. 10c ea.:—51, 52, 53.
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44.....90 55.....27 128.....40
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THE FORUM.

By H. P. ATHERTON,
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Devoted to 19th century United States postage stamps; Cancellations, Minor Varieties, Rates, and all interesting Material and Data welcomed. Your accompanying letters are subject to entry in this Column in whole or in part. Return postage and registration requested with all sendings.

Have overlooked mention that was made by Mr. Bates some time past. This column is merely a continuation of the "Early Low Values Specialized" column as conducted by Mr. Bates, who unfortunately had to discontinue, owing to pressure of business.

The name "Forum" was chosen as it was shorter, and the word is intended to convey the meaning that articles are welcomed from its readers to its readers. Let them come.

A collector from Cape Cod paid the "Forum" a visit recently. He gave a description of an interesting item in his collection, which is on a bit of the cover. It is a 3c 1861 stamp cancelled in blue, Vera Cruz. "Vera" is above, and "Cruz" below, the two words being separated by a blue horizontal line, giving somewhat the appearance of a modern Precancel. Nice item, that.

Mr. R. A. Wagner has sent copies of the 2c 1890, cancelled in "Ticket Sellers Blue." One reads in a rectangle measuring 3/4"x1 1/4" "May 1, 1894, Lathrop, Mich.", while another shows "O. & N. W. R. (R)" in the same color. Mr. Wagner writes of these Railroad Ticket Office cancellations as follows:—"The mail was brought to the station of the C. & St. P. Minn. & M. Ry. and left unlocked, the Station Agent cancelled mail left at the Station with his ticket stamp, put the mail in the sack and locked it before putting on the train. This saved walking to the Post Office which was at some distance". So now you may have a solution as to what those porous blue letters are on some of your 2c 1890's, etc. The letters show a clothlike texture, as on your tickets of today.

A Cover! Mr. S. B. Ashbrook has shown me a cover with 90c 1860. With it, making a horizontal chain are a pair of 1c Type V, a 10c Type II, and a 30c, all of the "1857" issue, the 90c appearing in 1860 perforated. This cover is mailed from Boston (the "PAID" in large circle with three lines above, and three lines below, in black, being the current obliterator at the time), three times this hit the row of five stamps, lightly. The destination is "Port Elizabeth C. G. H." via England, per Persia. The red London transit mark is dated "JY 27 61", while in colored pencil is "1.12". If you were offered your "pick" of ten cancelled copies, you'd probably take this one, it is that fine, and this cover answers the Query of Nov. 10th beautifully.

Mr. Ashbrook also shows some "combination" covers. Combinations are always interesting. These consist of the U. S. 3c 1861 stamp, and the 10c Confederate, indicating that they passed "through the lines". One cover shows the 10c engraved Confederate, Archer & Daly Incomplete Die, at the right upper

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1896, 40c green & black, No. 23	..	.25
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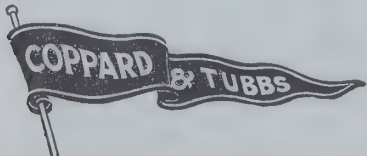
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STAMP AUCTIONS.

By CUI BONO.

When one begins to discuss the utility of stamp auctions, it soon appears that there are at least two view points in diametrical opposition. It may be of interest to analyze these opinions. Let us first of all consider the view points of those in favor of stamp auctions.

(1.) *They establish confidence in stamps as an investment.* Now that large sums of money are being put in one's collections, it behooves all of us not only to see that our investment has been well made, but even more necessary is it for us to know that our property will not be unduly sacrificed in case of our death.

Take the case of executors who find a stamp collection in the goods they have to dispose of—probably in nine times out of ten these executors know nothing about selling stamps, but they do know that by going to a public auction to dispose of their trust goods, they are protecting themselves and probably the best interests of their clients.

In the cases of a collector dying without making a will, or not leaving any specific instructions how to dispose of his collection, the auctions offer the best means of disposing of such trust goods.

(2.) *Auctions as a means of raising funds for emergency.* Cases frequently arise where a collector requires a sum of money in a hurry and when his available sources of supply are all tied up. Here the stamp auctioneer fulfills a real want, for he will advance a reasonable amount of cash pending the sale of the collection. In this country where stamp collections are not usually considered as collateral securities, such cash advances by auctioneers are often of real aid in an emergency.

(3.) *Auctions from the view-point of the dealer.* I am aware that stamp dealers hold very diverse opinions on the stamp auctions, but there is, I think, one point of view where we are all, more or less, in accord.

The auctions offer all of us in the trade constant opportunities for filling up our stocks with just those items we are short of, without the necessity of buying whole collections and thus stocking a lot of goods with which we are already well supplied.

(4.) *Auctions establish prices for unlisted varieties.* I think a very important function of the stamp auction is to establish prices for all kinds of uncatalogued varieties. For instance, United States cancellations would not be in one-tenth the demand they are today, unless their values had been, more or less, ascertained by numerous auction sales.

This applies to many other classes and groups of stamps, such as stamps on original covers, pairs, blocks, etc., etc.

(5.) *Auctions offer the means of selling goods of which the owners do not know the value.* Many cases occur in which a man has stamps of which he knows nothing whatever of the value, in such cases as a non-collector inheriting a collection, or a non-collector making a find of old stamps, in such cases the ability to dispose of stamps at public auction is of great utility to him.

Let us now consider the view-points of those who are opposed to stamp auctions.

(1.) *Collectors are afraid of "rings" or "combines."* I have often heard this discussed in Europe but, in my opinion there is very little, or anything to fear in this respect. Auctioneers send out thousands of catalogues, and usually hundreds of bids are sent to them or to local agents from all parts of the country, then there are the large attendance of buyers "on the floor" many of whom are unknown to one another.

I know personally of some cases in very important sales, such as the "Ferrary", where a few great buyers have agreed not to oppose one another for their special wants, but such cases are very rare, and have usually ended in disagreements among the parties concerned. I think this "bugbear" can be quite ignored.

(2.) *Collectors who sell at auction are afraid that many of their stamps will be sacrificed.* Here, of course, is the great danger of auctions, and it is what all vendors are likely to suffer from at one time or another. There are many things that adversely affect the auction sale, the weather, the attendance, the description of the lots, and the quality of the goods. As far as my experience goes, old issues, especially imperf. stamps, stamps on covers, and cancelled stamps of old issues with nice postmarks bring good prices, but generally speaking stamps of the twentieth century of the better class bring about half catalogue, which common and poorer class of goods may bring from a quarter to a sixth of catalogue, or even less for some of the cheap war and post-war issues of the past ten years.

Summing up and speaking very generally, I am of the opinion that living owners of collections, who have the time, can do better to dispose of their stamps through the trade, but in the case of executors dealing with goods with which they are not acquainted or of non-collectors acquiring stamps, they will probably be well advised to sell their property through the stamp auctions.

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DEFECTS IN STAMPS.

By PHILOLOGOS.

On several occasions I have been asked which are the most serious defects in a stamp and which is the order of the more important defects that one commonly meets with.

I do not suppose that we shall find many collectors who would group defects in the same order; some will think that a certain defect is more important and more of a deterrent than others would group it, but it may be of interest to vent one's opinions and see what others have to say on this subject.

Personally I am of the opinion that the usual defects in a stamp should be grouped in the following order, placing the most serious ones first:—

I. Mended or Repaired Stamps.

I consider that a stamp that has been repaired by having a portion added or that in the case of a perforated stamp has had one or more sides perforated is the worst defect. With such a stamp one is never very sure how much is good and how much is bad. In the case of a great rarity, some collectors have this photographed in its original damaged condition and then repaired and this seems a good plan to adopt.

The value of a repaired stamp is very much reduced, it may be to only a quarter, or even a less amount, of its original value.

II. Stamps Badly Centered.

I class this as the second most serious defect. Say a stamp perfectly centered is worth \$25.00, if this is badly centered with the design cut right into on top or bottom and on one side, such a stamp is hard to sell at \$10.00. In fact a badly centered stamp is a serious defect and reduces the value materially.

III. Heavy Cancellation.

This, of course, is a question of degree. A stamp lightly cancelled, especially one with the centre of the stamp clear and legible, is always saleable, but a really heavy cancellation is usually a serious defect. An exception to this is in the case where a collection is being built up specially of cancellations. In such cases stamps that are quite heavily obliterated are acceptable as these show

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A thin spot seems to be anathema to many collectors, and I think I know several who would place this as the most serious defect in a stamp, a view with which I do not agree in the slightest. In my opinion the appearance of the face of the stamp is by far the most important fact, and I would accept many early issues with thin spots far sooner than the same stamps mended, badly centered or heavily cancelled. I am not for a moment advocating the collecting of badly skinned stamps, but am referring to the very common case where a collector rejects an otherwise fine copy because it has a minute thin spot. I think this is both foolish and unnecessary.

One must consider, somewhat, each case on its merits. Take the case of the first of the General Issues of the Confederate States. These stamps had to be printed on any paper that could be obtained in the stress and turmoil of war, and they are usually printed on a soft porous paper which almost always tears when one tries to peel them off covers, as was usually done in earlier days. I have seen considerable lots of these stamps lately and I am sure that not ten per cent of them are without thin spots, otherwise many of them are fine copies and suitable for inclusion in any collection. More especially do I consider that stamps with thin spots may and should be used when reconstructing the different plates.

V. Discolored Stamps.

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We want to clean up our stock of late mint Germans. If the following prices don't do the trick, we're gonna give 'em away next year. All stamps in these lots are fine mint copies, late issues and values running up to the Billions.

100 all different, only 25
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100 all different, in mint box of four, only **\$1.00**
Danzig, 50 diff., mint 50
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You never saw lower prices than we quote on the following items. Ask for our new priced list which is to be ready before Christmas and see hundreds of other bargains just as irresistible as these. Your money back if stamps are not first class. * Means unused, and most of them are that way. Nearly every item offered below can be supplied in box of four at same rate.

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*Austria (181 to 199), Scott \$2.65.....	.75	*Saar (41 to 53), Scott 89c.....	.20
*Austria (200 to 248), Scott \$1.11.....	.25	*Saar (68 to 83), Scott \$4.82.....	1.75
*Austria (611 to 630), Scott 76c.....	.15	*Salvador (378 to 390, 774 to 780 and 1130 to 1141), Postage, Dues and Officials, the three sets, Scott \$1.64.....	.40
*Austria (1002 to 1022), Scott 42c.....	.10	*Salvador (1150 to 1157), Scott 50c.....	.12
*Austria (1241 to 1251), Scott 65c.....	.15	*San Marino (50 to 55), Scott 21c.....	.07
*Bavaria (176 to 191), Scott 69c.....	.15	*Schleswig (1 to 14), Scott \$1.24.....	.35
*Bavaria (256 to 275), Scott \$1.07.....	.25	*Upper Silesia (1 to 6), Scott 33c.....	.08
*Bavaria (527 to 539), Scott 56c.....	.12	*Upper Silesia (15 to 31), Scott 75c.....	.18
*Bavaria (558 to 575), Scott \$1.04.....	.20	*Wurtemberg (212 to 215-17-19-20), 25c.....	.07
*Belgium (241 to 248), Scott 50c.....	.12	*Wurtemberg (222 to 228), Scott 57c.....	.12
*Czechoslovak (551 to 556), Scott 35c.....	.08	*Wurtemberg (230 to 233), Scott 33c.....	.10
*Danzig (1 to 16, 18), Scott \$2.25.....	.75	*Wurtemberg (245 to 250), Scott 40c.....	.10
*Danzig (19 to 23), Scott 42c.....	.12	*Wurtemberg (251 to 255), Scott 35c.....	.08
*Danzig (25 to 30), Scott \$1.80.....	.50	*Wurtemberg (256 to 262), Scott 16c.....	.05
*Danzig (49 to 58), Scott \$2.62.....	.75	*Wurtemberg (326 to 338), Scott \$1.09.....	.30
*Danzig (251-2-3), Scott 27c.....	.08	*Wurtemberg (339 to 348), Scott 75c.....	.18
*Danzig (63 to 71), Scott 31c.....	.06	*Wurtemberg (352-3-4-6), Scott 24c.....	.06
*Epirus (28-7), scarce, Scott 25c.....	.07	*Wurtemberg (357 to 369), Scott 59c.....	.12
*Eastern Silesia (41 to 50), Scott 64c.....	.10	*Wurtemberg (370), Scott 60c.....	.08
*German Morocco (45-6-7-8-50-1-3), Scott 79c, German Colonials.....	.18	*Wurtemberg (375 to 384), Scott 52c.....	.12
*Honduras (40 to 50), Scott 48c.....	.12	*Wurtemberg (385 to 392), Scott 38c.....	.10
*Honduras (51 to 64), Scott 61c.....	.20		
*Honduras (65 to 75), Scott 37c.....	.12		
*Hungary (108 to 126), Scott 79c.....	.20		
*Hungary (203 to 222), Scott 63c.....	.15		
*Jugo Slav (233 to 242, 342), Scott 58c.....	.15		
*Montenegro (62 to 73), Scott 51c.....	.12		
*Montenegro (74 to 85), Scott 78c.....	.15		
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*No. Ingemanland (8 to 11), Scott 23c.....	.08		
*Nyassa (28 to 38), Scott \$1.21.....	.25		
*Nyassa (39 to 42-9-50), Scott 70c.....	.25		
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WANTED—Large mixed lots precanceled in good condition. Submit with offer for cash or trade.

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ASK FOR CIRCULAR ON OUR BR. COLONIAL NEW ISSUE SERVICE.

GEORGE W. LINN COMPANY, 210 CLINTON BUILDING, COLUMBUS, OHIO

WANTED—10,000 LINES DURING 1925.

CORRESPONDENCE PASSED BETWEEN "HOME OF THE POSTAGE STAMP" AND OUR PUBLICATION.

DEAR MR. WYLIE:—

We have contracted to use 5,000 lines of advertising in the WEEKLY during the current year. We over-ran this contract in September and the indications are that we shall pay nearly if not quite \$200.00 more than our contract calls for. As you are well aware, the Home of the Postage Stamp is one of the few firms whose advertising is solely and entirely centered in the WEEKLY. Since last March, when we extended our contract to 5,000 lines, no other stamp journal of any shape or description has carried a line of advertising for us. Our prosperity is then solely the result of advertisements in the WEEKLY coupled with our own direct methods.

The question now arises, "What is to be the nature of our contract with the Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., during 1925?" We realize that you do not make mention of a contract larger than 5,000 lines—is there any reason why you would not be willing to write a larger contract at a more favorable rate? During the coming year we expect to use 10,000 lines of advertising space and we want to know the most favorable rate that you can quote—how much less than 10c per line? We are planning some new things in advertising for the coming year and these features will have a prominent place in our announcements.

HOME OF THE POSTAGE STAMP,
Joseph V. K. Wells.

DEAR MR. WELLS:—

The WEEKLY certainly appreciates your letter of Nov. 29. It is the sincerest form of flattery in that you present a tangible proposition for our consideration. Your firm is not the first one to ask for a 10,000-line contract, and our answer has been the same in each instance, viz.:—

(a) The cost of publishing the WEEKLY is so great that we cannot afford to consider the selling of advertising space at less than 12½c per line, or \$1.50 per inch.

(b) To use 10,000 lines in the course of a year an advertiser must take at least sixteen inches per week upon an average, but of course many advertisements would be considerably larger in view of the inevitable summer dullness. There is a disadvantage in such a large contract as this, because advertisers using small space feel that their announcements do not receive fair consideration.

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We feel, as no doubt you do, that the next two years will prove a very prosperous period in American philately and we hope that you will decide to take out a similar contract to the one you have used during the past year.

SEVERN-WYLIE-JEWETT CO.,
Willard O. Wylie, Mgr.

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1859, 1gr (11) brun roux, two copies ON COVER (Yvert 19b, cat. 1600 Fr.) Net \$65.00
5gr brick red (14a), beautiful fresh color, light canc., perfect 30.00
NEW BRUNSWICK 1851, Half of 6p olive yellow (26), on orig. cover 95.00
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U. S. (137), 6c, o. g., cat. \$20. Net 10.00
BRIT. CENTRAL AFRICA, 10 (69), "SPECIMEN", no gum 15.00
GREECE (1051), used or unused 7.00
(1052), used, cat. \$175. 55.00
(1057), used or unused 1.50
(1060), unused 26.00 (1061), unused 60.00
(1051, 1053-1060, 1062), unused, o. g., fine, set cat. \$360., Net 95.00
LIBERIA (152a, 152b, 438b, 438c) very rare set, unused 16.50
SYRIA (50-57), unused, o. g., fine 16.00
(201-204), unused, o. g., fine 18.00
NYASSA (94-105), unused, cat. \$12., SPECIAL 2.00
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CILICIA—We have a bunch of rare ERRORS, ready to be sent on approval.
FRANCE OFFICES IN EGYPT, Alexandria (31-45), o. g., cpl. set, Net 25.00
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HUNGARY—All the occupation issues in stock, up to the rarest. We GUARANTEE the ones WE sell. We have handled these, from the first day they were issued. A collection of fakes of this issue always open for inspection.

MONTERRAT 1884, 4p blue (8), FAIR copy, cat. \$50. Net 10.00
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TURKEY—Want lists filled. We have most of the "bull heads" o. g. and many of the other issues.

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(14-18), cat. \$15.50 5.50

ITALY (257a), unused, block of four, cat. \$48. 10.50
LIBERIA (163-175), cat. \$6.60, used 3.10
(845-57), used, cat. \$6.60 3.10

ST. THOME & PRINCIPE (225-31), unused, cat. \$28.75 9.50
TURKEY IN ASIA (110), unused, cat. \$6.00 1.50

TURKEY (93), net \$4.00; (458*), net 75c; (*467), net 75c; (*468), net 75c; (*470), net 75c; (*801) Net 2.00

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B'WAY STAMP CO., 115 Nassau St., New York, N.Y.

THE COLLECTORS CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE 1924-1925 PROGRAM.

In planning the program of the Collectors Club for the present season, the Governors have decided to continue the scheme that proved so successful last season, of asking philatelists in other cities to show at our Club, and, at the same time, expressing the willingness of the membership of the Club to reciprocate by giving displays in these cities, if so desired.

The Governors have also decided to extend the "Competition" evenings, as this feature has proven itself popular.

We are anxious to have as many of our members as possible enter in these competitions as they are so arranged as to put all collectors on a par. Silver and bronze medals will be awarded in these competitions, at the discretion of the Judges.

Last season it was very gratifying to note the attendance of local members at our meetings, particularly when visiting philatelists exhibited. To those of the members who missed these displays, we suggest a special effort on their part, to attend them during the coming season.

One and all of us should bear in mind the old and true saying that "knowledge is power," and none of us are so well-informed that we cannot learn and profit by the displays and talks that are planned for our mutual benefit.

The meetings will be held as usual, at 8 P. M., on the first and third Wednesday in the month.

Try to keep these dates open.

December 17.—Alfred F. Lichtenstein, New York. Exhibit: Switzerland, Cantonal and silk thread issues.

January 7.—The exhibit for this date has not yet been arranged.

January 14.—Annual Meeting, and Dinner and Competition No. 2. A collection not exceeding fifty pages from one country, at 3 P. M. in the Club Rooms.

February 4.—H. S. Redfield, Hartford, Conn. Exhibit: United States, Postage and Revenue.

February 18.—H. C. Needham, Brooklyn, N. Y. Exhibit: United States Locals.

March 4.—A. H. Lamborn, Montclair, N. J. Exhibit: United States 1894, to 1900, inclusive.

March 18.—Charles Lathrop Pack, Lakewood, N. J. Exhibit: Victoria, early issues and Presentation of The Collectors Club Medal.

April 1.—Competition No. 3. A collection not exceeding fifty pages from various countries. Mr. J. Insley Blair, Tuxedo Park, N. Y. Exhibit: Some volumes of his general collection, including the United States.

April 15.—F. R. V. Williams, Baltimore, Md. Exhibit: Twentieth Century British Colonials, practically complete in all varieties.

May 6.—Aug. Dietz, Richmond, Va. A talk on "The various processes of the Graphic Arts as employed in the production of the Postage Stamps of the Confederate States of America," together with an exhibit of designs submitted to the Confederate Treasury Department, trial and printing plates, and other items of interest to the student.


May 20.—Robert P. Levis, New York. Exhibit: War Issues of the British Colonies and Possessions.

June 3.—Major J. A. Steinmetz, Philadelphia. Exhibit: One hundred covers, tragic, dramatic and romantic souvenirs of early stamp days.

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25 Czecho-Slovakia	25c
25 Denmark	20c
25 Danzig	25c
25 English Col.	30c
100 Europe	25c
25 European Col.	25c
25 Finland	25c
25 France	20c
20 French Col.	20c
25 French Col.	25c
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0 German Empire	25c

30 French Colonies



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25 Oversea	15c
50 Oversea	25c
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30 Poland	30c
25 Roumania	20c
25 Sweden	25c
25 Switzerland	25c
25 Scandinavia	20c
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COLLECTORS Our office is the headquarters for Liberia (new 1924, postage, official, registered)—Short and complete sets just arrived—beautiful Nyassa, Persia Seebecks, etc. Let us know what you are interested in.

Our retail stock is as good as our wholesale. You will find we have cheap hard-to-get ones, as well as big rarities. If in New York, come up—if out of town, send your want list.

THE BEST PLACE TO BUY—AND THE BEST PLACE TO SELL.

TIMES SQUARE STAMP COMPANY
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The Martauco Stamp Co., 537 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City, has just issued a whole-sale bulletin, advertising a clearance sale of single stamps. Dealers will do well to procure a copy.

—H. P. Atherton informs us that a new used block of four black Jacksons fetched the remarkable price of \$70 at the last Drew sale.

—The Y. Souren Co., 145 Nassau St., N. Y. City, has just issued a very complete check list of Ukraina and the firm will doubtless advertise this list in an early number of the WEEKLY.

—The Atlas Stamp Co. has removed from 40 Packard Av., to 75 Electric Av., West Somerville, Mass., where the firm has a more modern house with much better equipment.

—Victor Weiskopf, Box 298, G. C. Station, N. Y. City, is sending out a wholesale pricelist of German stamps, which is remarkable in its completeness. 11 of the numbers from 80 to 321 are with few exceptions priced per one and ten, and nearly all the lots per hundred. Mr. Weiskopf has just returned from an extended tour through Europe and brought with him an enormous stock of German stamps. Any dealer can procure copy on request.

—C. A. L.—We know of no insurance company which will insure postage stamps.

—Precancelled stamp collectors residing in New York and vicinity who are desirous of forming a local club will please communicate with Francis F. Feeley, 1087 E. 4th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

—Last winter the Burt McCann Co., of Minneapolis gave talks over the radio, advertised in the school papers, and followed up both lines of publicity with gratifying results. The firm is much pleased at the fact that the North High School of Minneapolis has asked them to send a speaker from time to time during the winter. We quote with our highest approval the following extract from the firm's letter:—

"We have been interested lately in the Boys Clubs. North High School, Minneapolis, called us up last week and wanted us to furnish them a speaker to talk on stamps for thirty minutes. We were pleased that we were able to get Mr. Gerald Burgess, who is a member of the Twin City Philatelic Club, to go up to the school auditorium and address them. He gave them a very instructive talk; all of the history teachers in the building took the trouble to attend and expressed themselves as very much in favor of such talks, and thought stamps were a great incentive to the study of history and geography. Mr. Burgess brought his collection with him and the boys were simply wild with enthusiasm. In fact, it was almost impossible to break up the assembly."

—A few weeks ago there appeared in the WEEKLY an article on counterfeit Belgian Charity stamps and in the same issue appeared the advertisement of a British dealer advertising the stamps. One of our subscribers, Allen Burgan, wrote the dealer for a set of the stamps providing they were the genuine article. The order was filled and the dealer wrote as follows:—

"As the overprints on the 1c and 2c corresponded to the so-called counterfeits described in the article you send I have gone into this matter with the official source from which I obtained my stamps. In fact, they came from the Belgian government. The solution is that the overprints on the 1c and 2c values were always in a different type than on the 5c and 10c values, and in fact, in the well known French Catalog of Yvert & Tellier, the two different types of overprints '1911' are illustrated."

—The Philatelist's International Finance Corporation of New York City is inviting financial support in its desire to capitalize for three millions of dollars. It is the intention of the corporation to have branches in many of the larger cities of the country, and according to the prospectus, the chief business of the concern will be the loaning of money on stamp collections.

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CHARLES J. PHILLIPS

has editorial charge of this Special Number.

TIME LIMIT ON PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Our advertising bills are payable on presentation and this rule is generally observed. Of course, "presentation" is an elastic term to some people and we feel compelled to announce that the 18th of the month will hereafter be the limit.

This rule is made to aid us in making up the forms of the first issue of the following month and hereafter no advertising will appear in that issue unless the previous month's bill has been paid.

We pay our bills on presentation and expect our patrons to do likewise by us.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

An Acknowledgment.

An editor appears to be an anomaly in grammar as being one person, but writing of himself by the use of the plural "we". In these paragraphs we propose to adopt the established custom. First we wish to thank our dear friends Charlie Severn and Willard O. Wylie for stepping out of the editorial chair and allowing us to occupy it on this special occasion.

The invitation to edit the famous stamp journal we are in charge of this week, was an honor that we greatly appreciate as it affords us an opportunity of placing before the largest group of American Philatelists that anyone publication can reach, our personal views on a number of subjects, some of which, we trust, will lead to friendly discussion, in the pages of this paper.

We know that in many cases we hold opinions on various points of interest to the stamp trade, that are not held by others, and we shall be glad to have correspondence pro and con on any of the subjects that we have started.

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Collectors Club Annual Dinner.

The Annual Dinner of The Collectors Club, New York, will be held at the Astor Hotel on Wednesday, January 14th next.

It is hoped that a very large attendance of the members and their friends will be present. All out-of-town members, who are planning a visit to New York after the New Year should try and arrange to be there on January 14th.

Arrangements should be made as early as possible so that the dinner committee can secure a room of the best size for the number expected.

Dinner tickets will be six dollars each and can be secured from Mr. Charles M. Ams, 101 Park Avenue, New York.

Competition at the Club.

On the occasion of the annual dinner on January 14th, a special meeting will be held at the club rooms, 120 West 49th St., New York, at 3 p. m., at which members are asked to show fifty pages from any one country of their collections.

The "Competition" meetings seem very popular and draw a number of entries and a large attendance. The governors hope that a large number of members will show interesting pages of their favorite country. Prizes of silver and bronze medals will be awarded and even the non-winners can give useful information to their fellow members by showing us groups of stamps they have studied.

The Greatest Philatelic Centre.

When we sold out our controlling interest in Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., a little over two years ago, we had to consider where to spend the balance of our days to our greatest advantage from all points of view.

After very careful consideration we decided that the United States offered advantages far outweighing those of any other country and since we settled here we find our choice far more than justified. The growth of Philately in the United States has been very great in the last ten years.

Some fifty years ago France was a centre of stamp collecting, and many famous old collections were formed in that country.

Gradually Great Britain ousted France and for many years held first place, but before the great war of 1914 Germany had become a very serious competitor, and was the home and centre of a very great mass of collectors.

During and since the war the United States has become the richest country in the world, and for the last ten years Europe has been drained of very many of its artistic treasures which have come here to form an enormous number of great collections in all branches of the collecting field.

Among these stamps have had an important position. Today I have no hesitation in saying that the United States has more and greater active great stamp

collectors than any other country in the whole world.

The Future of Philately in the U. S.

In considering what is the probable future of philately in this country there are several things to be taken into account, a few of which we will discuss briefly.

Considering the population of this great country we do not think that philately is one quarter as general as it might be in, say, ten years' time, if general and intelligent means are taken to foster its growth.

Steps in the right direction have been taken by Mr. E. B. Power in conjunction with the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., by an interesting series of talks over the radio-broadcasting stations, and by the issue of thousands of small albums and sets of stamps. Mr. Power tells us that nearly 20,000 letters were received in answer to his talks.

In St. Louis the good work has been taken up by Mr. H. A. Diamant, who has given radio talks and also addressed large audiences in the Sheldon Memorial Hall.

These good friends have done excellent propaganda work, but this costs money and such work should not be thrown on individuals or firms.

It seems to us that this is a fine work for our great

American Philatelic Society to take up. This society has over 3,200 members, it is growing rapidly and it has good funds in hand.

In its recruiting folders it has a heading:—

"Shall we place our shoulders together to advance philately?"

We certainly should, and all A. P. S. members should urge this on the officials of that organization, and should see that this subject is well thrashed out at the next convention in Los Angeles.

The next point to which we wish to draw attention is the necessity of establishing confidence and good feeling between the collector and the dealer. We deal with this in a separate article in this number.

Show Willingness to Help Others.

Be a good mixer, get about and visit all the conventions, stamp societies and clubs that you can take in, and everywhere you go do something for philatelic propaganda.

We, in New York, of the Collectors Club, love to have visitors from other cities to show us their treasures, give us interesting talks and to meet in social intercourse. In return many of our members are very willing to visit out-of-town clubs and give displays and talks where so desired.

To show what we mean we might mention that within the past six months we have shown and spoken at Toronto, Winnipeg, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Chicago,

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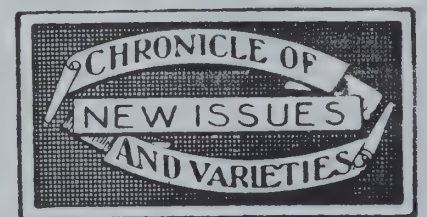
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AUSTRIA.—Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal* lists a series of Charity stamps all perf. 12½ and of different designs. The values and shades are as follows: 100x300kr green, 300x900kr red brown and 500x1500kr brown-purple, 600x1800kr greenish blue and 1000x3000kr brown orange.

BELGIUM.—The handsome new series commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the introduction of postage stamps into Belgium (foreshadowed in these columns some months ago) was due for issue on Saturday last, comprising a whole range of denominations, from 10 centimes to 10 francs. It will be remembered that these stamps were to have been issued in May last, during the Brussels International Stamp Exhibition, but difficulties were encountered in the engraving and printing processes, and production was unavoidably deferred. The actual anniversary commemorated occurred on July 1st.

In the meantime our Brussels correspondent, Mr. H. Hooreman, sends us the 10c value of the current Postage Due

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series in a new and darker shade of green.—*Stamp Collecting.*

BRAZIL.—Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal* chronicles the following values in the current types, watermarked "Casa da Moeda" between rows of stars, repeated in sheet: 10r dull violet, 20r olive grey, 100r orange and 400r dull blue.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 25c on script watermarked paper. Also the \$5 black on red on old multiple CA paper.

FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICA.—The stamps of Middle Congo and of Tchad, overprinted for this territory, have now been followed by similar provisionals on the adhesives of Oubangui-Chari. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us the 1c of this series and inform us that they have received all values of it, from 1c to 5fr, overprinted "AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANCAISE" (on stamps of Middle Congo already overprinted "OUBANGUI-CHARI." Presumably the Gaboon stamps will also be subjected to this earmark.—*Stamp Collecting.*

GERMANY.—Mr. M. A. Woodbury writes that sometime ago he came upon a copy of the 5mk brown orange, type A31, unwatermarked. He adds that he has recently noticed a growing tendency among collectors to secure these minor varieties which heretofore have been considered of no importance.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Regarding the new "To Pay" series the *Philatelic Magazine* states:

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Another new watermark.—The *Philatelic Magazine* is able to state that the British Post Office is at present experimenting with a new paper, which has a closer arrangement of the block-letter "G v R and Crown" watermark. Printings have, according to our information, been confined at present to the 1d and 1½d values. Supplies of these have been sent to the larger centres, with instructions to distribute them and to watch for and report any complaints which may be received as to the quality of the paper, liability to tear, and so on, and to report upon them to headquarters.

Specimens of both old and new 1d and 1½d values are before us. The experimental printings of both values have Control B24. The watermark has a thicker appearance, but this is probably due to the inferior quality of the paper. Its main difference is that in the experimental paper, the watermarks are much closer together. The difference may perhaps best be indicated by measuring the spaces between the separate watermarks, both vertically and horizontally.—*Stamp Collecting.*

NICARAGUA.—Mr. A. A. Wasserscheid sends us a postal card received by him which is franked with a copy of the 1c violet, type of the 1914 issue, surcharged "R. de C., 1924" in blue and a 2c carmine rose of the same type bisected. Mr. Wasserscheid advises that he took the matter up with Scott, asking whether they intended listing the bisected 2c, and they stated that they had no information that the bisect was authorized and therefore did not make a practice of listing anything of this kind, excepting the regularly authorized varieties. Upon communicating with the Nicaraguan Consul in New York, he advised that the bisecting of stamps as on the card was regular and official.

NYASALAND.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us a copy of the 256d on the script watermark paper and advises that these are printed in sheets of 60 (12x5).

POLAND.—A few days ago there was a big shipment of British-minted silver coinage to Poland and, as if to mark the occasion, we have from our Ipswich friends the first value of what we presume to be a new series of postage stamps for that Republic. It is of the denomination of 1 zloty and has the portrait of the President on a solid background of brilliant red with inscription "POCZTA POLSKA" in uncoloured capitals at top and "1 ZLOTY 1" in red in a band beneath the portrait.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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The idea originated from a combination of two hobbies, that of stamp collecting and the applause card used in writing to a station in expression of thanks for their programs. It is estimated that there are over three million stamp collectors in the country today, and the letters of appreciation that pour into the various broadcasting stations indicate that there must be several million radio fans who write to their favorite broadcasting stations. The popularity of the radio stamp collections promises to increase this number even further.

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The stamps are printed on bond paper, in different colors for the various wave lengths, thus making a very artistic arrangement of the page of the album. The stamps show a huge American eagle, the king of the air, standing between two radio towers. The call letters of the station are in a different color from the background so as to stand out prominently. Below the call letters is printed, "Verification of reception." A uniform charge of ten cents is being made by all of the stations.—N. Y. Sun.

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Report by CHAS. J. PHILLIPS.

The second meeting of the season was held at the Club rooms, 120 West 49th St., on Wednesday, November 5th, at 8 p. m. The Exhibit of the evening was Early Issues of New South Wales, by Theo. E. Steinway. Among those present I noted Mr. C. L. Pack, who was able to give us some useful information on this, one of his favorite countries.

Mr. Steinway, in the course of his chatty remarks, gave us an interesting brief outline of early Australian history and showed from an old history from his library one of the earliest lists of the people who were sent to Botany Bay when it was a penal settlement. This "Social Register" was examined with keen interest.

Mr. Steinway then showed two volumes of his stamps. I was only able to make a few brief notes of the many interesting items it contained.

The first page shown included a lithographic impression of essays for the 1d and 3d Sydneys with the errors in the spelling of the Latin motto which reads "SIC PORTIS ETTURIA CREVIT" for "SIC FOR-TIS ETTURIA-CREVIT."

There is also a very fine block of eight of the Clayton 1d lithographed essays on India paper. In the fine pages of Sydney Views I draw attention to the following:

1d, Plate I. Used block of four on bluish paper, seven pairs and plate of 23 out of the 25 types.

1d, Plate II. Three pairs and reconstructed plate complete except two types.

2d, Plate I. Some superb early impressions and 21 of the 24 varieties.

2d, Plate I. The "retouched" lower row of 12 complete. Mr. Pack drew our attention to the possibility of some retouching having been done in the upper row.

2d, Plate II. Complete all but one type.

2d, Plate III. Complete all but two types.

2d, Plate IV. Complete all but three types.

2d, Plate IV. On laid paper with 5 types short.

2d, Plate V. Complete except 2 types. In the 3d green Sydneys, Mr. Steinway showed partially reconstructed plates on the yellowish and bluish papers, including a strip of four and several pairs. In the Sydneys I also noted several 2d and 3d on covers.

In the Laureated no wmk. issue all values are shown plated except the 8d orange. He drew attention to the 2d Stars in corners and considered that a

separate variety should be catalogued "on blue paper", which is several times as rare as the yellowish paper. The 3d plate was complete and exceptionally fine as it included two blocks of six, five blocks of four and four pairs.

Mr. Steinway is exceptionally strong in the 6d brown. In Plate I he shows complete separate plates in brown and gray-brown; and in Plate II, also two plates of distinct colors complete all but one or two types. He also drew attention to the 6d laureated on covers used with a 2d stamp and stated that these 6d's were used for the "Registration" fee prior to the introduction of the imperf. red and blue registration stamp.

In the 8d I noted one used on cover in conjunction with a 1d red and some ten used copies.

In the "Laureated" issue with watermark, there are two of the scarce 3d green error wmk. "2". In the "Diademed" issue a fine piece is a block of 8 of the 3d green used on cover.

The large square stamps imperf. are a fine lot and I specially noted two fine shades of the 8d used on covers, one dated "4 JA. 1859", the other, "14 JY. 1859".

In the Diademed issue there is a fine 2d really lithographed with certificate of the R. P. S. L., also a fine lot of "Retouches" on the 2d, both imperf. and perforated.

The third meeting of the season was held on Wednesday, November 19th. This was a Competition evening, the subject being: "From twelve to twenty of the most interesting items from your collection with reasons written under each one why you so consider them."

Some very interesting exhibits were shown, among them I am only able to note a few of the more uncommon items:—

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New Brunswick—6d yellow and quarter of 6d used for the 7½d rate. This is one of the rarest bisections of New Brunswick.

Switzerland—Silk thread issue, 5 rapen, error of color, blue instead of brown. This is the true rare error and not one of the color proofs. It is in a pale milky blue color used on cover postmarked "Basel 26 June, 1855." Zurich, 4rp and half of 4rp used on cover for the 6rp rate, one of the greatest rarities of this country.

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10 5sh carmine rose	6.00	3.50
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14 9d black brown	1.00	.60
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16 1d scarlet	.15	.09
17 1½d red brown	.25	.15
18 2d orange	.20	.12
19 2½d ultramarine	.50	.30
20 3d violet	.60	.35
21 4d slate green	.60	.35
22 5d yellow brown	.60	.35
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27 9d olive green	1.75	1.00
29 ½d green	.05	.03
30 1d scarlet	.08	.05
31 1½d red brown	.30	.18
33 2d orange	.45	.25
34 2½d ultramarine	.35	.20
35 3d violet	.50	.30
36 4d slate green	.35	.20
37 5d yellow brown	.60	.35
38 6d dull violet	.40	.25
39 9d olive green	.75	.45
40 10d light blue	1.00	.60
41 1sh bistre	1.25	.75
42 2sh 6d light brown	1.50	.90
43 5sh carmine rose	3.00	1.75
44 10sh gray blue	6.00	3.50
45 ½d green	.03	.02
46 1d carmine rose	.05	.03
47 1½d claret	.06	.05
48 2d deep green	.08	.06
49 2½d chocolate	.10	.07
50 3d ultramarine	.12	.08
51 4d slate	.16	.11
52 5d deep violet	.20	.14
53 6d red violet	.24	.16
54 9d violet	.36	.24
55 10d brown	.40	.26
56 1sh light blue	.50	.30

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Uruguay—1858: 120c blue on cover, dated 2 Aug., 1859. 120c blue, tête-bêche pair. 120c blue, block of six and the only block known. 180c green on letter. 180c green, tête-bêche pair. 180c green, block of four, pale and deep green. 240c dull vermilion, two used on cover in the only color in which these stamps were genuinely used. Most copies of these 240c offered as used have forged cancellations. 180c red, error of color. This is the only genuine copy of the error known. It is damaged, but used, and was in the Ferrary collection.
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Great Britain—1840, 2d blue superb
block of twelve used on cover.

North German Postal District—1868,
3kr rose, a strip of four error, imperf.,
used on cover to New York.

Hamburg—1859, imperf. Pairs of the
1s brown, 3s blue and the 9s yellow used
on covers. 1864, Imperf. 2½s green,
superb used block of fourteen. 1859,
Imperf. Unused block of twelve of the
½s black with gum.

Oldenburg—1858, superb copy with
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the fence telling him some home truths.
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Nov. 1, 1860, a few days before the
Presidential election of that year; 3c
with printed note on cover, "Old stamps
not recognized."

Confederate States—New Orleans, 5c
with inverted imprint; 5c green, su-
perb used strip of ten; 5c green, on cover
inscribed "Captured by Farragut's Fleet";
2c green, block of 5 on cover with red
cancellation.

Confederate States—10c rose, the com-
plete reconstructed plate of the 50 varie-
ties, unique, and consisting of superb
copies unused and used; "TEN cents",
Die proof in black; "TEN cents", unique
strip of seven used; 10c with outer line,
horizontal pair, one used and one un-
used; 2c red-brown, superb used block of
twelve; 20c green, vertical strip of five,
used and used block of seven on piece of
cover.

United States—Treasury 12c used on
cover with a 15c U. S. general issue.
The 15c apparently paid the registration
rate on this cover, which is addressed to
Germany.

There were a number of other very in-
teresting exhibits, but the space at my
command is not sufficient to describe
them. I think all members of the Club
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train at the station near Branchville,
United States, and asked him to send it
to her. The agent said the letter must
be stamped.

The old woman became indignant, said
the darkies were free, and "Whar war de
use of freeing the culled pussons ef you
didn't free de letters too?" and finally
yelled out, "How many stamps he want
eh?"

The mail agent said, "Three."
Down went the letter, and down went
the old woman's heel.

"Dar, dar, dar! Dar's three stamps
Dat enuff, eh?"

She was in angry earnest, and the by-
standers were amused accordingly. The
agent saw the joke, volunteered to pay
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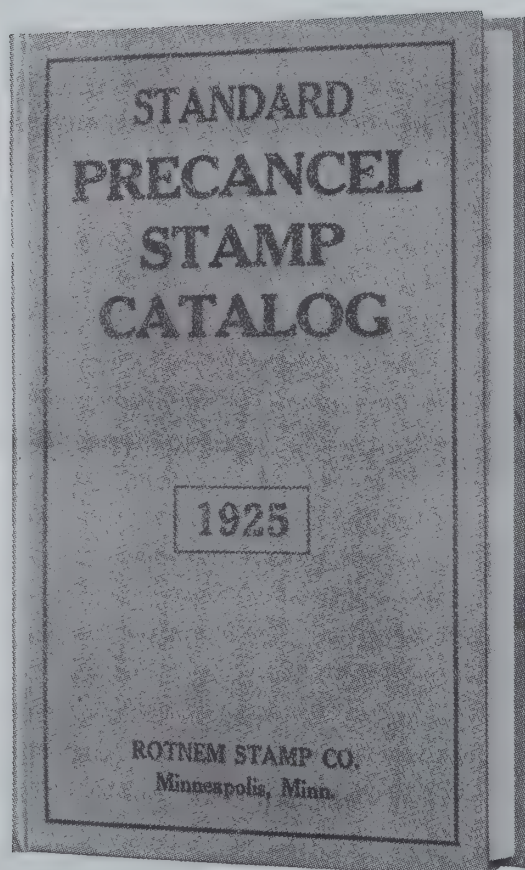
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The widow Richard is an old lady addicted to making "bulls," and is of a piece with a good woman who poured out the coffee to feast upon the grounds. It was a blunder something of this character she had just committed, and for which she had come to answer at the post-office.

The cause of the hubbub occurred in one of the city post-offices of Paris, where the clerk whose duty it was to attend to unpaid letters was suddenly accosted by a woman, who rushed in in great trepidation. The woman was the widow Richard.

"Sir," she exclaimed, in a voice trembling with anger, "how does it happen, I should like to know, that when one has prepaid the postage on a letter, the person to whom it is sent is made to pay for it again?"

"How it happens, madam?" cried the clerk. "Why, it don't happen at all."

"Well, I say that it does happen; and what's more, that it happened today. There!"

"And I tell you again that it is impossible that it should be so."

"But it is a person of my acquaintance to whom I wrote yesterday, and whose letter I prepaid, who says she had to pay for it too. She was furious about it, and I don't wonder she was, for I wrote her concerning my own affairs, and she had to pay the postage. It's downright robbery, I say!"

Thereupon the widow kicked up such a rumpus that it was found necessary to call in a policeman and take her before a magistrate. Instead of pacifying Madam Richard, this proceeding nearly threw her into the last degree of exasper-

OFFSET PRECANCELS

Last week we offered these attractive items from Alabama through Massachusetts. This week we complete the alphabet. Remember that our stock of these items is limited and it behooves one to send in his order immediately.

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T. X, 1 cent normal	.15	.10	Cleveland, O., T. VI, 1c normal	.03	.02
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T. IX, 2 cent normal	.04	.02	T. VI, 3 cent normal	.05	.03
T. X, 2 cent invert	.05	.03	Greenville, Texas, 3 cent normal	.10	.06
T. XI, 2 cent normal	.04	.02	Richmond, Va., 2 cent normal	.10	.06
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"Done with what?" inquired the magistrate.

"The receipt," answered the widow; "the receipt which proves that I prepaid the letter." So saying, she fumbled in all her pockets.

"There!" she exclaimed suddenly, "I've got it! Here it is!"

And she exhibited triumphantly to the magistrate—what do you imagine? A Postage Stamp! The poor lady had taken it as a receipt for the money she had paid to the clerk, and had treasured it sacredly, instead of sticking it on the letter.

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POSTAL CURIOSITIES.

The following curious addresses to letters were quoted in the *A. J. of P.* of October, 1870, but probably will be new to most of our readers of 54 years later.

Mr. —, Traveling Band, one of the four playing in the street, Persha (Pershire), Worcestershire.

Please to find him if possible.

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This is for the young girl that wears spectacles, who minds "two babies," 30 Sherriff Street, off Prince Edwin Street, Liverpool.

There is a letter addressed:—

The biggest fool in the world, Tunbridge.

This is drily endorsed by the Postmaster, to the effect that it cannot be delivered, as he does not know the writer.

NOVEMBER SUBSCRIPTION RECORD.

The November results are gratifying.

The figures show three firms, Pikes Peak Stamp Co., Fennell Stamp Co. and the Anchor Stamp Co., running neck and neck. The Hawkeye Stamp Co. follows with 25 and Paul F. Cornish has 14. We are greatly pleased at the large number of entries and the prospect is very encouraging. The names of those who have secured ten or more subscriptions during the month are as follows:—
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Anchor Stamp Co., Jersey City, N. J. 78
Fennell Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo. 77
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Paul F. Cornish, Schenectady, N. Y. 28
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Liberty Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo. 19
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Eugene Klein, Phila., Pa. 11
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One of the few error United States postage stamps was sold at auction recently for \$335. It was a lightly cancelled copy of the 15 cents issue of 1869, printed in two colors but by a mistaken placement of the plate, the central figure was inverted. The catalogue value of this error is \$750, but the copy sold was marred by having a tiny pin hole.

This stamp was one of more than 500 lots, including an exceptionally fine assortment of United States and foreign stamps accumulated by M. Ohlman to celebrate his one hundredth auction sale, which was held at 116 Nassau Street. Walter Scott was the auctioneer, and most of the prominent dealers and many well known collectors were present.

The second highest price was \$169.50, paid for a very fine penny 1848 issue of Mauritius. An early Natal, the 6-penny embossed stamp of 1857, on a small piece of the original envelope, sold for \$45, and \$45.50 was paid for an excellent copy of the scarce 8-penny stamp of Ceylon, 1857. A copy of an old British Guiana stamp, the 1-cent issue of 1853-59, with the ship design, sold for \$33, and a proof copy on gummed paper of the Canadian 12-penny stamp, 1851, sold for \$30.

Good prices were paid for all of the early United States stamps and there was spirited bidding for some copies with odd cancellations. A 13-cent stamp of the 1909 issue, printed on bluish paper and lightly cancelled, sold for \$33, and \$28.50 was paid for an unused 90-cent copy of the 1869 reissue. A perfect copy of the 3-cent Executive Department, unused, sold for \$20.50 more than the standard catalogue price. A United States \$2 stamp, 1919, surcharged on the \$1 stamp, for use in Shanghai, sold for \$41, the high price being due to the fact that the new value had been over-printed twice. A cancelled pair of the 10-cent issue, 1851, sold for \$29.75, and \$24.75 was paid for a fine copy of the 90-cent stamp, 1861 issue.—N. Y. Times.

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Indications are that the appropriation that would be needed to establish an air mail route between the United States and Europe will not be asked for until December, 1925. It may be stated upon authority that no estimate for this purpose will be included in the budget to be submitted to Congress next week.

Following the arrival in New York of the German ZR-3, recently christened the "Los Angeles," postal authorities discussed the practicability of using the ship on an air route between New York and one of the English ports. It was agreed that, in view of the exploit of the ZR-3 in crossing the ocean without trouble, the plan was entirely feasible.

Under the contract by which the United States acquired the Los Angeles from Germany, the airship cannot be used in military service. Post-office authorities are hopeful that when the navy has completed the long series of experiments that are about to be made with the Los Angeles in the training of officers and crews in airship navigation, the Zeppelin will be turned over to them.

The attention of postal officials was directed today to reports from Berlin that Dr. Ecknor, who was in command of the ZR-3 on its journey from Germany to this country, had announced that a transatlantic air mail service would shortly be in operation. The officials said Dr. Ecknor was in error if he meant to convey the impression that the United States was about to start such a service.

RUSSIAN STAMP MONOPOLY.

In our issue for September 27th we published an article on "Philatelic Conditions in Russia." In this connexion we have a long report from Mr. George H. Jaeger, which the Riga correspondent of the *Daily Mail* summarized in that paper last week as follows:—"Red Stamp Swindle.—Government Monopoly to Trick Collectors.—'Stamp collectors, beware!' This is the warning of Mr. George H. Jaeger, the stamp sage of the Baltic, who lives in Libau, Latvia. Mr. Jaeger has received information from Moscow that the Bolshevik Government has formed a stamp monopoly which will seek to provide British and other collectors with endless issues of 'rare and limited issues of Bolshevik stamps.' Mr. Jaeger reports that the stamp monopoly considers England and the United States the best markets for these issues, and that shortly offices will be opened in London, New York and Paris. It is anticipated that the Government will derive a large income from this monopoly swindle. Eight new issues are now being prepared. The stamps are also considered by the Government as being an excellent means for Communist propaganda."—*Stamp Collecting.*

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On his way to Europe last summer Mr. Lamborn overheard two Englishmen in the smoking room of a Cunarder discussing the number and location of the British colonies. Both were confident that they could name all the British possessions until Mr. Lamborn offered to wager them a pound each that he could name ten more colonies than they could. Their skepticism led Mr. Lamborn to double the wager, and the result was that he named twenty-seven more colonies than the combined geographical and historical efforts of the two Britons could assemble.

Mr. Lamborn's apology for his stamp "complex" is that stamps "teach not only geography, flora, fauna, landscapes, the names of great statesmen, architecture, but also vital and dramatic points of the country represented by its stamp."

AMERICA'S LEADING COLLECTORS.

Probably the majority of collectors, of whom Mr. Lamborn is a conspicuous example, exercise their hobby as an avocation, but a notable exception is Charles J. Phillips, an international authority and formerly managing director of Stanley Gibbons & Co. of London, the largest stamp dealers in the world. Two years ago Mr. Phillips came to New York to handle the famous Duveen collection, valued at \$1,500,000, about half of which he has sold to collectors in this country. As to the buyers, Mr. Phillips has this to say:

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"Another great collector in America is Colonel E. H. R. Green, the son of Mrs. Hetty Green. Colonel Green has only collected for a few years, but probably has a collection worth well on toward the two-million-dollar mark, as he has purchased a large number of fine and valuable collections to combine with his own.

"In the West, one of the best known is William H. Crocker, the head of the Crocker National Bank, San Francisco. He has been a collector more than twenty years and has an especially fine lot of early United States and Hawaiian stamps.

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"King Alfonso of Spain has a wonderful collection of Spain and the Spanish colonies, but recently in the Ferrary auctions in Paris was beaten in the auction room competition by Arthur Hind of Utica, who happened to have a special love for rare Spanish stamps.

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"In Demerara, British Guiana, an old lady, a Miss Rose, found a pair of the 1850 British Guiana stamps, at 2 cents rose. She gave them to her vicar to sell for the benefit of the local church funds; since then the stamps have passed through various hands, and a few months ago were bought by Arthur Hind for \$15,000."—N. Y. Times.

TWO GUIDES FOR BEGINNERS.

It seems a little singular that in the same mail we should receive two guides for the beginner in stamp collecting, and both from London. One is the "B. O. P. Stamp Book," written by Raymond Raife and the other is "Stamp Collecting for All" by Stanley Phillips. The two books are along similar lines, though the former is printed with a stiff cover at 2sh6d and the latter is paper covered at 1sh.

The "B. O. P. Stamp Book" is a handsome production, well printed and finely illustrated. Scattered through its pages is an excellent treatment of the various features that call for explanation. Mr. Raife handles his subject in an excellent manner and we can commend the book to the average collector as a useful book. It is published by the *Boy's Own Paper* Office, 4 Bouverie St., London, E. C. 4, England. The author of the book is a department editor of this publication. There are twenty full page plates and other illustrations.

The guide by Stanley Phillips while not as pretentious as a book as the one already reviewed will nevertheless be an excellent missioner for stamp collecting. Mr. Phillips is author of "The Fascination of Stamp Collecting" and co-editor of *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*, facts which show his qualifications for his present contribution to philatelic literature. This book may be obtained from Stanley Gibbons, 391 Strand, London, England.

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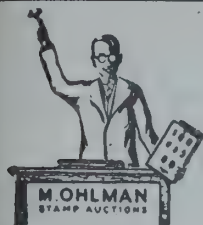
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10c 1857, the most interesting vertical strip in the plate (?), for the top stamp is the recut 65L, Pl. 1, while the bottom stamp of course is the variety "curl on head", No. 85L.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! This message is sent you by Mr. H. R. Blanque. It is boldly cut into a cork obliterator measuring 22mm in diameter, each of the three words being clear and distinctly printed, "Happy" and "Year" being curved, with "New" in a straight line thro the middle of this neat little greeting. It is a most pleasing item, falling on a 6c Continental, which is in A1 condition. Mr. Blanque encloses also a most beautiful 3c green, re-engraved, on a neat little cover addressed to Rouse's Point, N. Y., postmarked in gray black "Logan Oct. 25, 1882, Iowa", the obliterator being our old friend the "poison" device—skull and bones, also in gray black falling across both stamp and cover. The skull, of the bald headed variety, shows beautiful pearly incisors in the lower maxillary (my office is next door to a dentist) while the crossed bones are of different size and shape, possibly tibia and fibula, cannabistically cleaned. You may now tell if your skull and bones is from Logan, or from "whereabouts unknown" to borrow an old postal expression. Mr. Blanque roves the line between Canada and the U. S. He is a true lover of old covers, and his stories of "finds" remind one of the Old Hudson Bay days, for he will barter and exchange buffalo robes, shot guns, and the kind of dogs wanted, hunters, setters, or bull pups, for these old covers lying valueless in the North Woods, where many a philatelic treasure blooms unseen—till Mr. B. comes along. That is real sport, the finding of them.

In scouting round for items for the Forum (and myself) I have found promise of many interesting items. One that interests me most, because I cannot fathom the answer, is, "The Shrunken Pair"! This will appear in an early issue.

Several documents have been sent to me treating at length of various postal subjects. One that I prize most highly is a pamphlet giving the amounts of postage paid into all towns, villages, and cities of the U. S., in the "First Gov't Postal Report." This was issued in 1836. Times sure do change, that whole big state of Texas is not in it at all, and many big cities now were small burghs then. Some towns did a big postal business then, and are now off the map, or have changed their names.

Another pamphlet is, "Cheap Ocean Postage". The subject is wonderfully presented by Hon. Abbott Lawrence and Hon. Daniel Webster. You have probably seen some of these early envelopes headed with above caption in a flowery scroll, and ships 'n things all round.

They were distributed both in the United States, and in Great Britain, on buff paper in U. S. and white paper from Great Britain. Some bore the 3c 1851 stamps, and make pretty covers. As an example of the rates round in the fifties—from France to the U. S. A. the amount seems to be normally 1 franc 30 centimes. The other day a cover came in bearing 1 franc 50 centimes, from France to Boston, "By the steamer" in manuscript added to the cover under the address.

To quote from "Cheap Ocean Postage" abbreviated, it reads, "The postage on a single letter sent by mail steamer to Great Britain is 24 cents if it weighs over half an ounce, and under an ounce. If conveyed by a sailing vessel to Great Britain it will cost 16 cents".

So we see steam was even then at a 50% premium, as present landlords will all agree. This may help you some in deducing why your rates on old covers vary in some instances. The two Hons. were good brain workers—e. g. Our finest packet ships will carry a barrelful of flour to Liverpool weighing 200 pounds, for 45 to 50 cents; but for 200 pounds of letters by the same ship the charge will be \$1,024.00! They won the argument!

Another interesting document is headed "The Unconstitutionality (dandy word for a Cross Word Puzzle!) of the Laws of Congress, prohibiting Private Mails", by Lysander Spooner. Printed for the American Letter Mail Company. This was brought out in 1844, and a powerful lot is said on both sides of this question. The argument probably saved their lives for the time being, otherwise you'd seldom see any of those neat little U. S. Local stamps, including the nice little Eagles besmeared with ink, the blackest of black.

This week's Query will duplicate last week—in other words, you name the Query.

PITTSBURGH BANQUET.

On December 2nd the Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh held its 36th annual banquet at Hotel Henry. The club was greatly honored by the presence of Mr. Chas. J. Phillips of New York, who gave a most delightful and interesting resumé of early stamp history, interspersed with numerous anecdotes and reminiscences of his associations with many of the world's great philatelists.

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After dinner the annual election of officers was held, the following being selected: Pres., Isaiah Rudy; 1st Vice Pres., Arno Kiessling; 2nd Vice Pres., L. Gerald Firth; Treas., W. B. Hartman; Sec., F. M. McGuire; Cor. Sec., Dr. K. M. Day.

A handsome gift was presented to our retiring President, Mr. Justus M. Stahn, in appreciation of his untiring efforts for the advancement of Philately. All communications to the club should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Kenneth M. Day, 1239 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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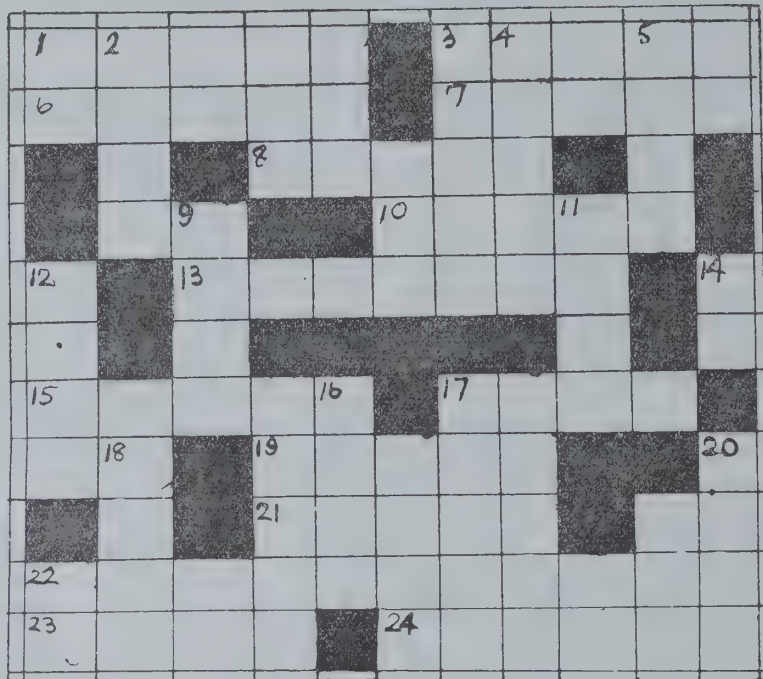
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By WILL O. W. (1880-1890).

Out of compliment to the A. P. S. and in acknowledgment of the popular fancy we present our readers this week with a crossword puzzle. We shall be very glad to receive solutions and will publish the names of those who succeed in solving it. The range of philatelic terms was not sufficiently broad to enable us to make it a strictly philatelic puzzle. No doubt some of our readers may favor us with one. Replies must reach this office not later than January 5.

If there be any who are unacquainted with the method of solving this kind of puzzle we might say that black squares on horizontal and vertical lines mark the beginning and ending of words. The numbers given are used in the definitions listed below:—

Horizontal.

1. A term used in the print shop.
5. An indefinite article.
6. A pronoun.
7. A fairy.
9. A minute organism.
13. Well then.
14. A French article.
15. Destitute of merit.

Vertical.

1. A measure of time.
2. A kind of fish.
3. Tenseness.
4. Inert.
8. Across.
9. A person.
10. Indebted to.
11. A Latin diphthong.
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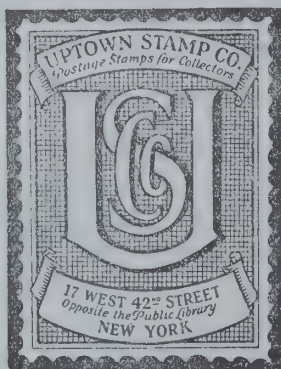
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By DONALD E. DICKASON.

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"There is a funny deal on in Cameroun stamps just now. I have made my inquiries at this end, and have found out how some things are worked. You may have seen in the stamp papers of the issuing of surcharges of 25 centimes on the 2 franc and 5 franc present issue. Scarcely anyone out here knows of the existence of these stamps, as they have thus far not appeared. The truth is, there was a considerable edition printed in France, and with the exception of a very few hundred sent out here, they were all sold to stamp dealers by the Paris P. O. Those that came here were so few that the Governor refused to allow their sale, not wishing to legitimize the deal, and I understand is trying to make a big fuss about the matter. Pending his efforts to straighten out the speculation of the Paris P. O., at the expense of the colony, not a stamp is allowed to get out. I am told through a friend of the Big Boss of the chief P. O. at Douala, through whom I made my inquiries, that there were not enough of the stamps sent out here to allow every white man in the colony two specimens, so none at all are allowed out. You can probably get the stamp in America, while here in the colony it is not on sale, and never has been. If it ever does get out I of course have my bid in at headquarters, but one cannot tell. Thus are some things worked."



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The "TEN CENTS", Scott's No. 208.

By EDWARD S. KNAPP.

The supposition that the "TEN" was the first line-engraved stamp produced for the Confederate States is erroneous, unless my deductions are at fault. It was really the second stamp so produced being antedated by the "10c Outer Line" (Scott's No. 209). The "Outer Line" appeared in April, 1863, while I have never heard of a copy of the "TEN" cancelled prior to May, 1863. As I have examined probably more than half the existing copies of both of these stamps and noted the dates on the cancelled copies, I would consider it almost a certainty that the "Outer Line" plate was used before that of the TEN—(possibly two weeks before).

Students of Confederates realize that the 10c "Outer Line" is one of the most remarkable examples of recutting known. Comparatively few realize that the TEN is also plainly recut, and it may surprise them when I state that, up to now, I have never found even one single position that is not recut (and quite plainly recut, too). In other words, if we had sufficient pairs, strips or blocks, we could easily plate the stamp.

I have done enough work, on the 10c Outer Line, to be practically positive that the plate contained one hundred subjects. I have positively identified more than one hundred and fifty different positions of the TEN and I assume that the plate was of 200 subjects. Thus far, I have found (outside of the recutting, which is frequently "abnormal") that several positions show the curved line outside the label at the top, broken in the middle; that (2) several positions show the curved line outside the label at the bottom, broken in the middle, and that (3) there is (to date) only one position which shows the curved lines broken at both top and bottom.

There are also some fine examples of "short-transferring" where an ornament or a corner has been entirely or partly cut away.

There are numerous shifts, which generally are to be most easily seen in the letters of "Postage" at the top, or "Ten Cents" at the bottom. The "spacing and alignment" of positions in "pieces" that I either have or have seen is such that I believe there was only one relief on the transfer roll, as is the case with the "Outer Line 10c".

Until a year or so ago, one thing puzzled me, and that was why was this plate used for so short a period. The answer came one day, when I found a stamp which showed a clear example of a crack in the plate. I have since found a second crack and exact duplicates of both of these prove them quite positively. That's the answer to the short life of the plate. It cracked and could, therefore, be no longer used.

Here's a stamp showing plain varieties in recutting, short-transferring (broken

scrolls and lines), spacing and alignment, and cracked plate positions, all being so noticeable that it would be easy to reconstruct the plate if one had sufficient material to work with. My readers will readily see how difficult it is to get this material with a stamp as rare as the TEN, the plate being of 200 subjects. If collectors will help by loaning me anything they may have larger than a single (or singles even when they show part of the adjacent stamp) I can finish the task, which I have been occupied with for the last two or three years. If I succeed, my results will be given to collectors. I would not keep any stamps sent me for more than a week, I would pay all registration charges, and I would take the greatest care of all items so loaned.

Will you help with that pair strip or block of yours? Address all communications to Edward S. Knapp, 158 East 64th St., New York City.

VARIETIES IN CHINESE.

By S. R. SHELDON.

During a recent visit to Peking I gained some information regarding the various dies of the more recent Chinese issues which may be of interest to your readers.

As you are aware, the first issue of the "Junk", "Reaper" and "Gateway" types came out in 1913 and were printed in London by Waterlow & Sons. This entire issue then appeared in 1918 with several new values from new dies and plates which were made by the Chinese Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Again in 1923-24 the entire set was reissued with colors changed in some instances and one or two of the values omitted.

The 1918 issue differs from the 1913 issue only in slight details in engraving and in the paper and shades of color. I have now learned on excellent authority that the 1923-24 issue is from the original dies made by the Chinese Bureau of Engraving and Printing in 1912-1913. It was at first planned to send these dies to Waterlow & Sons, London, for the manufacture of the plates but later this idea was given up for various reasons and die-proofs were sent instead. The original London issue came from new dies made in London, and copied from these die proofs. When it was decided to print the stamps in Peking it was thought best not to use the original dies but to imitate the Waterlow dies as nearly as possible, so therefore new dies were made in Peking—which represent a very fine piece of work when one considers how closely the London dies are copied—and the 1918 issue was printed from plates made from these dies.

In 1923-1924, when it was decided to reissue these stamps, the original dies made in 1912-13 were resurrected and are now in use. This information is obtained from the American head of the Bureau, who has been in continuous charge of the engraving department dur-

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 Free of cold and storm and ice,
 Anywhere, for I've no route planned,
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 Argentine, Brazil, Peru,
 "Sunny It" so sentimental,
 Even southern France would do.
 Wanderlust, "If I had money,—"
 "Where's an atlas, where's a map?"
 But my album (ain't it funny?)
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*129 to 132	(34)	.10	251 to 255	(35)	.08	*43-4-5	(12)	.03
129 to 132	(11)	.03	*256 to 262	(16)	.05	43-4-5	(50)	.15
*133 to 136	(17)	.05	*326 to 338	(109)	.30	*49-50	(12)	.03
133 to 136	(17)	.05	*337 to 348	(75)	.18	*55-6	(35)	.10
*241 to 278	(1.28)	.15	*352-3-4-6	(24)	.06	*57-8	(35)	.10
*280 to 297	(77)	.15	*357 to 369	(59)	.12	57-8	(38)	.10
*301 to 309	(64)	.12	*370	(60)	.08	*59 to 63	(23)	.08
*401 to 421	(56)	.12	*375 to 384	(52)	.12	*64 to 67	(20)	.05
*475 to 476	(20)	.06	*385 to 392	(38)	.10	64 to 67	(20)	.05
*477 to 478	(12)	.03	385 to 392	(38)	.10	*68-9	(14)	.04
*479 to 481	(24)	.12				68-9	(14)	.04
551 to 561	(45)	.12				*70 to 73	(48)	.10
*562 to 580	(47)	.10				70 to 73	(48)	.10
*581 to 4-6 to 96	(1.01)	.25				*74-5	(80)	.25
*818 to 822	(52)	.20				*76 to 82	(38)	.10
*840-1-2-64-5-6	(60)	.20				*83	(35)	.12
*881-2-3-5	(93)	.25				*83-4-5	(145)	.50
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						*355 to 358	(22)	.06
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*49 to 58	(2.62)	.75
49 to 58	(2.62)	.75
63 to 71	(31)	.06
*80 to 84	(56)	.15
*105-6-7-9-10-11-14-15	(88)	.25
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*117-8-9-20-3-4-5	(35)	.10
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—From the Regina Daily Post we learn that the Regina Philatelic Club has been organized with Mr. Joseph B. Parker as president and that all those who join up to December 25, will be entitled to charter membership. Other officers are: Vice President, J. C. Malck; Secretary-Treasurer, B. McDermott; Executive Committee, J. M. Brunner, J. N. de Stein and E. B. Stamp. Mr. Parker is known to many in this country as a philatelic enthusiast, and he has attended several of the stamp conventions in this country.

—In an old book or guide for stamp collectors published in 1889 we find forty-three American philatelic societies listed and forty-eight current American philatelic publications, ranging in subscription price from ten cents to fifty cents a year.

—In the fourth edition of the "Album-catalogue" published by Maury, Paris, about 1871, we find some interesting prices on the early United States issues. The 1869 set for instance has the one, two and three cent all priced at ten cents each, while the fifteen cents is offered for fifteen centimes; the twenty-four cents is fifty centimes, the thirty cents is priced at twenty-five centimes and the ninety cent at seventy-five centimes. Until about 1890, the 1869 set was available in Paris for about \$2.50. The "Post Office" Mauritius are both priced at fifty francs each, while the thirteen cent Missionary Hawaii is listed at twenty francs, the price at which the shilling New Brunswick is placed. It is interesting to find the shilling of Nova Scotia of which were many more issued than the shilling of New Brunswick, attains the eminence of thirty francs.

—George H. Jaeger, Box 25, Libau, Latvia, would like Whole Numbers 1625, 1628 and 1631 of the 1922 volume of our paper. Mr. Jaeger is so anxious to procure these papers that he will be glad to send some copies of his paper, the Baltic Philatelist, to anyone accommodating him. In order that he may not be flooded with back numbers we are going to limit the request to subscribers in New York State.

—Albert V. Johnston of Belmont, Mass., sends in a subscription for the Junior High School of that town. Concerning this club he writes us as follows:—"They have a very live club at the above school numbering about 35 members of the 7th and 8th grade, holding meetings each Friday under the supervision of one of the teachers (Miss Holbrook). D. O. Johnston, one of your subscribers, is President. The club is known as The Stamp and Travel Club and have some very interesting talks on stamp collecting given by the pupils."

—A. F. Gamber, 606 11th St., S. Fargo, N. D., will be very glad to send some old stamp papers accumulated during the past few years to any stamp club which will pay the cost of transportation. N. W. Runions, Sentinel Butte, N. D., will send the last seven years of the WEEKLY similarly.

—Anyone who would like a Christmas seal for 1923 can obtain one by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to A. M. Lozier, 30 Euclid Ave., Jamestown, N. Y. Mr. Lozier thinks that a page of these seals is a worthy addition to any collection.

—I note in your issue of Nov. 24th, page 612, you state in the second column headed:—"Dates of issue of Early Emisions" that the earliest date known of the 5c brown type I was August 20, 1859." I would like to advise that I have a copy cancelled with year date on stamp and same is dated "November 8, 1858."—T. R. DUNLAP.

—Funny how much a force of habit collecting can become. I know a man who collects stamped envelopes and covers almost exclusively, except for a few post-cards now and then. In the past year he tells me he has collected, he figures, close to one million envelopes and covers mostly bearing the present issue 2c carmine, to say nothing of the other denominations. He specializes in U. S. exclusively, the only stamps he has ever been at all interested in, he states. He tells me further that his collecting has become more or less a matter of habit, although he admits making a fair living out of it. Who is he? Perhaps you know some others much like him. Who is he? Why, a U. S. P. O. mail-collector!—M. T. DOME.

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—Add to Rip Van Postzegel-Winkel's discoveries of 1986. "Here it is the Marquette Sectional Album, Section, 1952. For the stamps of Zuland" (According to Mekeel's Daily Stamp News).—HARRY A. SWANSON.

—I notice your Zeppelin Postcard in the WEEKLY. However, to me it seems that it is one of those cards that came over by steamer as it does not have the special oval cancellation which other Zeppelin mail received. Mr. Bach also has a photo on the cover of The Stamp Collector showing a similar card is supposed to have come on the ZR-3. I just wonder whether some other collectors will notice that. Quite a lot of Zeppelin mail came over by boat as there were only limited accommodation for same.—ERWIN STRASSER

KING GEORGE "SWAPS" STAMPS.

It is not every day that a stamp collector bent on "swapping" can find a king to make exchanges with, but F. W. J. Winter a crippled ex-service man, has enjoyed such an experience. When Winter, was on a visit to Windsor Park recently King George, on getting out of his motor car, saw the permanently disabled soldier in a hand propelled chair. He immediately went over to speak to the ex-soldier.

Winter, a stamp collector, knew that King George was also greatly interested in stamps, so he asked the King if he would accept a half-penny stamp with the watermark placed sideways. The King wanted to know if Winter had a duplicate before he would take the proffered stamp, and when the soldier said he did have one the British sovereign quickly accepted it. King George has one of the finest stamp collections in the world. It is said to be worth at least \$750,000.

Within a few days a letter was received by the sergeant from King George, enclosing eight stamps, including one of ten shillings, two pairs of two shillings, one five shilling and a "tuppenny" one of the King Edward VII. issue, as well as one stamp of the present issue. The letter to the sergeant read:—

"Dear Sir:—The King wishes me to say that he was pleased to see you and that he has placed the used half-penny stamp with the watermark sideways in his collection with an unused pair of this variety which he already has. As you are a

philatelist his Majesty hopes that you may find the enclosed stamps of some use for your own collection."

Stamp collecting is one of the King's favorite hobbies.—N. Y. Sun.

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OUR HONOR CLUB.

H. Clay Reed, Newark, Delaware.
Wm. C. Kennett, Jr., Hazelwood, O.
D. C. Hammatt, Topeka, Kansas.

Our first applicant for membership in the Honor Club this week is H. Clay Reed, University of Delaware, Newark, Del., and in remitting his \$5 he writes:—"You certainly have the psychology on your side in this five-year business. It's a five-year guarantee against loss of interest in stamp collecting." Mr. Reed is very much interested in U. S. envelopes and expresses the hope that by the time this subscription expires his line will be the most popular branch of stamp collecting. Mr. Reed's activities outside of philately are indicated in the inscription found upon his letterhead, "Department of History and Political Science."

Wm. C. Kennett, Jr., of Hazelwood, Ohio, in making his application for membership in the Honor Club writes:—"I don't know as I shall live that long, but here's hoping." The WEEKLY joins in well wishes and is bound to believe in stamp collecting as conducive to a long life.

Through our Chicago office we have received a subscription renewal from D. C. Hammatt of Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Hammatt has been a popular convention attendant for some years past and is a specialist in the covers and early issues of U. S. He has many pieces of historical interest in his album and is especially at home with the imperforate issues of our country. Mr. Hammatt writes:—"I am enclosing check to extend my subscription \$5 worth, not \$5 worth of value for that would be for only about a month, but for \$5 worth of calendar time."

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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25	o— 15c yellow orange, No. 163, centered NE, cut in N and just touches E	25.00	119	*— 1897, 50c ultramarine, No. 60, O. G., very fine	1.50
26	*1879, 6c pink, No. 186, centered, 1 perf gone	4.50	120	oCHILE 1853, 5c brown red on bluish, No. 1, close at top, otherwise very fine	4.00
27	*1882, 2c orange brown, very fine block 4, O. G.	1.25	121	oCAPE OF GOOD HOPE 1855, 6p lilac, No. 5, nice margins, fine	10.00
28	o— 6c rose, re-engraved, two good copies	3.00	122	o— 1863, 1p brown red, close lower right, but very fine, No. 12	10.00
29	o— 6c rose, No. 208, very fine copy of scarce stamp	1.50	123	oDANISH WEST INDIES 1867, 3c rose, No. 2, very fine copy	4.00
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31	o— 90c purple, No. 218, very fine	3.25	125	*FALKLANDS 1898, 2sh 6p dark blue, No. 20, superb O. G.	12.00
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

The following inquiry has been received and it is submitted to readers in the hope that the latest information on the subject will be forthcoming. From our inquiries we have learned that there is a difference of opinion, that bears out the contention of our correspondent, as to the liability, if any, on collections entering this country from Canada: "I have been endeavoring to ascertain what the United States customs regulations are on foreign postage stamps entering the United States. To date I have received the following information from different dealers: first, that stamps enter the United States duty free; and secondly that stamps mounted in albums are liable to a duty of thirty per cent, but if they are dismounted and sent by registered mail, they enter duty free; thirdly, that if stamps are forwarded by registered mail they enter duty free, only provided the contents of each letter do not exceed the value of \$100." A definite ruling on this question will be of interest to our readers, as it is necessary to know exactly how one stands in the interchange of collections between our country and Canada.

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The activities of Mr. H. A. Diamant, St. Louis, in promoting philatelic publicity are attracting attention from dif-

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ferent sources. For instance, a correspondent of Mr. Diamant submits a plan that shows an enthusiasm for far-flung philatelic advertising. Mr. T. V. Binmore, 575 Fifth Avenue, Long Island City, New York, is planning a philatelic publicity bureau that will be a headquarters, in effect, for news distribution. While we judge the plan is now being fortified, it is evident that there is a force behind the movement already, because five local societies have given Mr. Binmore carte blanche in carrying out his plan. No doubt there will be more to be heard on this subject, but it would seem that any national campaign would have to be instituted on the broadest scale and with the full support of dealers and societies generally.

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From Mr. R. S. Rynning, La Crosse, Wisconsin, we have received a copy of the La Crosse Tribune and Leader Press of some weeks ago, wherein "The Walrus", a clever commentator on local and other affairs of La Crosse says that Mr. G. C. Rheinfrank of Chicago, who in our issue of October 20th was pictured with a sketch of his career as a dealer, was former pastor of the Salzer Memorial Church of that city. In a most readable way the writer proceeds to say that Mr. Rockwell C. Osborne, whose father still has a home in La Crosse, served as one of the judges at the recent Winnipeg Exhibition where his twelve pence black, Canada, was one of the attractive stamps in the display. Mr. Osborne, who now lives in Winnipeg, began to collect as a boy in La Crosse, perhaps forty years ago. We quote: "It was an epidemic in the Gate-way City at that time, and the kid who didn't possess a stamp album was not in the running." We trust that the observing Walrus is merely misled as to the present-day interest in stamps in his city by reason of the fact that he is out of the youthful orbit, so to say, as we should judge that if at any time there was a decided interest on the part of boys in stamps, it is the present.

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Our old pal, one of the stars of the Detroit Free Press, comes to bat and wallops the ball over the fence with an article in the Detroit Free Press of November 16, 1924, that has about as much gimp and go in it as one can find anywhere. As an example of expert reporting, we submit excerpts from it, as well as for the valuable philatelic moral that it conveys. The article is headed, "Rich Man Wins Back Health With Stamps", and then Mr. Richards proceeds to tell how that sterling philatelist, Alfred Lichtenstein of New York City gave an exhibition recently in Detroit. Ten years ago Mr. Lichtenstein weighed one hundred forty-six pounds; today the scales reward him with two hundred ten pounds, and the claim is made that the most fattening food in the world to him is a postage stamp. In order to do justice to the manner in which the theme is developed we make the following quotations: One

day ten years ago, nerve specialists scrutinized the cadaverous Lichtenstein of those days and wrote out a prescription for him. "Play golf," ordered the doctor. "You don't catch me chasing a ball miles over the fields," said Lichtenstein. "Then collect beetles," amended the doctor. "I'm not a child." "Well, postage stamps," said the doctor. Lichtenstein looked disgustedly at the specialist. "You're crazy, and if I collected postage stamps my friends would think I was," he rejoined. "You don't think Colonel Green is crazy do you?" asked the doctor. Colonel Green is Hetty Green's son. Lichtenstein said he didn't think the colonel demented. "Well, he saves postage stamps," said the doctor. "That's funny, I don't believe you," said Lichtenstein. "All right, you go see him." Lichtenstein did. He found Green fingering some stamps on his Wall Street desk. The upshot was that braving the looks of astonished friends and family, Mr. Lichtenstein proceeded at once to his mutton, and from that time on he found that he had discovered the panacea for all the ills of the nerves, and he was for stamps from that time on. Mr. Lichtenstein had been in Detroit as the guest of John Kay and he exhibited, at a meeting of the Wayne County Medical Society, three volumes of his collection, including his twelve pence Canadas, not to mention other rarities. The article is illustrated by his rejoined strip of four of the twelve pence. It is understood that the three volumes that were shown are insured for one million dollars. All in all, it was quite an occasion at Detroit, and one that was fittingly represented in the Detroit Free Press.

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The news of the death of Henry B. Phillips of Berkeley, California, one of the directors at large of the American Philatelic Society, comes as a distinct shock, notwithstanding the fact that some of us were aware that the health of Mr. Phillips has been precarious for some time past. Mr. Phillips for many years has been one of the bulwarks of philately in the west, and when one recounts his activities extending over many decades, a realization of the loss that we have sustained comes with saddening force. While a man of affairs, he has never relegated philately to the rear, and he is to be credited with having done many a good deed in a collecting sense. Perhaps Mr. Phillips will be best remembered for his compilation published nearly thirty years ago on the Western Franks. His list was the most exhaustive that had appeared, and it was based in many instances upon individual research. Mr. Phillips leaves a collection of these Franks that is one of the greatest in existence. The historical appeals of various postal emissions found a response in him, and he delighted in presenting the wider aspect of things of the kind. As a society worker, Mr. Phillips has long been recognized as one who upheld the best in philatelic organization and in one of his recent letters to us he rather humorously referred to the mistake made

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in the WEEKLY in which it was said that Mr. C. J. Phillips had been elected as a director in the A. P. S. at the August convention. While he did not attend conventions with frequency, we do remember his presence at the convention in Denver, in 1907, where his fine personality made a decidedly favorable impression on those in attendance. Mr. Phillips was inclined at times to be somewhat light in his conclusions as applying to philatelic developments, and one of his quiet jokes was based on his suggestion that the name, philately, was taken from the "Philalethes," an old organization whose members were banded together in a worthy cause. His article in the WEEKLY on this subject attracted attention, and created a bit of controversy. The name of Mr. Phillips will be remembered as one of the glories of philately, and even though he attained a mature age, his passing brings a feeling of deepest sorrow. Philately has sustained a loss that will be felt for a long time to come. His letters to us were always a great satisfaction, as they were filled with much quaint philatelic philosophy and he had a penetrating eye which allowed him to understand impulses and motives that may not have appeared on the surface. We wish to record our sense of personal loss and to say that one of the truest philatelists that we have ever known has gone beyond mortal ken.

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The Annual Report of the Postmaster General for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924, is a book of one hundred forty pages wherein the postal year is reviewed by the postmaster-general. The report contains references to stamps that are of interest, and while the figures and explanation that are marshalled at length are the essence of practicality, yet the philatelist may find here and there something for his eye. We have the following comment in connection with the reference to the Walloon set: "The demand for this special issue has indicated the widespread interest throughout the country in this part of early colonial history." We suspect that the support of the philatelist's purse had something to do with the returns from the sale of the special stamps. The precanceling of postage stamps is dwelt upon with favor in the interest of economy and despatch, and

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We have received an interesting letter from one of the veterans of philately who says he was carried back many years by our remarks on some of the old time philatelists, and he discourses on several of those named in our list, especially Robert S. Hatcher. He says that he remembers having read in our own paper of an item to the effect that Mr. Hatcher committed suicide in St. Louis many years ago through an excess of grief, due to the death of his wife. The authority quoted for this melancholy bit of news, we remember now, was our friend, Gustave de La Chasse, now of Avignon, France, who by the way, attended the Detroit convention last August and has only recently returned to his home in France. Our correspondent says that he remembers Mr. Hatcher for his industry in rescuing philatelic news that appeared in print in this country from the earliest stamp times, and that, curiously enough, he remembers that he quoted an old newspaper to say that the introduction of the three cent stamp in 1851 "was the direct cause for the minting of the old three cent silver piece and also the three dollar gold piece!" We thank our informant and find his remarks of interest.

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We wish all our customers and friends a jolly and joyous Christmas. If all of our friends have as much reason to be happy and merry this Christmas as we have—then we are sure you will enjoy yourselves to the full. Thanks to your splendid co-operation, we shall probably find when the books are made up that this has been a record breaking month from a business standpoint—a fitting conclusion to the biggest year in our history as a firm. We are so happy in our GARDEN-APARTMENT-OFFICE with fresh air and sunshine. Life is really worth living and work is a pleasure. Looking forward with high hopes to the future, we pause a moment to express our heartfelt good wishes to EVERY READER OF MEKEEL'S.

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We take pleasure in offering our readers a portrait of an active worker in the philatelic cause. At different times in the past, the name of Mr. Kerr has been associated in our columns with various deeds of philatelic kindness, and there is so much that is to be said of him that we shall dispense with ceremony and aim at the heart of our subject. Mr. Kerr was born at Jamestown, Pennsylvania, early enough to remember when the domestic postage rate was reduced from three to two cents or when the two cent red brown displaced the old three cent green—and also to receive a postal from his Democrat uncle showing Blaine going up Salt Creek! He lived in Pennsylvania until 1877 when he went to Nebraska, where he remained until 1904. He attended Bellevue College, getting an A. B. in 1900 and his A. M. from Columbia University, New York, in 1902. Later he studied a year at Edinboro University, Scotland, with Mrs. Kerr, who was a college classmate at Bellevue, which incidentally was the first settlement in Nebraska. At Bellevue he took great interest in the college library and had charge of much of the managerial work of the institution. From 1904 to 1911, Mr. Kerr was librarian and professor of English at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., and since 1911, he has been librarian of Kellogg Library, Kansas State Teachers' College, Emporia. He has a staff of eight full-time and thirty student assistants, and he attends to faculty and institutional committee duties as well as library extension work, not alone in Kansas but elsewhere. He wrote the Kansas County Library Law and was instrumental in obtaining its passage by the Kansas State legislature in 1921. He was chairman of the American Library Association publicity committee from



1915 to 1922 and has succeeded himself as president of the National Education Association library department, an office now held by him. Also, he prepared the "Measuring stick for libraries of teacher-training institutions". Merely to show that Mr. Kerr is not prone to inertia, it may be said that he is a member of the Kansas School Masters' Club, the Emporia Rotary Club, The National Education Association, The American Philatelic Society and a life member of the

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American Library Association. Mr. Kerr does not weary in well-doing in a stamp sense, and his missionary endeavors have been alluded to in the WEEKLY at different times in the past. He is eager to voice his philatelic affiliation at every favorable opportunity, and he has loaned point to the latent stamp interest that smoulders in many to whom the subject has not been definitely introduced. While Mr. Kerr is liberal in his collecting range he has certain pet countries, and in the issues of the United States he has a penchant for the earlier issues when in what may be called a patriotic setting. In other words, a stamp on an envelope bearing the name of a discontinued post-office in Kansas gives him an added thrill. May the philatelic enthusiasm of Mr. Kerr wave for many years to come.

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So far, I have visited London, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Berlin and Prague and by the time this advertisement appears in print I expect to be home. Have been quite fortunate in picking up some unusually attractive items which are offered at this time subject to prior sale.

In the way of 1847, I have a nice unused horizontal block of six of the 5c, a fine unused single and several magnificent used singles and pairs, including a red "STEAM". The 10c seems elusive here, but have secured a dozen or so including a fine pair on cover and a single on cover with red St. Louis and "10" on same. In the 1851 series—quite a few singles and strips of the 1c but no rare types, block of eight 3c, a few 5c singles including an unused copy, several 10c singles as well as a pair with one recut at top, some single 12c and fine strip of three. Of the 1857 there is an unused block of the 1c, type II, several 5c brick reds, strips of three of the brown type I and II, a magnificent used block of the 10c type I, strips of the type II, four 12c on one cover, a 24c on cover, 30c, 90c unused.

Some few 1861 including fine copies of the 3c pink, 5c buff and 24c steel blue; as for the grilled issues, a number of singles including fine mint and used copies of the 90c as well as a perfection used block of four 90c grilled, a rare bird indeed.

Some fine 1869 with odd cancellations, among them a 30c used in Japan, the first I have seen or heard about, singles of all denominations including several 90c and a used block of the rare type of the 15c, possibly the scarcest of the entire series. A complete sheet of the Eagle carriers, something not seen often nowadays.

In the later issues, other items equally as attractive. I have by no means overlooked the 20th Century issues in blocks and singles, but these stamps are not to be had over here.

Want lists solicited, for at this writing my holdings of fine United States, both early and late, is better than ever before. If

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JUST OUT

Special Wholesale Price List to Dealers Mailed Free Upon Request.

Here are a few items from my German List. I have them all, mint, singles or in blocks. Blocks in most cases at 4 times the value of the single stamp. If you do not want the sets advertised, you will find prices for the single stamps also in the Price List.

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Cat. No.	Price	Wholesale Price	Cat. No.	Price	Wholesale Price
46\$.08		143\$.10	IPA
47\$.10		146\$.20	LAM
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80 to 942.75		151\$.12	OAM
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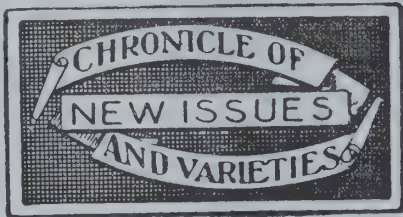
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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

DENMARK.—A historically interesting sextet of stamps is about to be issued to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the introduction of a postal service in Denmark. It will comprise denominations of 5, 10 and 20 ore; there being two designs—one with a portrait of King Christian X and the other portraying King Charles IV, during whose reign the post-office commenced to operate. Each stamp will have the years "1624-1924" inscribed on it, the colours being green for the 5 ore, violet for the 10 ore, and brown for the 20 ore.

For these advance particulars we are indebted to our Aalborg correspondent, Mr. H. Gronborg.—Stamp Collecting.

GREAT BRITAIN.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 4d, 5d and 6d values printed on the new watermark paper.

MALTA.—We have to thank Mrs. A. Olive for further news regarding the projected new series referred to in our issue for July 5th and previously. A meeting of the Stamp Committee took place on the 4th inst, when it was decided to have new 4½d, 1s 6d and 3s adhesives; specimens of these have not yet been approved, and some months must certainly

elapse before they can be placed on sale.—Stamp Collecting.

MARTINIQUE.—The 30c pictorial of 1908-9, originally in Venetian red and purple-brown, is now to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. with the picture and inscriptions in red and the frame in carmine.—Stamp Collecting.

MEXICO.—Mr. Paul C. Standley advises as follows: Recently I have received several letters from Mexico with a somewhat unusual slogan cancellation, reading as follows: "Procure el engrandecimiento de la patria, enseñando a leer y escribir gratuitamente." Freely translated this is: "Aid in the progress of our country by giving free lessons in reading and writing." This is one phase of a campaign now being carried on in Mexico for the reduction of the illiteracy rate.

PORTUGAL.—The Metropolitan Stamp Co. send us the new set of Camoens commemoratives which were issued on the 11th of November and were on sale that day and the day following. The values, types and colors are the 2c cobalt blue, 3c orange, 4c deep slate and 5c light green, 6c crimson-lake, all picturing "Camoens at the battle of Ceuta"; 8c chestnut, 10c violet, 15c olive green, 16c maroon, 20c deep orange, showing Camoens saving the M.S. of his "Lusiads" during shipwreck. With the portrait of Camoens are the 25c pale violet, 30c brown, 32c blue green, 40c ultramarine, 48c red-brown. Title page of first edition of the "Lusiads" are 50c orange, 64c deep green, 75c violet, 80c light brown, 96c crimson. The last moments of Camoens are pictured on the 1c blue green; \$1.20 brown, \$1.50 scarlet, \$1.60 indigo, 2c pale olive. The tomb of Camoens type \$2.40 green on pale green, 3c deep blue on pale blue, \$3.20 black on green, \$4.50 black on buff, 10c brown on pink. Camoens statue at Lisbon is shown on the 20c deep mauve on pale mauve.

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The principal broadcasting stations in the country have launched a plan that promises to furnish a new hobby to the radio public and the "DX" fan. Each station has a supply of beautiful steel engraved stamps, printed in different colors for the stations on different wave lengths.

Will Verify Numbers—To receive one of the stamps you must write in to the station giving the time you heard them broadcast and the numbers you heard. The station staff will then check back on their records to verify the numbers you reported hearing. If your report was correct they will then mail you a stamp with call letters of the station on it.

The idea originated from a combination of two well-known hobbies, that of stamp collecting and the applause card used in writing to a station in expression of thanks for their programs. It is estimated that there are over 3,000,000 stamp collectors in the country today and the letters of appreciation that pour into the various broadcasting stations indicate that there must be several million radio fans who write to their favorite broadcasting stations. The popularity of the radio stamp collections promises to increase this number even further.

Albums for Stamps—An album has been arranged for the radio stamp collector. It contains ninety-six pages, with spaces for the stamps of all of the recognized stations in the United States and Canada, arranged alphabetically by States and call letters. It also contains a complete list of stations arranged alphabetically according to call letters, geographically according to stations and town, and numerically according to wave lengths with ample dial reading blanks for logging stations. In addition, there is a large map of the United States drawn to scale and a radio log sufficient to accommodate 240 stations.

The stamps are printed on bond paper, in different colors for the various wave lengths, thus making a very artistic arrangement of the page of the album. The stamps show a huge American eagle, "the king of the air," standing between two radio towers. The call letters of the station are in a different color from the background so as to stand out prominently. Below the call letters is printed "verification of reception." The letters "e k k o" appear in the corners.

Special Stamps Planned—A uniform charge of 10 cents is being made by all of the stations and this must accompany letters requesting verification of the program. This charge is barely sufficient to cover the cost of engraving the stamps and the clerical expense in connection with verifying the reception of signals or programs.

In addition to the regular station stamps it is planned to issue special stamps for eventual occasions, such as the inaugural address of a President of the broadcasting of a national convention.—Los Angeles Examiner.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL PERMITS.

By A. H. PIKE, Binghamton, N. Y.

With this letter I am enclosing the first installment of corrections and additions to the check list of "First Class Mail Permits of the World." The main delay in getting this to you was my anxiety to locate every possible variety. You will notice that I made a number of mistakes in the original list, but I think most of these have been corrected.

New Sheets.—I am enclosing eleven (11) new pages for the Postage Meter list numbering from 69 to 79 inclusive. Please remove from your binder pages from 69 and replace them with the new sheets. I am also enclosing eight (8) new pages for the Mail-o-meter list numbering from 95 to 102 inclusive. Please see that these are properly placed.

Additions and Corrections.—There are eight pages (four sheets), showing corrections and additions to the meter lists. This material can be added to your original sheets either in pen or pencil, or with the typewriter if you prefer. These sheets are not intended to become a part of the book. There are also three pages (two sheets), of additions to the ordinary permit list. These can be inserted in your book just previous to page 150 or put back of your list of ordinary permits.

Metered Mail.—On August 11th, 1924, the Postage Meter Co. of Stamford, Conn., purchased from the Mail-o-meter Co. of Detroit their permit printing machines, including the patents. From that date on there will be no more Mail-o-meter metered machines placed on the market. In other words the Postage Meter Co. of Stamford now own and control the only machine that can be used for metered mail in this or any country. It is possible that at some future date some other machine might be placed on the market but it is doubtful considering the wide scope of the patents now controlled by the Postage Meter Co. The metered machines manufactured and sold by the Mail-o-meter Co. will continue to be used until replaced or disposed of and the Postage Meter Co. have informed these users that they (The Postage Meter Co.), will give them service through their many branch offices.

Blank Spaces in Meter List.—There has been keen competition in selling permit printing machines and it has been very difficult for us to obtain as complete information as we would desire. When the Postage Meter Co. have had sufficient time to catch up with their great volume of additional work in connection with their purchase, I feel sure that they will

be able to give me more complete data. I also feel sure that I can eventually obtain dates of the installation of the MOM-meters. I think both companies have purposely skipped many of their meters. It does not seem as though we could have overlooked so many.

Condensed Check List of Meters.—I am also enclosing with these sheets a complete check list of meters. This is 16 pages and cover with the illustrations of all types on the last page. This was designed especially for active collectors so that they could check their collection and mail it out to those that they wish to exchange with or buy from or sell to. The price of 25c will also appeal to a great many that were not willing to pay the dollar price for the book. I realize that quite a few that ordered the loose leaf list did it to help me out and not because they were active in collecting permits. Still, I am sending one copy to each of the 200 that purchased one of the complete lists. I can't afford to make you a present of this so if you do not feel as though it is worth the 25c would you kindly return it. If you are really anxious to build up your collection, you can use several of these lists. If you want more than the one I am sending you please order them at once sending remittance to cover. I have already sold quite a number, one party ordered ten to give to his friends, besides several orders for from three to five.

Association of Collectors.—We have given cheerfully of time and money for more than ten years to develop the hobby and encourage in every way the collection of postal markings in every form. The check lists that we have supplied to collectors represents a loss that any man in my circumstances could not afford to do. I am going to continue to donate time and money but I am asking your assistance and urge you to join an organization that I believe will be worth far more to you than the dollar dues. Please let me have your remittance at once so that a fund can be created. I want to give you another surprise early next year. Please offer all the suggestions you can think of and be willing to be of some assistance.

Slogans.—I am planning a pocket edition of a check list of slogans that will bring U. S. and Canada up to date. Quite a few want a pocket edition, a size that will mail in a No. 6 envelope. They want just the name of the slogans and a list of the cities using it, leaving out types and dies numbers. This will

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Reporters.—I need the assistance of every meter collector in reporting to me promptly every new variety they find. Please send entire cover when possible, and tell me if you want it returned. Be careful to read meter numbers correctly. Note that a 3 and 8, 6 and 5 and other numbers look alike, and be sure and distinguish between the postage meter indicia and the Mail-o-meters.

HB "SAVES STAMPS."

By M. T. DOME.

This saving stamps may be all right. And some folks get a keen delight collecting them. But hark and hist! There's one, a non-philatelist, who sends me 4 cents weight of truck and on the covers only stuck a 2c stamp, the stingy tramp! If ever I my hands can clamp upon that chap he'll surely rue the days I pay that 2c due! No matter what your pleasures are, some hobbies you can ride too far.

I Wish You a Very Merry Christmas

Why not begin the year right by investing your spare change in the right stamps at the right prices?

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AN ADULT QUESTIONNAIRE.

The Margate College News in its October and November numbers published a philatelic competition in the form of a Questionnaire based upon the one recently published in the WEEKLY. A. Leon Adutt J. P., is responsible for it and we quote from a letter just at hand from Mr. Adutt:—

"There are over three hundred and fifty resident pupils at Margate College, Kent, and I am sending you several issues of the college paper giving all the details. I have heard from the principals, Messrs. A. F. and William L. Lewis (ex-mayor of Margate), that the competition has caused a great deal of interest and the awards will shortly be made."

Mr. Adutt believes that such a competition must prove a fine incentive to budding philatelists and he will no doubt introduce the stamp collecting hobby to many new collectors.

STAMPS, CAPTAIN'S HOBBY.

The first sea captain on record at Los Angeles Harbor as having stamp collecting for a hobby was discovered yesterday on the Toyo Kisen Kaisha liner Anyo Maru.

He is Capt. M. Takaumizawa, master of the vessel, and one of the foremost stamp collectors of Japan.

In the captain's possession on ship-board are many thousands of stamps from all parts of the world.—Los Angeles Examiner.

WASHINGTON AGENCY SALES.

We published recently the amount of the sales of the Philatelic Agency at Washington, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, but we now have at hand a letter from Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman giving some comparative figures which will be of interest. Mr. Ackerman wrote Hon. Warren I. Glover, 3rd Asst. Postmaster-General and received the following information in response:—

"Would say that the sales figures, since the establishment of the Philatelic Bureau, are as follows:

For the first seven months of its establishment in 1922, the sales amounted to, \$20,906.50.

For the fiscal year 1923, \$105,317.03.

For the fiscal year 1924, \$129,646.51.

And this year we are hoping for an even larger figure."

Mr. Ackerman very kindly sends us this in the belief that it will be of value to the "ten thousand or more subscribers to your admirable WEEKLY".

SQUEAKS FROM A STAMP HINGE.

With fingers weary and worn,
With eyelids heavy and red,
I've looked today through a thousand U. S.
Because some philatelist's said,
"Stitch, stitch, stitch,"
"On nearly each issue of stamps,"
"That watermark trebles the price that they're worth."
(But, Lord, the pain in my "lamps"!)

"Stitch, stitch, stitch."
Those words whiz around in my head
While I hunt that elusive and rare watermark.
(I'll find one soon,—or drop dead!)
(Apologies to Thomas Hood and his "Song of the Shirt".)

"A stitch in time," I learned, "saves nine",
And a "stitch" in my side's quite bad.
But a "stitch" for a watermark in a U. S. I
When I find such a "stitch," am I mad?
"M. T." DOME.

OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY HONOR ROLL.

This list is taking so much space that we can print it only when we have additions. The Northern Indiana Philatelic Society through David C. Turnbull sends in two new libraries this week. Who will compel us to publish this list again?

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Seychelles 1906, mult. CA, mint block 4, 2R 25	Price £ 2. 5.0
1912, Fine used blocks 4 of 30c, 75c and 1R 50	Price £ 2. 2.0
Do., 2R 25, used block 4	Price £ 1.17.0
Straits Settlements—Very fine Collection Johor, Pahang, Perak, Selangor and Malay States, Cat. value £97. 218 stamps	Price £18.10.0
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105	10 pf. Assembly	.02	.03		156-174	(19 v.)	1.19	.85		253a	100/100 dark violet	.15	.40		404	40 pf.	.06	.05	
106	15 pf.	.03	.03		177	1 1/4 m. Munich	.02	.01		254	100/400	.02	.01		405	50 pf.	.04	.02	
107	25 pf.	.04	.04		178	2 m.	.03	.02		255	125/1000	.02	.01		406	60 pf.	.01	.03	
108	30 pf.	.05	.05		179	3 m.	.04	.06		256	250/200	.06	.03		407	80 pf.	.04	.03	
105-108	(4 v.)	.14	.13		180	4 m.	.04	.02		256a	250/200 imperf.	5.35	.403		408	407 (5 v.)	.24	.15	
111	1 mk. Offset	.08	.06		181	10 m.	.04	.03		257	250/300	.10	.01		408	1 mk.	.02	.01	
112	1.25 mk.	.10	.10		182	20 m.	.05	.05		258	250/400	.10	.04		409	2 mk.	.02	.01	
113	1.50 mk.	.03	.03		177-182	(6 v.)	.22	.15		259	250/500 pink	.02	.01		410	3 mk.	.02	.01	
114	2.50 mk.	.05	.02		185	2 m. two colors	.02	.02		259a	250/500 imperf.	5.15	.411		411	5 mk.	.02	.01	
114a	Magenta	.08	.03		186	3 m.	.02	.02		260	250/500 red orange	.04	.02		412	10 mk.	.02	.01	
111-114	(4 v.)	.31	.21		187	4 m.	.02	.02		261	800/5	.02	.01		413	25 mk.	.03	.01	
115	1.25/1 mk. engraved	.10	.06		188	5 m.	.02	.02		262	800/10	.02	.01		415	100 mk.	.02	.02	
116	1.50/1 mk.	.12	.09		189	10 m.	.02	.02		263	800/200	.05	.02		408-415	(7 v.)	.15	.06	
117	2.50/2 mk. lilac rose	.50	.48		190	20 m.	.02	.02		264	800/300	.03	.01		416	5 mk.	.03	.02	
115-117	(3 v.)	.72	.52		191	30 m.	.02	.02		264a	800/300 dark green	3.95	.417		417	10 mk.	.03	.02	
117a	2.50/2 mk. brown lilac	.65	.65		192	50 m.	.02	.02		265	800/400 brown	.03	.02		418	25 mk.	.02	.01	
118	5 pf. typographed	.02	.02		193	100 m. lozenges	.02	.02		266	800/400 green	.03	.01		420	100 mk.	.02	.01	
118a	5 pf. brown	.02	.02		194	200 m.	.02	.02		267	800/500 green	.06	.03		421	200 mk.	.03	.02	
119	10 pf.	.02	.02		195	300 m.	.02	.02		267a	800/500 red orange	4.25	.416		416-421	(5 v.)	.13	.05	
119a	tête bêche	.05	.07		196	400 m.	.02	.02		268	800/1000	.02	.01		422-428	5-300 pf.	3.45	2.95	
120	15 pf.	.02	.02		185-197	(13 v.)	.36	.14		269	2 mil./200 rose	.02	.01		475	10 plus 5	.10	.05	
121	20 pf.	.02	.02		200	2 m. network	.02	.02		269a	2 mil./200 dull rose	.05	.03		476	15 plus 5	.10	.05	
122	30 pf.	.02	.02		201	3 m.	.02	.02		269b	2 mil./200 vermilion	.05	.04		475-476	(2 v.)	.20	.09	
123	30 pf.	.02	.02		202	4 m.	.02	.02		270	2 mil./300	.03	.01		477	6 plus 4	.05	.03	
123a	30 pf. tête bêche	.08	.07		202a	imperf.	.70	.70		271	2 mil./500	.08	.03		478	12 plus 8	.07	.03	
124	40 pf.	.02	.02		203	5 m.	.02	.01		271a	2 mil./500 orange red	.08	.04		477-478	(2 v.)	.12	.04	
124a	40 pf. tête bêche	.08	.07		204	6 m. type 2	.02	.02		272	2 mil./5000	.02	.01		479	5 plus 100	.02	.01	
125	50 pf.	.02	.05		204a	6 m. type 1	.02	.01		241-272	(26 v.)	1.13	.37		480	25 plus 500	.02	.02	
126	60 pf.	.02	.02		205	8 mk. type 1	.03	.01		273	400/15 roul.	.02	.01		481	20 plus 1000	.20	.15	
126a	60 pf. tête bêche	.15	.08		205a	8 mk. type 2	.06	.02		274	400/25 roul.	.02	.01		479-481	(3 v.)	.24	.15	
127	75 pf.	.08	.04		206	10 mk., 189 one color from rolls from sheets	3.75	.215		275	400/30 roul.	.02	.01		482-485	5-50 pf. (1 v.)	1.70	1.50	
128	80 pf.	.03	.02		207	20 m.	.02	.01		276	400/40 roul.	.02	.01		551	5 pf.	.20	.10	
129	1 m.	.03	.02		208	30 mk.	.02	.02		277	2 mil./200 roul.	.05	.02		552	10 pf.	.02	.01	
130	1 1/4 m.	.07	.03		209	40 mk.	.02	.01		277a	2 mil./200 roul. orange red	.08	.05		553	15 pf.	.02	.01	
131	2 m.	.12	.10		210	50 mk.	.02	.02		278	2 mil./5000 roul.	.02	.01		554	20 pf.	.02	.01	
132	4 m.	.12	.04		211	100 mk.	.03	.02		273-278	(6 v.)	.15	.05		555	30 pf.	.02	.01	
132	Various se tenant pairs	.25	.25		212	200 mk.	.02	.02		280	500.000	.02	.01		556	40 pf.	.02	.01	
132-132	(14 v.)	.61	.33		213	200 mk.	.02	.01		281	1 million	.02	.01		557	50 pf.	.02	.01	
133	1.60/5 pf.	.03	.02		214	300 mk.	.02	.01		282	2 mil.	.03	.01		558	1 mk.	.02	.01	
134	3 1/4 m.	.04	.02		215	400 mk.	.02	.01		284	4 mil.	.02	.01		559	1.25 mk.	.02	.01	
135	5 7/5 pf.	.05	.02		216	500 mk.	.02	.01		285	5 mil.	.02	.01		560	2 mk.	.02	.01	
136	10/75 pf.	.05	.02		217	1000 mk.	.02	.01		286	10 mil.	.02	.01		561	5 mk.	.02	.01	
133-136	(4 v.)	.17	.06		218	2000 mk.	.02	.01		287	20 mil.	.02	.01		551-561	(11 v.)	.51	.22	
137	5 pf. lozenges	.02	.01		218a	2000 mk. deep blue	.02	.01		288	30 mil.	.04	.01		562	10 pf.	.05	.03	
138	10 pf.	.02	.01		219	3000 m.	.02	.01		289	50 mil.	.02	.01		563	10 mk. network	.02	.01	
138a	10 pf. tête bêche	.05	.10		200-219	(18 v.)	.38	.13		290	100 mil.	.02	.01		562-563	(2 v.)	.07	.03	
139	15 pf.	.02	.01		220	5 mk. quatrefoils	1.00	.20		291	200 mil.	.02	.01		564	75 pf.	.02	.01	
140	25 pf.	.02	.02		221	5 mk. network	.02	.01		293	500 mil.	.02	.01		565	2 mk.	.02	.01	
141	30 pf.	.02	.01		222	10 mk.	.02	.01		294	1 milliard	.02	.01		566	3 mk.	.02	.01	
141a	30 pf. tête bêche	.12	.12		223	12 mk.	.02	.01		295	2 mlrd.	.02	.02		567	10 mk. loz.	.02	.01	
142	40 pf.	.02	.01		224	20mk.	.02	.01		296	5 mlrd.	.06	.03		564-567	(4 v.)	.08	.03	
143	50 pf.	.03	.07		225	25 mk.	.02	.01		297	10 mlrd.	.10	.01		568	10 mk.	.12	.04	
144	60 pf.	.02	.01		226	30 mk.	.02	.01		298	20 mlrd.	.10	.04		569	20 mk.	.02	.01	
145	80 pf.	.02	.01		227	40 mk.	.02	.01		299	50 mlrd.	.20	.06		570	50 mk.	.02	.01	
146	100 pf.	.02	.13		228	50 mk.	.03	.01		280-299	(18 v.)	.77	.21		571	100 mk.	.02	.01	
147	120 pf.	.02	.02		229	100 m. deep violet	.02	.02		301	10 mil. roul.	.03	.02		568-571	(4 v.)	.18	.06	
148	150 pf.	.03	.03		229a	100 m. light violet	.02	.01		302	20 mil. roul.	.03	.02		572	20 mk.	.02	.01	
149	160 pf.	.02	.01		230	200 m.	.02	.01		303	50 mil. roul.	.02	.01		573	30 mk.	.02	.01	
150	2 mk.	.15	.10		231	300 m.	.02	.01		304	200 mil. roul.	.04	.02		574	40 mk.	.02	.01	
151	3 mk.	.12	.11		232	400 m.	.02	.01		305	1 mlrd. roul.	.03	.02		577	200 mk.	.02	.01	
152	4 m.	.07	.04		233	500 m.	.02	.01		306	2 mlrd. roul.	.06	.03		578	300 mk.	.02	.01	
153	5 m.	.06	.06		234	1000 m.	.02	.01		307	5 mlrd. roul.	.06	.03		579	400 mk.	.02	.01	
154	10 m.	.10	.12		235	4000 m.	.03	.01		308	20 mlrd. roul.	.12	.05		580	500 mk.	.02	.01	
155	20 m.	.20	.15		236	5000 m.	.02	.01		309	50 mlrd. roul.	.25	.11		572-580	(7 v.)	.14	.04	
155	Various se tenant pairs	.17	.17		236a	100.000 m.	.02	.01		301-309	(9 v.)	.64	.24		581	5/5 mk.	.05	.02	
155-155	(19 v.)	.98	.66		221-236a	(17 v.)	.54	.13		310	1 mlrd./100	.05	.02		582	20/30 pf.	.05	.02	
156	75 pf. network	.02	.02		237	5000 m. Castle	.10	.03		310a									

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By H. S. SEAMAN.

What is the meaning of the ominous silence that is abroad in regard to this branch of philatelic research? It is true the silence is now and then broken by the rustle of a breeze which dies down almost as unobserved and as barren of outward results as if the silence had remained undisturbed. But the occasional flutter in the air, to the man (as the old time backwoodsman used to do) who puts his ear to the ground occasionally and takes the sense out of what is or is not going on, indicates that matters are developing along safe lines and that reasonable progress is being made.

On the other hand, many collectors, doubtless, are passing up—to more adventurous, or, shall we say better informed or more progressive—specimens, which some time later they will be buying back at prices greatly enhanced by simply being transferred from the common specimen of rather heavily cancelled class to that of a nicely "cancelled" specimen of one of the rarer types.



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The United States specialist's priced catalogue, of which, I believe, only two editions have appeared, gives a place to

and sets prices for the cancellations on the stamps of that country that makes the prices of the ordinary "collection specimen," be it ever so fine, look pale at the mouth—so to speak.

To cite a few instances—here is a stamp priced at 3 cents as a normal collection specimen with ordinary block obliteration without any particular significance attached to it. This stamp with the same ordinary insignificant cancellation, or the town postmark in blue is priced here at three times the price of the black, viz. 10 cents. Other postal markings make this ordinary 3 cent stamp worth 50 cents if cancelled in purple or magenta, 75 cents if the word "paid" happened to land upon it from the postal clerk's gavel or hammer. If this same stamp had been fortunate enough to have been hit after the cancelling weapon had come in contact with a pad of red or brown ink, its price by this catalogue is \$1. If the letter bearing this particular stamp had been, by any mishap, delayed in posting until the mail was closed at the Post Office for the city to which it was addressed, and the writer had the energy to take time by the forelock and hie himself to the railway station, where after being posted on the train, it was hit by the railway representative of the postal department the value of that stamp is advanced to the price—note carefully—\$2.50. But this is not the limit, if the

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One other instance—here is a stamp priced at 60 cents—kinsman of No. 14 Canada, 1 cent rose, 1859, priced as follows: if cancelled in black 60 cents, blue \$1, red \$1.50, brown \$2, ultramarine \$3, green \$7.50, Paid \$1, Way Letter \$2.50, Railway \$4 Packet \$12.50.

If these prices indicate the stage that has been arrived at on the other side of that imaginary line—that we who live close to it hear so much about—then it is surely time that Canadian Postal Cancellations received some adequate recognition.

One gentleman, a collector and dealer of repute, has indicated by various magazine articles, and otherwise, his faith in this phase of philately. Another, a man holding a conspicuous position in the premier Canadian Philatelic Society has published one edition, embracing—in addition to many pages of valuable general information, such as die varieties, papers, shades and printings—illustrations of over 160 designs of cancellations; and it is not betraying any secret, we believe, that considerable progress has already been made, by way of MSS. for a very much enlarged (especially in the Cancellation feature) edition, which will likely be on the market this fall. This catalogue has been the compass by which has been arranged generally alphabetically and in more or less conformity thereto, a collection, among the pages of which we invite you to take a stroll. Here are:

Bull's Eye (Jarret's No. 31) two, three or four ring in various sizes of central ball as well as various thicknesses and



sizes of the surrounding rings, at least 20 distinct dies represented in black. Those in color will come in under "Colors."

Canada. The word in full in at least fifteen different sizes of type and supporting framework embellishing it.

C.E., C.W., U.C., L.C., Alta., Assa., Sask., are all here, the latter three when these abbreviations represented "Territories" not "Provinces" and in addition "N.W.T.," which only about four towns ever used. Here is an interesting postmark (not on a stamp) Bytown Oct. 10, 1854, U.C. in Jarret's No. 21. Jarret's No. 133 and 151 as well as various similar cancellations include Halifax, Kingston, Montreal, Ottawa, Prescott, Quebec, St. Catherines and Toronto.

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Hand made Cork cancellations with positively no end to the objects that have been attempted by the imaginative postmaster or his perhaps more adventurous clerk. Here are windmills, crosses, stars



wheels, initial letters, tudor crown (well executed), lily, shamrock, leaves, at least eight representatives of natural history from the animal kingdom.

Postmarks of cities, towns, villages (what is the relative scarcity of a "Toronto" postmark 1869 on No. 34 and a postmark at the same date say of Johnstown or Markham?), mail cars, (over 275 railway sub-divisions were in operation in 1903), railway stations, city and rural stations, postmen's individual mallets, railway car numbers and direction of train travel.

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Indications are not wanting already that Postal Cancellations will be in evidence at the Second Canadian National Exhibition in considerable numbers. Perhaps that will be the occasion which will stimulate some more adventurous spirit than the rest—or we would suggest as a better plan—the getting together of a little group of those who are best informed and thereby qualified to undertake to prepare and publish a priced catalogue. Should this suggestion prove to be prophetic, the Winnipeg Philatelic Exhibition will certainly mark a milestone in the history of Canadian Postal Cancellations.—*Winnipeg Exhibition Prospectus.*

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POPULAR PROGRAMMES.

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August is a comparatively quiet time in the philatelic world, but these quiet times are precious as periods of preparation. It is at this time of the year that the Honorary Secretaries of the Philatelic Societies are concerning themselves with the drawing up of their programmes for the meetings to be held in the new season.

There are Secretaries—and Secretaries; some take more care in the planning of their programmes than others. Some have ideas and scheme to present attractive programmes; others are content to let the programme shape itself, sending appeals broadcast to likely exhibitors or lecturers, and when they have sufficient favourable responses, dropping the items into the syllabus anyhow.

A philatelic society's programme is worthy of the Secretary's best efforts; it is likely to be all the more attractive if constructed with foresight and imagination, and particularly with broad vision. The Secretary's personal philatelic interests may be cabined and confined to some particular country or colony, but this should not narrow his sympathies in respect to the variety of interests required in a programme that is to appeal to his members. There should be a mixing of philatelic fare to suit all tastes, and the successful programme Secretary is like a chef who arranges his menu with consummate care.

In the larger centers the society secretaries have little difficulty in securing a wide choice of contributors to the papers and displays. They have a better chance of carrying out definite plans in their programmes. Our notes are, however, designed in the hope that they may be of service to the Secretaries of the smaller societies, who have less material to work upon and fewer members willing to or capable of undertaking papers and displays.

MEETING DATES.

Meetings of small societies should not be too numerous; it is better, we think, to concentrate effort on getting one successful meeting a month, rather than have a poorly attended meeting once a week. One meeting a month, instead of four, enables the Secretary to make the

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A regular day in each month is an advantage; members become familiarized with the day if, say, the first Monday in each month, or the third Wednesday, be the fixed meeting day. Some Secretaries may find a little difficulty in working out dates for a season which overlaps into next year, before they have got their next year diaries. Here are the Mondays for the first half of 1925 from which any other dates may be calculated easily:—

January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.
February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd.
March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.
April 6th, 13th (Easter Monday), 20th, 27th.
May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.
June 1st (Whit Monday), 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.

HOLIDAYS AND HIGH DAYS.

One has to be careful generally to avoid holidays, e.g., Good Friday, April 10th; Easter Saturday, April 11th; or the Mondays, April 13th and June 1st, but some other special dates may be turned appropriately to the uses of the programme, for example:—

Tuesday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day.
Thursday, April 23rd, St. George's Day.
Saturday, April 25th, Anzac Day.
Wednesday, May 6th, Penny Black Day; Accession of H.M. King George (1910).

Friday, May 1st, May Day.
Saturday, May 23rd, or Monday, May 25th, for Empire Day (Sunday, May 24th).
Wednesday, June 3rd, The King's birth-day.

We have also found good uses for February 14th, St. Valentine's Day, appropriate to a "Ladies' Day," and even April 1st, All Fool's Day, for displays or papers on "stamps" which have hoaxed collectors, and Boat Race Day for Oxford and Cambridge College stamps.

So study the calendar, and where meeting dates coincide with events or anniversaries which can be connected with philately in some reasonable way, use them; they will impart a topical interest, and will often secure some useful publicity in the local press.

SECURE THE MEMBERS' CO-OPERATION.

The chief difficulty of the Programme Secretary in the small societies is to get a sufficiency of good items. There may be one "big collector" in the town. Generally he is quite willing to show, but he does not want to show all the time, and it is much better that he should only show once or perhaps twice in a season. It is a good thing to strive to get all the members to do their share, however small. A society is a co-operative affair, and members, though they may be shy of coming forward, should be encouraged and assisted to do so, that they may feel that they are of some use in the society beyond just paying their subscriptions and looking on.

LANTERN LECTURES.

There should, wherever possible, be a lantern lecture included in the programme, and this now presents no difficulty for any society, however small, in this country, for the Extension Subcommittee of the Philatelic Congress Executive has provided a wide choice of lantern lectures, with script and slides complete. The charge for hire of slides is the very nominal one of 5s, and the borrower has to pay the return carriage. Our notion is that the society would do well to have two, one on a general subject to arouse local interest at the beginning of the season, and the other on a special subject.

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COMBINED DISPLAYS.

The five- or ten-minute display idea has worked with varying degrees of success to the same end. Collectors who have seen big specialized displays at the meetings, and realize they cannot show their equal, may be tempted to show, along with others, some interesting small displays.

COMPETITIONS.

Competitions at meetings have met with some success at the provincial societies, though not, we fancy, at the London meetings. Various novel and interesting tests of philatelic knowledge have been tried, such as the identification of a group of selected stamps, of which the competitors are allowed to see only the backs; groups of genuine and forged stamps mixed to be expertised by the members; tests for colour sense, and so on.

A RICH SOURCE OF PAPERS.

In some societies there may still be gaps to fill, after lantern lecture, local effort, discussion, &c., have been tabled on the programme. This will be the case especially in some of the smaller school societies, but the suggestion we throw out may yet be useful to others. It is that the Secretary should select, or get the members to select, subjects from the vast field of accessible philatelic literature, and depute various members to take their turns in reading such papers.

Here for example, is a programme selected in the main from the titles in Mr. F. H. Vallancey's "List of Articles on Postage Stamps, &c." (1922), and the same publisher's "Guide to Philatelic Literature" (1923). They are selected to present as much variety as possible, to be thoroughly reliable as well as interesting, and yet to stimulate discussion.

AN IDEAL PROGRAMME.

1. What Philately Teaches. John N. Luff.
2. How to Arrange a Collection of Great Britain. A. B. Creeke.
3. The Bordeaux Issue of France. Ralph Wedmore.
4. The Scope of a Modern Collection. Fred J. Melville.
5. Notes on the De La Rue Plates of the Stamps of the Cape of Good Hope. R. B. Yardley.
6. The Design of the Sydney Views. M. P. Castle.
7. The Carlist Stamps of Spain. L. W. Crouch.
8. A Postage Stamp Tour of the West Indies. Rev. C. S. Morton.
9. On Perforations and Simplifying Stamp Collecting. E. D. Bacon, C.V.O. No. 1 is in book form; Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 are articles listed in Mr. Vallancey's "list" above mentioned; No. 4 is a chapter from "Chats on Postage Stamps," and No. 9 appeared in the *London Philatelist*, March, 1922.

SOME MODERN TOPICS.

It may be criticized that our selection falls short of our own precepts, and fails to cater in any of the nine meetings for the modernist. This is due in the main to the lack of authoritative material. "Azerbaijan" in the *Philatelic Institute papers*, "Post-War Stamps of Germany," by W. Gardner, in the same, Mr. Stanley Redgrove's "Latvia" in the "Kensington Philatelist," "Postage Stamps of the New Finland," by R. E. Burton, "Aero

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- (2) This article syndicated to the Metropolitan press would have been of untold value from a publicity standpoint.
- (3) Real art in advertising consists in administering the pellet sugar coated.—W. O. W.)

Alfred Lichtenstein, New York millionaire, exhibited the most fattening food in the world at the Wayne County Medical Society building the other night, or what he thinks is the most fattening food. Ten years ago he weighed 146 pounds; today he carries around 210 pounds.

The most fattening food in the world to him is a postage stamp.

Ten years ago a Manhattan nerve specialist, with a dubious nod over the cadaverous Lichtenstein, wrote out a prescription for him.

"Play golf," ordered the doctor.

"You don't catch me chasing a ball

miles over the fields," said Lichtenstein.

"Then collect beetles," amended the doctor.

"I'm not a child."

THIS ONE DISGUSTED.

"Well, postage stamps," said the doctor. Lichtenstein looked disgustedly at the specialist.

"You're crazy, and if I collected postage stamps my friends would think I was," he rejoined.

"You don't think Colonel Green is crazy, do you?" asked the doctor. Colonel Green is Hetty Green's son.

Lichtenstein said he didn't think the colonel demented.

"Well, he saves postage stamps," said the doctor.

"That's funny, I don't believe you," said Lichtenstein.

"All right, you go see him."

Lichtenstein did. He found Green fingering some stamps on his Wall Street desk.

FINDS IT'S TRUE.

"Then it's true. You do save postage stamps," said Lichtenstein, astonished.

"I do. I would have lost my mind from worry some time ago if I hadn't. Now, here are some I've just received from a London dealer. He wants 80 pounds for the lot and I think that's a little too stiff."

Lichtenstein turned the hobby over in his mind and decided he'd take a whack at it. He asked Green how to start.

"Go up and see your friend Stern. He runs a stamp company."

"Give me \$200 worth of stamps," said Lichtenstein 10 minutes later, walking into the stamp office.

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worth. That'll keep you sufficiently busy for a start."

Lichtenstein took them home, along with an album and a catalog, and hid away in his library. While he was sticking in the stamps a bit shame-facedly, his wife came in.

"Alfred, what ARE you doing? DON'T let these worries unsettle your mind. Now, you come on out and we'll play a few hands of cards."

GETS NIGHT'S SLEEP.

Two hours later Lichtenstein hardly could keep his eyes open. Without bothering to undress, he threw himself down on the bed and fell asleep. It was the first night's sound sleep he had had in months. He didn't wake until 7 a. m., when his wife, fearing him ill, shook him by the shoulder.

"Do you know, Alfred, that it's 7 o'clock in the morning?" she asked nervously.

Lichtenstein jumped to his feet, drew the shade and the morning sunlight streamed in on the table of stamps.

"Me for stamps from now on," he declared.

Lichtenstein began therewith a world-wide quest. He had plenty of money. When he wanted any stamp badly enough he paid the price without quibble. He had that advantage over the average collector. He became a familiar and energetic character at every big auction bourse in Europe. When famous collections were put on the block such as the famed Ferrari collection, Lichtenstein picked up some of the choicest pieces.

Lichtenstein, president of the Cuban Dye Company and heavily interested in the Dow Chemical Company at Midland, Michigan, came to Detroit, during the week after a few days' hunting in the upper peninsula, as the guest of John Kay, 7711 East Jefferson Avenue.

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HAS 1847 STAMPS.

Included, also, in the New Yorker's collection were some superlative rarities in 1847 envelopes. These were envelopes bearing American stamps but cancelled with Canadian postmarks. These were the outgrowth of days when it was customary for Canada to charge so much for carrying a letter from Montreal, for instance, to the border, and the United States charged a fee for delivering it the rest of the way.

No international postal union was in existence then, with attendant postal treaties. Consequently, when some writer in Montreal wanted to make sure the man to whom he was writing was not taxed for the letter, he paid the Canadian assessment to the frontier and also attached a United States stamp to cover the remainder of the trip. There is only a handful of these unusual envelopes, perhaps, in existence, six of them being in the Lichtenstein collection. — *Detroit Free Press.*

THE "FERRARI" SALE.

There was a very large attendance when the eleventh sale in connection with the dispersal of the celebrated collection of M. Ferrari de la Renotiere opened at the Hotel Drouot November 19, and there was a good deal of brisk bidding for selected specimens on the part of dealers and collectors or their representatives, who were present from the principal countries of the globe. The total of the first day's receipts was 923,465 frs., the product of 235 lots. All the stamps sold today were French.

The best price of the day was 200,500 frs., which was paid, on behalf of the well-known American collector, Mr. Hind, for a block of four unused French stamps of the 1849 issue One Franc vermillion, the lower right-hand corner stamp being tête-bêche. Mr. Th. Champion, the noted French dealer, who figured prominently in most of the bidding for the more important specimens, secured for 62,000 frs., another fine entire of the same issue bearing two vertical tête-bêche pairs of the 15c green, together with a pair of the One Franc carmine, all on the same envelope. This is the only known specimen of the inverted 15c. Two very fine examples of the One Franc carmine of the 1849 issue, one inverted, were sold after brisk bidding to Mr. Hind for 35,000 frs.

Another lot for which there was considerable competition was a sheet of 150 of the unissued 20c blue of 1849, three of the stamps being inverted. These eventually fell to Mr. Friedl of Vienna

for 31,000 frs. Mr. Champion, after a sharp fight, secured for 30,000 frs., a magnificent block of thirty unused 20c blue of the 1849 issue in three rows of ten, the third stamp in the middle row inverted.

A strip of five unused 40c orange, two showing the variety "4" elongated, went to Mr. Hind for 25,000 frs.

Mr. Champion was again successful in the bidding for a pair of 25c blue of the same issue, one inverted, but slightly defective, for which he paid 22,000 frs., and he was also the highest bidder for a fine unused pair of 1 fr. carmine of the 1849 issue, one inverted, which went ultimately for 20,500 frs.

Among the other best prices of the day were:—

15c green, 1849, unused, a block of four, 18,000 frs. (Mr. Hind).

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Only 197 lots were offered at the second day's sale, and there were no sensational prices. The total reached today was 344,285 frs., the highest individual bid being 6,500 frs., which was given by Mr. Stern, an American collector, for an unused Ceylon 4d pink of the 1855-58 issue, slightly cut on the right edge.

A good deal of interest was aroused by the Bushire "Under British Occupation" stamps of the 1915 issue, surcharged on Persian of the same date, for which Mr. Th. Champion was a strong bidder. Mr. Champion secured for 3,900 frs., a fine used specimen of the 2ch blue and carmine; while for a used 5ch red he had to pay 5,400 frs., and for a used 6ch green and carmine 4,200 frs.

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In answer to the Query of Nov. 24th—What is the highest amount of "Postage used for Revenue" that you may have? many replies came to the Forum, showing that some interest is being taken in such items. You maybe say, "Oh, I give those to the children" when pen cancelled 3c 1861's are mentioned. Probably you do; but why? Oh, because no friend collector takes any interest in them, so why should you. Pen cancels always interest me, not the common scratches but the odd appearing ones. They come nearer showing the trend of the times—War times—than the manufactured obliterations. If you will take a hundred pen cancelled 3c 1861's, and study them, I venture to say you will find more of interest, than if you take 100 of those cancelled with the regular run of "Targets," "Gridirons," and cut cork smudges, that graced these stamps from many of the larger cities at that time. Try a hundred and see what you get.

Here is an analogous situation. For some years I have studied the cancellations of the Confederate stamps, a large majority of which are pen cancelled, the smaller town usually coming this way. Have you ever thought of why so many are pen cancelled? Think that one over, and you'll probably find the answer right enough.

In a little mess of Confederate covers were two covers each bearing a pair of the common 5c London printings, they had been so badly treated in the days since their mailing that I am hazarding a guess that they were "Londons", tho they might be local printings. Across the face of each stamp in manuscript is the lone word "Jeff", and the two covers were from different small towns. Rather interesting cancellations, and of the times, surely.

In U. S. postage stamps used for revenue we find cancellations entirely different from those postally pen cancelled. They have as a rule two or three initials at the top, and then a month abbreviation of three letters, with the day, then the year in full, or abbreviated. When found on the document (and they are not commonly found) we note that these initials correspond with the name of the man who made out the check or document. They have more of the personal element than mere postal cancellations. A man brought in some revenues one day and said, referring to the pen cancelled initials on them, "Do you know whose initials those are", when I told him they were worth but a few cents each! I didn't know, and as I do not live in the city where they came from, my oversight was eventually pardoned.

The man who cancelled them was a mayor or some such dignitary, and the price asked for these stamps was enhanced greatly by the initialing on them, in the eyes of the owner.

Mr. Fred Green has sent in many an interesting item in the way of postage used for revenue, in fact, a whole approval book full of them as being of interest to the readers of the Forum. His cover of legal size did not get by the eagle eye of the postmaster however, for across the face of each stamp is written "not current". He treated the affixer rather badly too, for he pen cancelled the two stamps (pair of 5c Certificates) to a fare ye well, and in addition marked the envelope "Due 9 cts", it being presumably triple rate.

On Mr. Green's first page is a fine little bit of cover with a Black Jack and a 3c '61 "lying down" on their sides, so to speak, across them in three lines of mss. appears "No int. rev. stamps to be had in this place. J. F. W. 7/11.68." On the next page is a friendly gathering of a 3c green National and a 3c First Issue Proprietary Revenue stamp, the shades of green harmonizing well, they passed for 6c postage, tho that postmaster also had a "heavy hand". Page 3 would please a condition crank, for it shows a beautifully centered block of six (3x2) Taylors on hard paper, lightly pen cancelled. The dating is evenly applied on each stamp, as with revenues sometimes, and makes a fine appearing item, which is from ten to a hundred times as rare as a similar block postally used of same dimensions. He then shows later issues all pen cancelled "Used for Revenue".

Rev. A. T. Gesner has forwarded a note covered by a 10c 1861 postage stamp taking care of the "Mare, Waggon, and Harness", in a bill of sale. It is a very interesting item.

There was a bona fide 2c blue revenue permitted during the War, and used with the 1c blue '61 on covers emanating from Frankfort, Ky., for a short time, the stock of 3's being exhausted. This little provisional on the cover is a rarity.

A collection I saw had the 2c and 3c values of postage of many issues as revenues and a fine 15c orange American on a document, pen cancelled. In my collection of "Black Jacks" is a document of legal size bearing a horizontal strip of four 24c 1862 grays, with top margins, and a pair of 2c Black Jacks; thus making the dollar rate. It covers a bill of sale of "Personal Property" consisting of "Three milch cows, and a sorrel horse between seven and eight years of age." It was this use of postage for revenue that prompted me to put that query. I thought that oftentimes high values were brought into use to pay revenue; but this doesn't seem to be the case, the largest other document being the block of six of the 5c Taylors—30c. The query for this week should fetch some interesting replies as there are many answers of interest known.

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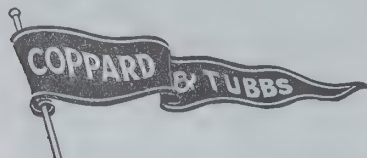
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James F. Duhamel of Washington, D. C., sends us clippings from a local paper which indicate that the Washington Philatelic Society intends to do its part in promoting philatelic publicity. An exhibition is planned for the Carnegie Library to be held either in January or February. At a recent meeting of the Society, committees were appointed to select the date and make the necessary arrangements.

The officials of the Carnegie Public Library have donated the use of the hall in which painting exhibits have been held on the second floor. Those in charge of the exhibition will have a wealth of material upon which to draw for exhibition purposes. Members of the various legations, army and navy officials, and prominent local collectors will make their entries in such a manner that there will be no duplication of countries. Among local collectors may be mentioned the following:—

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—At the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society held December 18, 1924, Dr. C. W. Hennan was elected president, thereby displacing C. E. Severn, who has acted as president for about a decade. Mr. Fred J. De Witt was elected secretary in Dr. Hennan's stead.

—The New York Times in a review of a recent Morgenthau sale referred to some of the prices obtained at the Adler sale of early German stamps. It is remarked that the increasing demand for the old issues on the original envelopes was evident, and the market for good used copies off the envelopes was strong. The highest-priced single lot was \$425 for two copies of the Saxony three pfennig on cover; and a single of the same stamp on the envelope brought \$370. A Berge-dorf one and one-half schilling, 1861, on original letter brought \$305. The account includes a notice of the forthcoming annual dinner of the Collectors Club which is to be held on January 4 at the Hotel Astor, an occasion that will be one of the great social affairs of the new year.

—Mr. Brewer Corcoran was scheduled to represent the Springfield Stamp Club at the meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, of December 16, and to give a talk on an exhibition of the stamps of Nova Scotia. Mr. Corcoran is well remembered by those who attended the convention of the A. P. S., at Springfield, Massachusetts, August, 1922, for his courtesies at that time.

—The editor is away from his desk for a week or so and correspondents should be advised of the fact.

—Greetings have been received from Herman Toaspen of New York City, who was at The Hague, Holland, on November 30th.

—We have received from Eugene Klein a list of the prices realized at his

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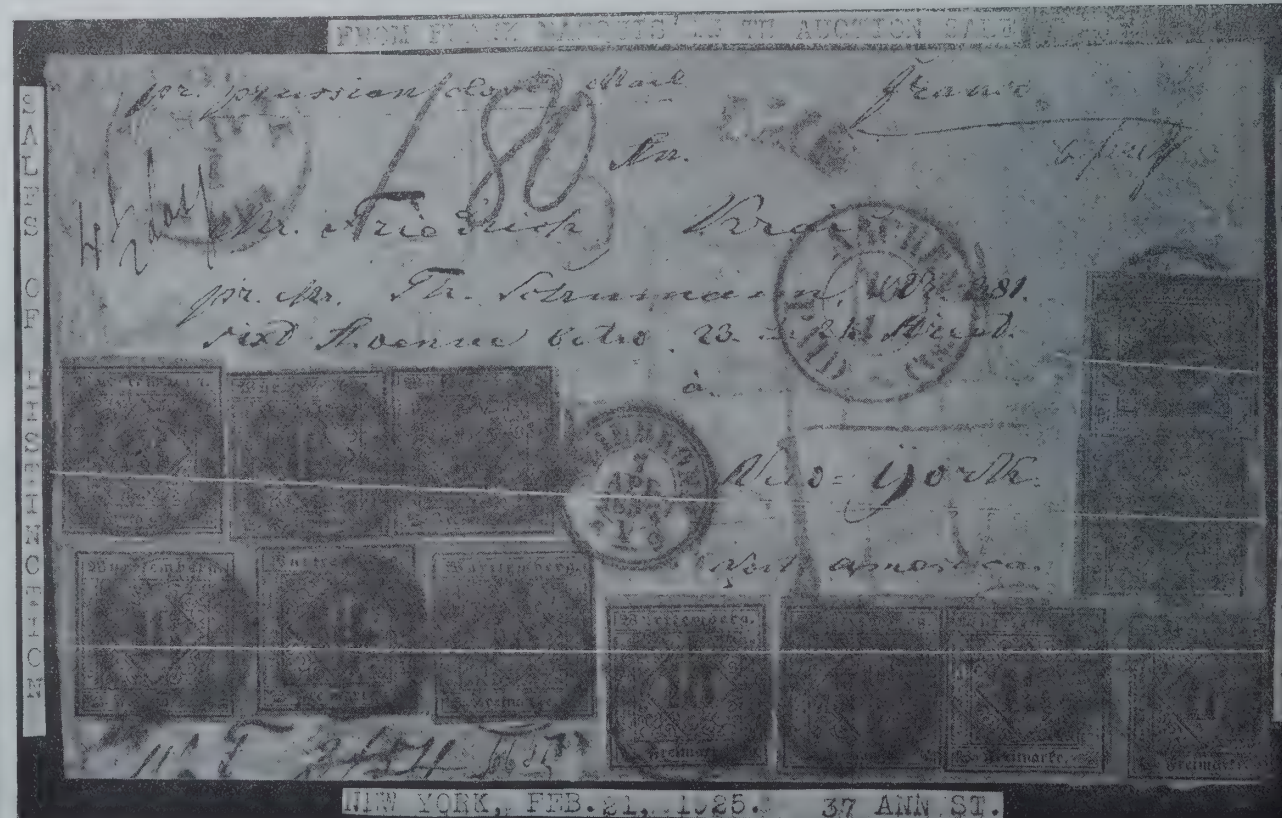
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A remarkable collection of rare old United States, Confederate States and foreign postage stamps, assembled from the collections of Miss Debby Lewis Kirk, of this city, and other philatelists, was sold at auction this afternoon at the office of Eugene Klein, 1318 Chestnut St.

The sale was particularly notable for the large number and splendid condition of five and ten-cent United States stamps of the issue of 1847, seventy lots of the five cent and thirty lots of the ten cent being included. Each of the 1847 ten cent stamps in the sale was "plated" by Elliott Perry, an expert on that issue, which will enable purchasers to determine the exact position in the original plate of each stamp. The prices of some of these stamps ran well over \$100 each.

Notable among the foreign rarities was a copy of the Buenos Aires 3p green stamp of the 1858 issue, valued at \$225; Austria 9k blue (1850 issue), on laid paper, valued at \$250; Oldenburg, 1/2g black on green paper (1858), valued at \$225; Russian offices in Turkey, 20k blue and red (1865), two copies, valued at \$300, and Spain, 2r red (1851), valued at \$500.

Well known stamp collectors and dealers were aroused last night when Ketik Tkach, a young Ukrainian film actress, made her appearance at an auction sale of rare United States, Confederate States and foreign stamps held in the office of Eugene Klein, 1318 Chestnut st., and with shrewdness and a rare knowledge of the subject, bid \$60 for one rare Russian stamp and \$122 for another. Her bids were high enough to purchase both stamps.

"It was the greatest surprise of my life," said Mr. Klein after the sale, "when the young woman bid such high sums for the stamps and showed very clearly that she knew very well what she was about. She is not on my mailing list, nor is she among the ranks of well-known philatelists. She must have a very fine collection, however, to have added two such stamps to it."

The sale, which contained stamps from the collections of Miss Debby Lewis Kirk, of this city, and other philatelists, contained many rare pieces. It was particularly notable for the large number and splendid condition of five and ten cent United States stamps of the issue of 1847; seventy lots of the five cent and thirty of the ten cent being included.

FILSTRUP IN CHICAGO.

The meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society for December 4, 1924, was advertised as one that would be devoted to the stamps of a portion of the collection of Mr. A. W. Filstrup, Benton Harbor, Michigan. Such was the potency of Mr. Filstrup's early U. S. stamps as an attraction that sixty-four members and eight visitors assembled to do the stamps justice, a number which almost qualifies as a record attendance at a Chicago Society meeting. Mr. Filstrup made a special trip from Boston in order to fulfill the promise that he made to the Chicago Society some time ago, and when he saw that the "Standing Room Only" sign was displayed early in the evening, he knew that his confidence in the appreciation of the Chicago collectors for his stamps had not been misplaced. Mr. Filstrup's three volumes were shown after short remarks by Mr. Filstrup and Mr. E. R. Jacobs; and the evening was devoted to the examination of the one cent and ten cent of the '51 and '57 issues, as well as the ten cent of 1847. There were so many other interesting stamps and covers thrown in for good measure that they may only be referred to in an embrative

auction sale held December 8, and some time before a similar list of sales quotations was received from Herman Toasperm of New York.

—Mr. N. B. Paulson of Chicago has returned from the Waterhouse sale in London. Mr. Paulson visited Paris and other of the continental cities before leaving for Chicago.

—We understand that Mr. Charles W. Arp has been elected a director of the American Philatelic Society to fill the unexpired term of Henry B. Phillips, whose death was announced recently.

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Commencing with his thirteenth sale to be held on Feb. 21, Frank Marquis is introducing an illustrated auction catalog in which rarities of all countries will be pictured. The idea although an expensive one will doubtless prove to be very useful and beneficial to auction buyers. More and more catalog makers are realizing the wisdom of appealing to the buyer through illustrations, which is an ideal way of enabling the bidder to know exactly what he is trying to purchase. The House of Marquis is prepared to illustrate all fine conditioned rarities providing they reach Mr. Marquis in time for the catalog to be issued.

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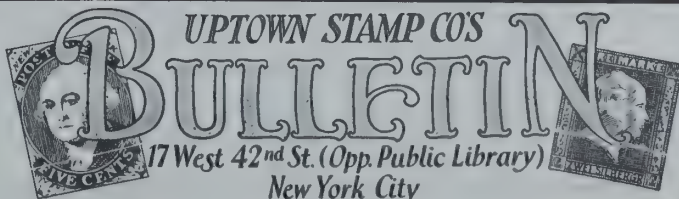
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A correspondent gets back to one of the primary questions of stamp treatment when he asks if upon removing the paper to which a stamp is stuck, should one leave "the original mucilage on the stamp? Or, should one remove the mucilage also?" He says that his experience has shown him that when some of the gum is left, the stamp has life and is better preserved than when the gum is entirely removed. Without gum the stamp seems dead and is easily bent or creased and the corners break off more quickly, he says. On the contrary, he thinks that if the mucilage remains, it may in the course of time crack the stamp. Assuming that our correspondent refers to used stamps only, we believe that it might be claimed that a used stamp with gum is something incongruous, and yet we can believe that at times gum may be of value in identifying the print of the stamp. We suppose that the question could be argued either way, but we think that many collectors want their used stamps without any gum or other substance on the reverse side. As a rule, the stamp paper is of good quality, and a reasonable amount of soaking should not impair its vitality to any noticeable extent, and perhaps it is more fitting that the unused stamp be allowed to rest in the album without any gum on it than

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otherwise, although in exceptional cases it is possible that the idea is not a feasible one. As for unused stamps, while there have been occasionally in the past partisans of the idea that in the case of certain stamps the original gum was of a nature to crinkle or even crack the paper. Only rarely nowadays does one find a partisan of the plan to remove original gum from a good unused stamp. If readers have any ideas that are worth sharing with others on this or similar subjects we should be pleased to have them.

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Some of the news that gets into the daily paper is not always so accurate as we wish it were, and our press bureau should be alert to correct misinformation that is offered publicly. For instance, in a San Francisco paper of several months ago we find a stick-full headed, "One Hundred Dollars for Stamps Signed by Clerk". The despatch is dated Detroit and is an aftermath of the convention of last August. It is said that every collector lives in the hope of adding "an old, old stamp dating back to 1845 when post-office clerks used to sign special initials. This particular stamp bears the initials R. M. H. and is worth \$1,000. Just why this stamp is worth such an enormous amount of money was not made clear by the convention stamp collectors who met here in the Hotel Statler. It appears, however, that any old stamp issued by cities is very valuable." Thus is the good old five cent New York given some distorted publicity, and while it is dubious as an item of interest, the bad will always have to be taken with the good until phi-

lately has the flair in this country that it has, perhaps in Sweden, where we judge the newspapers are glad to disseminate philatelic news much in the way that news of other accepted avocations is distributed.

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Our attention has been called to one of the arguments that Senator La Follette used in his recent campaign for the presidency. He cited the postage stamp as an example of price stability through the years and said that it sold for the same price now that it did twenty years ago. While he could have gone back a good many years further to have emphasized his point, he merely proceeded to say: "Do you realize that the postage stamp is almost the only thing that costs no more today than it did ten years, twenty years ago. While bread, coal, lumber, railroad fares shot up one hundred to two hundred per cent, the postage stamp issued by your government retains its proud distinction of being as cheap as it was years ago." Surely, this statement is not radical in a philatelic sense, and no comment is necessary, especially in view of the fact that the tendency from the beginning of stamp time has been to decrease the price in ratio to the service performed than to advance it. Furthermore, if the users of many of the stamps of by-gone days were so fortunate as to have in their possession the letters on which the stamps paid postage, they would find that in addition to having their postal service free, they would have a handsome profit on their investment!

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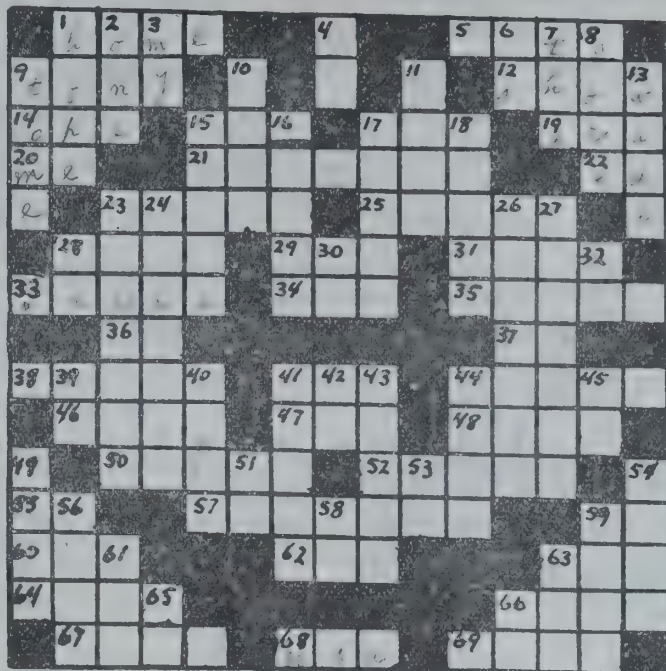
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Horizontal

- 1 A good place to be.
- 5 A philatelic necessity (plu.).
- 9 An Italian nickname.
- 12 To demonstrate.
- 14 Poetical form of open.
- 15 A man's name.
- 17 To droop.
- 19 An epoch of time.
- 20 The objective of I.
- 21 The charge for conveyance of a letter.
- 22 The title of Mr. Severn (Abbr.).
- 23 That which we collect.
- 25 A kind of Greek columns.
- 28 One versed in the science of rocks (Abbr.).
- 29 A tavern.
- 31 A foreign trolley car.
- 33 Longed for in the desert.
- 34 What foreigners call imperforate stamps.
- 35 A seed of plants.
- 36 A metal discovered in 1907 (Abbr.).
- 37 A tone of the diatonic scale.
- 38 Remained (German).
- 41 What all Scotchmen are called.
- 44 Carried by ship, train, and airplane.
- 46 A girl's name.
- 47 All about us, but invisible.
- 48 A conjunction meaning except (that).
- 50 A French revolutionist.
- 52 Footless (Plu.).
- 55 Part of the verb to be.
- 57 A President of the U.S.
- 59 A tone of the diatonic scale.
- 60 The opposite of old.
- 62 Hills (Abbr.).
- 63 A title of honor.
- 64 One of the English dukedoms.
- 66 A condition of stamps.
- 67 An obsolete word for week.
- 68 The greatest country (Abbr.).
- 69 The word meaning well (Latin).

Vertical

- 1 Needed by everyone at some time.
- 2 A numeral.
- 3 Possessive of I.
- 4 A preposition.
- 6 A Roman pound.
- 7 An article (Definite).
- 8 A painful spot.
- 9 A ponderous volume.
- 10 Away from proximity to.
- 11 A granulated starch.
- 13 To cross a stream barefoot.
- 15 Precious stones.
- 16 A savory meat jelly.
- 17 Part of the names of 9 islands.
- 18 Courteous men (Abbr.).
- 23 A merchant's main business.
- 24 Used in the manufacture of dyestuffs.
- 26 A country near Europe.
- 27 A neck guard (ancient armour).
- 28 A metal (Abbr.).
- 30 A Greek letter.
- 32 A northeastern state (Abbr.).
- 39 A southern state (Abbr.).
- 40 A man's name (Abbr.).
- 41 Necessary to pipe-smokers.
- 42 The three-toed sloth of S. A.
- 43 Crude.
- 44 The satellite of the earth.
- 45 To change an adjective into an adverb.
- 49 Various.
- 51 A part of Africa (Abbr.).
- 53 A national institution (Abbr.).
- 54 A kind of arrow.
- 56 Spoken by a feline.
- 57 A piece in the chess game (Abbr.).
- 59 A philatelic grade of condition.
- 61 Twisted to one side.
- 63 To violate the law.
- 65 A philatelic title (Abbr.).
- 66 The objective of I.

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OUR REVIEW.

The Canadian Philatelic Year Book, 1925 edition, compiled by William Butler, is one of the best annual numbers of a stamp publication that we have ever had the pleasure of scanning. Mr. Butler has every reason to feel that he has accomplished the difficult task of making a year book, a compendium worthy of the name. The variety of the contents is unusual; and we find that almost every phase of Canadian stamps and philately is covered in this well-printed and rather profusely illustrated book. The Pence

Issue is listed in the light of the more interesting variations to be found among the stamps, such as transfers, shades and other varieties. Senator J. A. Calder has an authoritative list of "The Law Stamps of Manitoba." Canadian cancellations, early and late, and precancels are given due notice while there are references to the Canadian air mail flights, advertising cancellations and so on. We notice that Edward E. Goodchild is represented by several contributions, one of which on Canada's "Officially Sealed," is particularly interesting and instructive. Among the cuts we

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We have received a little book of about forty pages that we shall be glad to keep at our elbow, in the form of a Catalogue of China's Treaty Port Stamps and Chinese Stamps, "with net cash prices in Shanghai dollars." The publisher is Theodore Siddall, and we are willing to testify to the fact that Mr. Siddall has had an acquaintance ranging over many years with the stamps under notice. Ever since the displacing of the Chinese Treaty Ports from the catalogue there has been some demand for information as to the values of the different Treaty Port Stamps; and the question of prices has been a bothersome one. There are always collectors with us who respond to the appeals of these local stamps, and while it would be an exaggeration to say that they are generally collected, it is only fair to add that they have a good many friends. The prices of most of these issues are within reason, the issues of Weihaiwei being perhaps the most valuable. The list of the issues of China proper is a careful compilation, it is easily seen; and we judge that the prices that are appended to the stamps are a real index of value. The notes that are scattered through the pages have an instructive interest that the one consulting them will absorb to advantage. We welcome the list, particularly for its prices on the Treaty Port stamps, and we think that many an inquiring collector of the Chinese locals will regard it as a guide. Price, 25 cents: Theodore Siddall, Post office Box 1141, Shanghai, China, or Paul J. Siddall, 275 West 141st St., N. Y. City.

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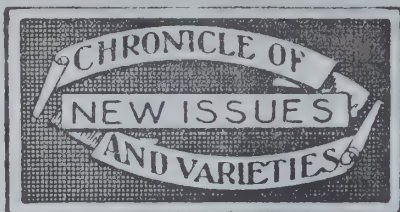
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United States.

1924, 10c Coil, Portrait of Monroe.

Back again from my European trip and will again be in a position to post our readers as to happenings in our current issues.

Have reached Washington via long distance phone and find that during my absence the 10c yellow current issue with portrait of James Monroe, the fifth President of the United States, has been issued in sideways coil form, the stamps being printed on unwatermarked paper, imperforated horizontally, and perforated 10 vertically. They have been issued in coils of five hundred and were placed on sale on December 1st at the Philatelic Agency in Washington.

5c Rotary Print Perforated 10.

Stamps of the 5c denomination printed from the rotary press, perforated 10 and precanceled, are being mailed to the New York and Chicago post-offices in time for the Christmas mail. This denomination will be precanceled and furnished to the other large offices in due order. In the meantime the variety is not available through the agency but I am informed will be put on sale towards the end of January, when collectors may then secure their supply in unused condition. The 10c from the rotary press may then be looked for.

Norwegian Commemorative Stamps.

The Department is now working upon the designs for the Norwegian Commemorative Stamps authorized by the last Congress, and it is expected that definite information as to the approved designs will be available after the first of the year. These stamps will be very handsome, and as the Superintendent of the

Division of Stamps is of Norwegian descent, it is expected that the emission will be the last word in stampic art.

New Envelope Contract.

As there are still some adjustments to be made under the new envelope contract, it is expected that the old contract will carry over the first of the year and that the new contract will not go into effect until a later date. We will advise our readers fully as to any contemplated changes just as soon as the Department completes its arrangements with the manufacturers.

BELGIAN CONGO.—The Metropolitan Stamp Co. have shown us the 1923 series of stamps 5c to 10frs with the overprint "Ruanda Urundi" in two lines in black. The postage due stamps of the same date also bear the same surcharge but in lighter type and wider overprint.

DENMARK.—We have received from Mr. A. E. Pade and Mr. R. Roberts copies of the 100 jubilee stamps which were issued on December 1st last, in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the establishment of the Royal Danish Postal Service by King Christian the 4th of December, 1624. The issue consists of four different 10 ore, green; four different 150, violet and four different 200, brown. All are in sheets of 100 arranged in 12 different designs in the set. The stamps will be sold only during the months of December and January, in which two months the regular stamps will not be sold at any office. Any remainders will be sold in February.

SWITZERLAND.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of a new color in the current series. It is a 70c purple and buff on white paper.

RUSSIA.—Mr. V. Tchertkoff states that it is officially announced that a new set of Lenin stamps has been promised for January. Charity stamps to help sufferers from the recent Leningrad floods will shortly appear. These will be obtained by surcharging the current stamps and selling them at a premium.—Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

SALVADOR.—New permanent set. Of the values of the new German series, described in these columns on July 12, we have received the 6 centavos on a letter

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posted by our correspondent at San Salvador on October 9: 6 centavos, dark blue (Bridge).—Philatelic Magazine.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

An unfortunate error occurred last week in connection with the cross-word puzzle. The fact is that two cuts of a similar character, resulted in the wrong one being selected for use when making up the forms. Mr. Stephen G. Rich is responsible for last week's picture and "ye puzzlers" are urged to turn to the diagram and find the words that are called for by the author of the puzzle. Here are Mr. Rich's dictionary brain-twisters omitted last week:—

Horizontal.

- Device for fastening stamps into albums.
- Portuguese stamp-issuing island.
- South Asian stamp-issuing empire.
- Island empire issuing stamps.
- Variety in stamps due to various makers or makings.
- Object from which stamps are printed.
- Cancelled so as to look well in a collection.
- British imitation of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.
- Cancelled.
- Envelope with stamps on it.
- To fasten stamps to a piece of mail.
- Imitation of a stamp.
- Stamp-issuing country in the Tigris-Euphrates Valley.
- Differences in color.

Vertical.

- Materials used in making stamps.
- British colony formerly issuing stamps.
- Charge for postage on a piece of mail.
- Color of stamps for international letter-rate.
- A pattern or variety of stamps.
- Word for "two" on several 19th Century stamps from Africa.
- Initials in the most widely used watermark.
- Paper used for U. S. stamps since 1879.
- Number of types of U. S. 3-cent stamps of 1908-1921.
- Abbreviation of "facsimiles of stamps."

All the words in this puzzle are of philatelic use. Go to it, ye puzzle-lovers, and look for the solution next week.

In view of the fact that the Home of the Postage Stamp is paying for space in which to exploit a cross-word puzzle, "Will O. W." will hold over to Jan. 5 his A. P. S. venture, intended for last week.

No, the WEEKLY has no idea of degenerating into an organ of the latest fad of the hour!

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HAWAIIANS AT COLLECTORS CLUB.

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A large gathering of members including a number from out of town had a great treat on Wednesday, December 3rd, when Mr. Ferrers H. Tows showed and described his fine collection of the Hawaiian Islands. The collection is in five volumes and every page indicates that it is the work of a real philatelist. Where possible Mr. Tows has endeavored to secure entire sheets in all settings, and where these could not be obtained he has endeavored to reconstruct all sheets and settings of important stamps. He also shows essays, proofs, cancellations, envelopes and stamps on covers. In fact, the *tout ensemble* form a philatelic history of an important section of the United States. The more important varieties that I was able to note are as below:—

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1853. *Kamchamcha III.*

5c Thick white paper. Eleven in all and one of these is apparently from an unknown printing.

13c Thick paper. Superb plate of the twenty varieties consisting of blocks of 12 and 8.

5c on 13c in MSS., two used copies.

1855. *Thin White Paper.*

5c blue. 13 copies.

Then Mr. Tows drew our attention to the fact that he has this stamp clear double printed, both unused and used, the two coming from the Ferrary collection.

1861. *Thin Bluish Paper.*

Here the 5c stamps are divided into two groups by the papers.

1st, thin opaque paper.

2nd, thin pelure transparent paper.

The earliest printed stamps are in a very dark blue. A cancelled copy is shown with the postmark "A 98" that of the British Consular office in the Hawaiian Islands.

Reprints of the 5c and 13c.

The 5c was shown in sheets in three distinct printings. 1st—No retouches, 2nd—Several retouches, the chief one be-

ing an added line on No. 12 on the plate. 3rd—Is in a distinct blue shade, as compared with the ultramarine-blue of the other printings, this last printing is on small paper with much less margins than the two earlier reprints.

Re-issues of the 5c and 13c.

5c with "Specimen" shown in the three printings in sheets, and the

13c two sheets, with Specimen in 2 varieties one with and one without period after Specimen.

Kamchamcha IV.

A fine lot of the horizontal and vertical laid paper were shown, including a block of ten of the vertical laid. These were printed in Boston in sheets of 20 stamps.

The re-issue of 1869 which were engraved are shown in sheet of 15.

The Government imitations of 1885 are in sheets of 50 and are shown without and with "Specimen".

The Large Numerals or Inter Island Stamps

are the real philatelic portion of this fine collection as Mr. Tows has plated them in all known settings as far as he has been able to get the material.

The rare 1c pale blue is shown in 8 types and the companion 2c pale blue no less than 8 used, 7 unused and a block of 4 which Mr. Tows says goes to prove the theory started by Mr. J. N. Luff that these were printed in groups of 25 and not in 10's as is generally the case in this issue. Mr. Tows showed one variety he claimed to be unique, the 2c with dropped stop after Cents.

Of the rare second setting of these pale blue stamps, called plate 2, he showed two copies of the 1c and one 2c.

In the scarce 2c black on grayish-white he has discovered no less than five distinct varieties of the raised large 2, and this stamp plated, is shown in the 10 types used and 9 unused.

The 1c black on thin grayish, plate 2, is shown in an uncut sheet of 10 varieties, and a fine tête-bêche pair.

The rare 2c black on greenish-blue (Duckegg color) is shown in 6 unused (one superb full gum) and the full set of ten types used.

Mr. Tows also showed a number of specimens that he calls plate 3, none of which will fit in plates 1 and 2.

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One of the rarest stamps shown was the 2c black on thin grayish paper, clearly printed on both sides, and from the Ferrary collection.

The 5c blue (H. I.) is shown in a block of eleven, and also in a block of 4 printed tête-bêche and said to be the rarest of these tête-bêches.

The 1c black on laid is an interesting stamp due to the number of varieties found in it. One reads on the left side "HA E" and others "H A" only. This was then reset but in the new setting a fresh variety appears, the "a" being left out of ISLAND.

The 1c black is also shown tête-bêche. In the 2c on laid a marked variety is one with the "S" in POSTAGE omitted.

The 2c is also shown tête-bêche. The 1c dark blue on white is shown in a block of 17 and the 2c in a block of 18,

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*1879, 5c, mint	3.50	2.25	o—, 15c, same used75	.35
*—, 15c, mint	1.25	.75	*—, 30c, mint	1.50	.90
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*1883, 2c brown, mint25	.15	*1898, 50c Omaha, full o. g., very fine	3.50	2.35
*1887, 2c green, mint25	.15	*1895, 50c orange, mint	2.50	1.75
*—, 3c vermilion, mint75	.45			

DEPARTMENTS

oAgriculture 3c yellow50	.20	oTreasury 7c brown	1.75	.75
oInterior 24c vermilion	1.25	.50	o—, 90c brown85	.40
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25c Life Insurance	1.75	1.00	\$1 Probate of Will	1.75	.75
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and both 1c and 2c in reconstructed ten types.

The 5c with INTERISLAND on left is shown in a pane of ten consisting of five tête-bêche pairs, a very rare item.

I was glad to see that Mr. Tows had paid very special attention to the interesting printings by the National Bank Note Company, of New York. He drew attention to the fact that the 2c brown were printed in sheets of 100 and all other values in sheets of 50. Also that stamps should be divided into sets on ordinary and on very thin paper, and into printings by the gum which is very distinct.

He showed blocks of four of the 2c lilac-rose and the 5c pale blue imperf. between horizontally.

Another interesting point is that some of these stamps are printed both by The National Bank Note Co. and then the plates were handed to the American Bank Note Co. In some cases the latter firm put their monogram "A. B. N. Co." on the plate and it shows in the margins as in the 2c carmine, in other cases they printed from a plate without their monogram engraved upon it, such as the 5c deep blue.

The 25c, 50c and \$1.00 have not been found on the thin paper.

The Provisional Govt. stamps of 1893 have been worked out on a grand scale and have well repaid the many years of study that Mr. Tows has given to them.

On some values he showed panes showing three distinct settings of the overprint.

No. 1, no stop after Govt on stamp, No. 6.

No. 2, with stop, No. 6.

No. 3, with stop but a different setting of the relative position of the words of the overprint.

Here are a few of the more interesting varieties to which Mr. Tows called our attention:—

1c blue, double overprint.

1c green, horizontal pair, one stamp without overprint.



"CARRIED BY ZR-3 on her maiden trip.

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- 6c green, error, black overprint, superb block of 4.
- 10c black, strip of three diagonal, overprint.
- 10c red-brown, error, red overprint, superb strip of 5 bottom of sheet, with imprint.
- 18c dull rose, block of 4 diagonal overprint.
- 18c dull rose, double overprint, both without stop after Govt.
- 18c dull rose, double overprint, one with and one without stop after Govt.
- 18c dull rose, pair, one without overprint.
- 50c red, double overprint, both without period after Govt.

In the beautiful issue of 1894 Mr. Tows drew attention to the fact that the 2c brown has many "retouches" in the first printing, but that these were all corrected in the second and common printing.

The 12c shows many "shifts" especially in the letters of REPUBLIC.

One volume was devoted to stamps on covers, first of all U. S. stamps of 1851 used alone, then the Hawaiian 5c on thick white paper and 5c on thin blue paper used in conjunction with the U. S. 12c black and with the 5c brown of the later issue.

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Malta.—The collector of slogan postmarks will have noticed that Malta is now advertising by this effective means, as a health resort which fact is one of the romances of modern medicine, as before this century the Malta fever made this spot most unhealthy, until it was accidentally discovered that the native goat milk, formerly in general use, was the chief source of infection.

The amount of mail dealt with has of recent years shown a considerable increase, especially since the granting of Self-Government, and the number of stamps used during the last year would surprise many collectors, who regard it as a "small" colony. This may be partly due to the increasing number of visitors. The stamps, however, excepting the low values, chiefly leave the islands, so that Malta itself is not a good place to get the higher values used. A fair number of obsolete mint issues were obtainable from the island dealers, but these stocks except the commonest, seem to be very low, whilst the high values, probably the world's best sellers, are very difficult to acquire. It is noteworthy that the price quoted for many obsolete Malts is higher in the foreign catalogues than our own. An interesting example is the 10sh Script, St. Paul, which is priced at 1,000 francs mint in the latest Yvert, whilst even the old CA 2s6d is 300 francs in mint condition, which price is equal to about £4, as the preface of this excellent catalogue states that the values were fixed on the basis of 75 francs=£1, and are subject to fluctuation with the gold exchange.

Another good stamp is the 5sh K. George without overprint. The shade of paper varies, but doubt has been expressed as to whether the genuine lemon exists. The normal stamp itself is elusive enough, and it is probable that its relative value is not yet indicated in the catalogues, and when obtainable nearly full catalogue is asked and paid.

India.—Comment has been made on the drastic reductions made on some of the current high values of India. It was only to be expected that these reductions should be made as large supplies of the K. George issues have been coming on the market for some time, from, it is alleged, unauthorised sources. Although these are mostly telegraphically used, the average collector does not differentiate between them, as long as they are nice copies with black postmarks, and certainly will not pay 10 times the price for

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Jamaica.—It is to be noted that the Jamaica "Child Welfare" stamps are not priced in the new catalogue. These were never sold in London through the Crown Agents, and the numbers printed were limited. The 2½d will doubtless turn out the best, as the printing (10,000) was very small for a low value, in a Colony that uses so many stamps.

The Cayman 4d.—It is stated on good authority that the current 4d Cayman Is. is not to be reprinted when it becomes exhausted, not being in much demand. It is not to be assumed, however, that it is likely to become scarce, as the 1st printing is given as about 26,000. One may profitably compare this stamp with an earlier stamp of the same colony, that had a similar history. That is the 4d K. Edward of 1908 which became obsolete long before the rest of the set. In this case, however, only about 2,400 were issued and the stamp, now very scarce, is constantly rising in value.

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The acid test of a New Issue service come when provisional or other stamps with a very short life come along that cannot be conveniently ordered in London. When a stamp is only on sale a week or two, the firm that has a good network of local correspondents has a big pull. In the old days Peckitts was about the best known, when there were but very few others, and it used to surprise many how that firm used to distribute the rare provisionals like that of Cayman Is. ½ on 1d, at the usual percentage over face value; but nowadays there are new issue services to suit everybody.

Rhodesian Reminders.—Echoes of the Rhodesian remainders furor continue to appear, notably in the foreign press, some journals actually impute responsibility to the British Colonial Agents or Government and are evidently in ignorance of the status of the late B.S.A. Co. It is noteworthy that the prices for mint Rhodesians are rising, notably of the ever-popular 1910 issue, and a number of increases are to be seen in the new catalogue. It is often stated that the buyer of a remainder makes it his business to raise the market price by boosting and judicious handling of the stock. This has been done before and it will be interesting to see how the prices for these used Rhodesians ultimately settle down. At present many of them seem to have gone abroad, where they are being offered as genuinely postally used stamps. This is a mistaken policy as every collector has a right to know the actual status of the stamps he is offered, and if they have never actually done service he should be told.

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